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NEXT MEETING : 11.00am Saturday 2nd July 2011

FOLLOWING 2011 MEETINGS :

AGM & Tuber Auction 11.00am Saturday 3rd September 2011

General Meeting + Tuber Auction 11.00am Saturday 29th October 2011

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the July 2011 edition of our magazine, my last as Editor. Dahlias flower from January to April within New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory and dahlia shows are held on most weekends over that period of time, quite often there are a number of shows on the same weekend. As these shows are regularly attended by our members, I have over the last five years provided lists of forthcoming show dates in the November and March editions of the magazine, and provided results in the March and July editions. The results indicated both who was successful and which cultivars were being shown.



In recent editions I have endeavoured to showcase newer cultivars on the front cover of the magazine. As dahlia catalogues are not usually available with cultivar photos in Australia, I have deliberately chosen images of flowers with which many members may not be familiar. The front cover of this edition shows a new seedling grown by John Woodfield in Canberra. John is quite keen on this one and believes that it will prove popular with growers.

Complementing many of the magazines I have been pleased to include articles supplied by overseas correspondents. Keith Whittington and Jim Hammond from New Zealand and Welshman Graham Carey contributed articles from time to time and were much appreciated. Representing our American sister society, Max Ollieu from the Portland Dahlia Society also offered insights into the activities of our Oregon colleagues and Max's own show experiences. Thank you to all contributors for your input over the past five years.

Robert Slarke

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a great time we had at the Dahlia Society of Australia (DSA) Conference hosted by the Queensland Dahlia Society at Bribie Island on the June long-weekend. This is a rare occasion when we can see and enjoy our Dahlia friends from all over Australia. It rained for the two days of the Conference but that didn't matter as we were inside.



There were some very interesting sessions eg. "Hand Pollinating" by Neville Naumann – breeder of the Bracken Dahlias, Colin Campbell from the ABC Gardening Australia television program, Malcolm Balch's "Memorable trip" from Stanthorpe Queensland to Berri South Australia with Dahlias. Also our own John Woodfield gave an interesting talk related to the ongoing review of the standards. I am pleased to say that John will be giving a summary of his talk as the after-meeting topic at our next meeting in July. John will also be co-ordinating the review of the standards for the DSA. At the conference the DSA informed us on the progress of the website, which will include a page for State information, and a DSA badge will be struck.

The Tuber Auction at the DSA conference increased the finances by over \$3,000 – some tubers reaching 30 & 40 Dollars. The weather fined up for our bus trip on the Monday , the highlight being the visit to the Strawberry and Orchid Farm belonging to Col Mclaughlin's daughter & son in-law. The Strawberry Ice-cream was out of this world.

Please remember our Tuber Auctions September 3rd & October 29th at Mittagong, as some of the proceeds will go towards the 2012 DSA Conference which we will be hosting. Also the Central West Dahlia Society Tuber Auction will be 22nd October at Lithgow.

Robert Curll

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Congratulations to those who did very well in the 2011 show season. The Sydney Royal Easter Show as usual put on a wonderful display although entries were down due to it being late in the season. Congratulations to Graeme Davis who was the most successful exhibitor. The granddaughter of Gordon Tickner (dahlia grower who bred the waterlily dahlia 'Red Velvet' in 1968 –



Editor), was at the show and stated she was going to start growing dahlias. Look out, she had a very good teacher.

The Royal Easter Show will be three weeks earlier next year – 5th -18th April 2012. The 2012 State Dahlia Championship will be held at Nabisac on the 11th March 2012. Discussion has commenced about the 2013 State Dahlia Championship and its location.

At our last meeting, the regional representatives stated that the season had varied greatly 36-40 degree heat, wind and rain in excess (some areas). Mother Nature did her best to deter at times but the dahlia won even if not as many flowers as other years.

On behalf of all the members we would like to thank Robert Slarke for all the work he has done to promote the Dahlia and for the excellent magazines he has produced for many years.

Membership is due by September when the AGM will be held.

Keep up promoting Dahlias.

Helen Curll

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CANBERRA ROYAL SHOW 26th February 2011

Judge : Alan Strachan

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Hamari Accord	G. & S. Davis
Decorative over 210mm	Winkie Admiral	G. & S. Davis
Medium Decorative	Maggie Hannaford	G. & S. Davis
Small Decorative	Bracken Sarah	J. & J.A. Woodfield
Miniature Decorative	Le Batts Prime	G. & S. Davis
Cactus over 210mm	Darbro Tom	G. & B. Carroll
Medium Cactus	Hamari Accord	G. & S. Davis
Small Cactus	Valetta	G. & S. Davis
Miniature Cactus	Kiara Forgwen	G. & S. Davis
Exhibition Cactus	Cricket	J. & J.A. Woodfield
Fimbriated Cactus	Tioga Autumn	J. & J.A. Woodfield
Waterlily	Wakefield Seedling	G. & S. Davis
Ball	Formby Crest	G. & B. Carroll
Pompon	Pam	G. & S. Davis
Any Other Type	Brooke's Louise	J. & J.A. Woodfield

Special Class : Flower of Year Bracken Sarah : 1st J. & J.A. Woodfield
2nd G. & S. Davis

Championship : 1st G. & S. Davis : Kenora Sunset, Hamari Accord, Brian R, Maggie Hannaford, Pam, Wakefield Seedling
2nd J. & J.A. Woodfield
3rd G. & B. Carroll

6 vases under 160mm championship

1st G. & S. Davis : Valetta, Bracken Joan, Karras 150, Linda Harris, Le Batts Prime, Kiara Forgwen
2nd J. & J.A. Woodfield

9 blooms 9 types championship

1st G. & S. Davis : Darbro Gift, Winkie Admiral, Moray Linda, Wakefield seedling (waterlily), Devon Caress, Wakefield Fluffy, Formby Crest, Pam, Hamari Accord
2nd G. Sheldrick
3rd J. & J.A. Woodfield

5 exhibitors & 166 vases.

LITHGOW WORKIES CLUB SHOW 27th February 2011

Judge – Fred Stralow

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Zorro	I. Townsend
Decorative over 210mm	Zorro	I. Townsend
Decorative Medium	Regina	I. Townsend

Decorative Small	Formby Alpine	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Decorative Miniature	Ryecroft Jan	R. & N. Slarke
Cactus over 210mm	.....	.....
Cactus Medium	Jan Lennon	A. Hayman
Cactus Small	Devon Elegance	I. Townsend
Cactus Miniature	Karras 150	A. Hayman
Exhibition Cactus	Darbro Gift	I. Townsend
Fimbriated Cactus	Higgo Lacy	A. Hayman
Waterlily	Ken's Gold	J. Fillingham
Collerette	Aitara Conference	I. Townsend
Ball	Downham Royal	A. Hayman
Pompon	Rays Gold	R. & E. Smith
Orchid	Lillian 'O' 15	I. Townsend
Other Type Dahlia	Alloway Candy (Stellar)	I. Townsend

Lithgow Workmen's Club Dahlia Championship (6 vases) :

1st Anne Hayman : Le Batts Prime, Higgo Lacy, Karras 150, Jan Lennon,
Downham Royal, Hamari Accord

2nd Ian Townsend

Central West Dahlia Championship (3 vases) :

1st Anne Hayman : Jan Lennon, Hamari Accord, Higgo Lacy

2nd Ian Townsend, 3rd R. Mercer & L. Pasfield, 4th R. & N. Slarke, 5th J. Fillingham,
6th R. & E. Smith, 7th J. Johnstone

Other Types under 160mm Challenge (3 vases) :

1st Ian Townsend : Jessica May, Aitara Conference, Lillian 'O' 15

2nd Joy Fillingham

9 Exhibitors and 148 vases.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF CANBERRA SHOW 5th March 2011

Judges – Elwin Notley / Alex Ross

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Brian 'R'	G. & S. Davis
Reserve Champion	Jan Lennon	J. & J.A. Woodfield
Decorative over 210mm	Formby Monarch	J. & P. Hill
Medium Decorative	Brian 'R'	G. & S. Davis
Small Decorative	Trengrove Millennium	G. & B. Carroll
Miniature Decorative	Formby Crest	G. & S. Davis
Cactus over 210mm	Maxmann	J. & P. Hill
Medium Cactus	Jan Lennon	J. & J.A. Woodfield
Small Cactus	Valetta	J. & J.A. Woodfield
Miniature Cactus	Kiara Forgwen	G. & S. Davis
Exhibition Cactus	Darbro Gift	J. & J.A. Woodfield
Fimbriated Cactus	Tioga Autumn	J. & J.A. Woodfield



'Zorro' Grand Champion Dahlia Lithgow Workmen's Club Show exhibited by Ian Townsend



Central West Dahlia Championship entries at 2011 Lithgow Workmen's Club Show



Winning Dahlia Basket entry by Christine Ryan
at Horticultural Society of Canberra Show



Championship winning entry by Graeme Davis
at Horticultural Society of Canberra Show

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY OF CANBERRA SHOW cont.

Waterlily	Cameo	G. & S. Davis
Collerette	Miss Joan	G. & S. Davis
Ball	Ivanetti	J. & J.A. Woodfield
Pompon	Linda Harris	G. & S. Davis
Other Type Dahlia	Lillian 'O' 15	G. & S. Davis
Largest Dahlia	Darbro Tom	G. & S. Davis
Progressive	Trengrove Millennium	G. & B. Carroll
Novice	Maxmann	J. & P. Hill

Flower of the Year : Bracken Sarah : 1st G. & S. Davis
2nd J. Johnstone

6 Vase Championship :

1st G. & S. Davis : Brian 'R', Linda Harris, Devon Citation, Hamari Accord, Formby Crest, Figurine

2nd J. & J.A. Woodfield, 3rd N. & R. Brooker

9 Vase distinct types 1 flower per vase

1st J. & J.A. Woodfield : Brian 'R', Tioga Autumn, Jan Lennon, Darbro Gift, Ken's Gold, Cornel, Pam, Lillian 'O' 15, Woden Seedling

2nd G. & S. Davis, 3rd N. & R. Brooker, 4th J. Johnstone

10 Exhibitors

30 vases in Novice

36 vases in Progressive

206 vases in Open

BLACKTOWN SHOW 12th March 2011

Judge : Robert Cull

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Narooma Princess	I. Townsend
Decorative over 160mm	Como Polly	I. Townsend
Decorative under 160mm	Brian R	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Cactus over 160mm	Kenora Sunset	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Cactus under 160mm	Devon Elegance	I. Townsend
Exhibition Cactus	Darbro Gift	I. Townsend
Fimbriated Cactus	Aitara Picardy	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Waterlily	Narooma Princess	I. Townsend
Collerette	Ken's Gala	I. Townsend
Ball	Cornel	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Pompon	Mi Wong	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Any Other Type	.....	.....

Championship : 1st R. Mercer & L. Pasfield : Aitara Majesty, Brian R, Mi Wong
2nd I. Townsend

2 exhibitors & 80 vases

LITHGOW SHOW 18th March 2011

Judge : Fred Stralow

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Jan Lennon	A. Hayman
Decorative	Bracken Sarah	A. Hayman
Cactus	Jan Lennon	A. Hayman
Exhibition Cactus	Darbro Gift	R. & N. Slarke
Fimbriated Cactus	Judith Taylor	R. & N. Slarke
Waterlily	Cameo	J. Fillingham
Collerette	Ken's Gala	J. Fillingham
Ball	Kenora Fireball	J. Fillingham
Orchid	Northfield Sparkler	J. Fillingham
Any Other Type	Alloway Candy (Anemone)	J. Fillingham
Novice	Hi Impact (Decorative)	Gloria Waters

Championship Class (six vases, standard units, exhibitors choice):

1st A. Hayman : Elma Elizabeth, Bracken Sarah, Jan Lennon x 2, Brooks Pale Dawn, Moray Apache

2nd R. & N. Slarke

Open Section : 5 exhibitors & 46 exhibits

ENGADINE HOME GARDENERS CLUB SHOW 19th March 2011

Judge : Elwin Notley

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Cameo	R. & H. Curll
Decorative	Como Polly	R. & H. Curll
Cactus	Judith Taylor	R. & H. Curll
Ball	Cornel	R. & H. Curll
Pompon	Pam	R. & H. Curll

Flower of Year Special Class : Bracken Sarah : 1st R. & H. Curll

Championship Class (three vases):

1st R. & H. Curll : Cameo, Bracken Sarah, Le Batts Prime

2nd D. Archer

2 exhibitors 50 vases.

INGLEBURN SHOW 26th March 2011

Judge : Elwin Notley

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Kenora Challenger	I. Townsend
Decorative Medium	Como Polly	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Decorative Small	Bracken Sarah	I. Townsend
Decorative Miniature	Le Batts Prime	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Cactus over 210mm	Aitara Majesty	B. Raines
Cactus Medium	Kenora Challenger	I. Townsend
Cactus Small	Karen Joy	I. Townsend
Cactus Miniature	Gladys Johns	I. Townsend
Semi Cactus	Hamari Accord	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Fimbriated Cactus	Judith Taylor	I. Townsend
Waterlily	Narooma Princess	I. Townsend
Collerette	Ken's Gala	I. Townsend
Ball	Ivanetti	I. Townsend
Pompon	Stoneleigh Joyce	I. Townsend
Any Other Type	Orchid	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield

Championship : 1st I. Townsend : Judith Taylor, Narooma Princess, Kens Gala, Karen Joy, Kenora Challenger, Rays Gold.
2nd R. Mercer & L. Pasfield

2 exhibitors & 52 exhibits.

CASTLE HILL SHOW 1st April 2011

Judge – Robert Curll

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Devon Elegance	I. Townsend
Decorative over 210mm	Winkie Colonel	I. Townsend
Medium Decorative	Como Polly	I. Townsend
Small Decorative	Everton Esquire	I. Townsend
Miniature Decorative	Bracken Joan	I. Townsend
Cactus over 210mm	Kiara Julia	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Medium Cactus	Kiara Julia	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Small Cactus	Devon Elegance	I. Townsend
Miniature Cactus	Glenbank Twinkle	I. Townsend
Exhibition Cactus	.....	.....
Fimbriated Cactus	Judith Taylor	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Waterlily	Narooma Princess	I. Townsend
Collerette	Aitara Conference	I. Townsend
Ball	.....	.....
Pompon	Mi Wong	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Orchid	Lillian 'O' 15	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Other Type Dahlia	Lillian 'O' 15	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield

Special Class : Flower of Year 'Bracken Sarah' : 1st I. Townsend
 2nd R. Mercer & L. Pasfield

6 vase Championship :
 1st I. Townsend : Narooma Princess, Bracken Joan, Devon Elegance, Aitara Majesty, Kenora Jubilee, Winkie Colonel
 2nd R. Mercer & L. Pasfield

2 exhibitors and 60 exhibits

CONCORD GARDEN CLUB SHOW 9th April 2011

Judge : Alex Ross

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Formby Supreme	I. Townsend
Decorative	Formby Supreme	I. Townsend
Cactus	Kenora Sunset	I. Townsend
Exhibition Cactus	.....	.....
Waterlily	Cameo	I. Townsend
Ball	.....	.....
Collerette	Aitara Conference	I. Townsend
Pompon	Stoneleigh Joyce	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Any Other Type	Lillian 'O' 15 (Orchid)	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield

Flower of the Year Special Class – 'Bracken Sarah' : 1st R. Mercer & L. Pasfield

Concord Dahlia Championship (three vases distinct types):
 1st R. Mercer & L. Pasfield : Glenmarc Sahara, Judith Taylor, Hamari Accord
 2nd I. Townsend, 3rd F. Stralow

3 exhibitors & 70 vases

YASS SHOW 9th April 2011

Judge – Alan Strachan

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Snow White	G. & S. Davis
Decorative over 160mm	Snow White	G. & S. Davis
Decorative under 160mm	Bracken Palomino	J. & J.A. Woodfield
Cactus over 160mm	Kenora Jubilee	G. & S. Davis
Cactus under 160mm	Wakefield Conclusion	G. & S. Davis
Waterlily	Figurine	J. & J.A. Woodfield
Ball	La Can Dof	G. Sheldrick
Pompon	Pam	G. & S. Davis
Other Type Dahlia	Cricket	J. & J.A. Woodfield

Special Class : Flower of Year Bracken Sarah : 1st J. & J.A. Woodfield

Yass Championship (6 vases - Exhibitors choice) :

1st G. & S. Davis : Kenora Jubilee, Kenora Challenger, Wakefield Conclusion, Pam, Maggie Hannaford, Devon Radiance.

2nd J. & J.A. Woodfield : Cricket, Hamari Accord, Formby Duke, Alessia, Kiara Forgwen, Figurine.

3rd G. Sheldrick : Scarborough 2000, Como Polly, Kiara Julia, Cricket, La Condorf, Moray Linda

9 Vase Distinct Types Single flower per vase

1st G. & S. Davis : Snow White, Devon Radiance, Peach Delight, Wakefield Conclusion,

Le Batts Prime, Miss Joan, Figurine, Linda Harris, Brooks Louise

2nd J. & J.A. Woodfield, 3rd J. Johnstone

4 Exhibitors and 120 vases.

There were some particularly good exhibits of high quality although the season has not been the kindest to growers. An excellent large white Decorative – Snow White was the supreme exhibit. It just pipped one of the best Exhibition Cactus I have seen over the last few seasons. There was not the scarcity of petals so often seen and top balanced bottom. Exhibits to catch the eye, other than the two already mentioned were Devon radiance, Scarborough 2000, Wakefield Conclusion, and a well balanced exhibit of Araluen Fire, a couple of very nice singles and in the seedling class a red anemone. The latter may be not everyone's cup of tea as it is a single with an anemone centre. However the outer florets did what they should and I hope we see more of this on the bench. The Special Class was a real feature with Bracken Sarah showing all its variations of colour and size. The people's choice would have been without doubt Alessia – Fimbriated Cactus. This has the colour combination of a Maggie Hannaford but in fimbriated form. The substance of the blooms shown I feel surpassed many of the other Fims that have graced benches. Look out for this one.

I congratulate the exhibitors for staging exhibits of the quality they did considering it is near the flowering season's conclusion.

Alan Strachan – Judge

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW No. 1 16th April 2011

Judges : John Woodfield / Alex Ross

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Kiara Julia	G. & S. Davis
Decorative over 210mm	Hamari Gold	G. & S. Davis
Decorative Medium	Maggie Hannaford	G. & S. Davis
Decorative Small	Bracken Sarah	G. & S. Davis
Decorative Miniature	Brooks Josh	G. & S. Davis
Cactus over 210mm	Kenora Jubilee	G. & S. Davis

Cactus Medium	Kiara Julia	G. & S. Davis
Cactus Small	Valetta	G. & S. Davis
Cactus Miniature	Kiara Forgwen	G. & S. Davis
Exhibition Cactus	Cricket	G. & S. Davis
Fimbriated Cactus	Alessia	G. & S. Davis
Waterlily	Kelgai Ann	G. & S. Davis
Collerette	Aitara Conference	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Ball	La Can Dof	G. & S. Davis
Pompon	Linda Harris	G. & S. Davis
Any Other Type	Lillian 'O' 15 (Orchid)	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield

Championship : 1st G. & S. Davis : Kelgai Ann, Valetta, Maggie Hannaford,
Kiara Julia, Devon Radiance, Wakefield Conclusion.

2nd R. Mercer & L. Pasfield

4 exhibitors & 125 exhibits

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW No.2 20th April 2011

Judges : John Woodfield / Alex Ross

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Wakefield Seedling (Cactus)	G. & S. Davis
Decorative over 210mm	Hamari Gold	G. & S. Davis
Decorative Medium	Devon Radiance	G. & S. Davis
Decorative Small	Bracken Sarah	G. & S. Davis
Decorative Miniature	Bracken Joan	G. & S. Davis
Cactus over 210mm	Maxmann	G. & S. Davis
Cactus Medium	Wakefield Seedling	G. & S. Davis
Cactus Small	Wakefield Conclusion	G. & S. Davis
Cactus Miniature	Kiara Forgwen	G. & S. Davis
Exhibition Cactus	Darbro Gift	G. & S. Davis
Fimbriated Cactus	Wakefield Seedling	G. & S. Davis
Waterlily	Kelgai Ann	G. & S. Davis
Collerette	Kens Gala	G. & S. Davis
Ball	La Can Dof	G. & S. Davis
Pompon	Pam	B. & L. Raines
Any Other Type	Brooks Louise (Single)	G. & S. Davis

Championship : 1st G. & S. Davis : Vera's Elma, Wakefield Conclusion, Valetta,
Wakefield Seedling, Linda Harris, Hamari Accord.

3 exhibitors & 66 exhibits

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW No. 3 24th April 2011

Judges : John Woodfield / Alex Ross

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>CULTIVAR</u>	<u>EXHIBITOR</u>
Grand Champion	Kenora Sunset	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Decorative over 210mm	Christie Knight	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Decorative Medium	Snow White	G. & S. Davis
Decorative Small	Bracken Sarah	G. & S. Davis
Decorative Miniature	Devon Calypso	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Cactus over 210mm	Scarborough 2000	G. & S. Davis
Cactus Medium	Kenora Sunset	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Cactus Small	Wakefield Conclusion	G. & S. Davis
Cactus Miniature	Valetta	G. & S. Davis
Exhibition Cactus	Darbro Gift	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Fimbriated Cactus	Judith Taylor	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Waterlily	Narooma Princess	G. & S. Davis
Collerette	Aitara Conference	R. Mercer & L. Pasfield
Ball	La Can Dof	G. & S. Davis
Pompon	Pam	R. & H. Curll
Any Other Type	Brooks Louise (Single)	G. & S. Davis

Championship : 1st R. Mercer & L. Pasfield : Kenora Sunset x 3, Devon Calypso, Christie Knight, Judith Taylor.
 2nd G. & S. Davis, 3rd R. & H. Curll

4 exhibitors & 130 exhibits



Winning championship entry by Graeme Davis
 at Sydney Royal Easter Show No.1