

Section 20 – Cut & Decorative Flowers

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Judging: Thursday, 5th March, Main Pavilion 10:00am

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per entry maximum \$30 per exhibitor, per section

2026 Show Theme – “Looking Forward, Looking Back”

Please read the general conditions and regulations for Pavilion Exhibits

1. Doors close strictly at 9:00am, judging to commence at 10:00am, Thursday, 5th March 2025.
2. ***No exhibitor is permitted to be present during judging. This includes exhibitors involved in other divisions of the show who might have access to the judging area. If an exhibitor faces this situation, they must inform the chief steward of their section. Together, they will work to find a mutually agreeable solution. This is to maintain the integrity of the judging process by preventing any potential interference or influence from exhibitors while decisions are being made by the section judges.***
3. Blooms must be grown by the exhibitor. Unless otherwise specified.
4. The Show Society has limited jars available for the staging of blooms- if providing your own, jars must be nondescript and not identifiable to ensure continuity and fairness for judging.
5. Exhibitor to ensure that all stems of flowers and foliage are secure in the container and all entrants must be responsible for topping up the entry with water before leaving.
6. Containers of blooms are not to have any embellishments e.g. water pearls, ribbon, oasis etc. unless otherwise stated.
7. ***Tom Hillard memorial shield** (most successful exhibitor) shall be determined as follows: For the highest awards in each class, points shall be allocated on the basis of 3, 2 and 1. The Exhibitor gaining the highest number of points (see exceptions) to be the winner. Should there be fewer than three awards in any one Class, the points shall be on the said basis in order of merit. In the event of 2 or more Exhibitors securing an equal number of points, the Exhibitor gaining the greatest number of 1st, 2nd or 3rd prizes, in order of preference, shall be the winner.
8. ****Champion** will only be awarded if there are more than 3 entries in the section, with the exception of the under 6 & 12 yrs sections.

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Explanation of terms

D: Distinct (this refers to staging unit and for the larger blooms; each bloom must be distinct from the others. For smaller blooms types it means that each vase is to contain (3) blooms of the (1) variety and each vase is to be a different variety)

NND: Not necessarily distinct

AOV: All one variety

SPEC: Specimen meaning one

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Enchanted Gardens: must not exceed 30cmx30cm in dimension, must be wholly contained and transportable (not assembled in place and able to be moved if required)

Hand Posy: must not exceed a maximum of 15 stems, can include any variety or foliage, small enough to be held in one hand by the child. Must be collected and assembled by the child. Must be tied with either a rubber band, string or ribbon , or any combination thereof and in a small jar of water.

Specimen stem: one singular stem (flower) of any one variety, must be grown , selected and collected by the child.

Saucer of flowers: Small plate or tea saucer of any flowers, petals, foliage or leaves. Must not exceed 15cm diameter.

Under 6 years

Age to appear on exhibit

1. Saucer of flowers- any foliage, petals, flowers permitted. No embellishments.
2. Enchanted Garden using natural and/ or recycled materials (for example: bottle caps,sticks,stones, leaves, wildflowers etc) figurines may be added.
3. Specimen stem- any one variety

****Champion exhibit 1-3****

7 – 12 years

Age to appear on exhibit

4. Hand posy of flowers -maximum 15 stems
5. Enchanted Garden using natural and/ or recycled materials (for example bottle caps, sticks, stones, leaves, wildflowers etc) figurines may be added.
6. Specimen stem- any one variety

****Champion exhibit 4-6 ****

DECORATIVE FLOWERS/ SPECIAL INTEREST

Natural embellishment: These are all things made by nature other than flowers, e.g. dried plant, material, stones, feathers, shells etc. Flower or seed heads from grasses re acceptable. Flowers on plants such as herbs, dock, pussy willow, Malacca balm etc. are not to be removed.

Artificial embellishment: These are anything man made e.g. ribbon, figurines, painted or dried material

Any embellishment: Means that the exhibitor may use natural or artificial embellishment

Free embellishment: This is exhibitors' choice, no restriction with container, materials, height or embellishment, flowers used need not be grown by the exhibitor.

2026 special interest

7. **Any arrangement -**

Free embellishment, *materials may be purchased/ sourced ie not grown by the exhibitor.* Final dimensions must not exceed 60cm squared, artificial flowers/ foliage must NOT make up more than 20% of arrangement. Must be self contained, able to be moved by show steward (not assembled in place).

NATIVE SECTION

8. Grevillea (spider flower) - 3 flowering stems same variety
9. Callistemon (bottle brush) - 3 flowering stems same variety
10. Anigozanthus (kangaroo paw) - 3 flowering stems same variety
11. 3 flowering stems AOV not mentioned- eg Banksia, wattle
12. 1 Flowering stem AOV- eg Banksia, wattle

****Champion exhibit from class 8-12****

13. Posy of flower mixed or single variety (maximum 18 stems)
14. Arrangement of mixed foliage (maximum 18 stems)
15. Specimen flowering or foliage pot plant (native)

****Champion exhibit from class 13-15****

ROSE SECTION

16. Specimen red rose
17. Specimen white rose
18. Specimen pink rose
19. Specimen yellow rose
20. Specimen rose- any other variety not specified
21. Specimen David Austin rose
22. Rose bud to open (4 stages, must come from same bush)
23. Container of roses 6-10 blooms (Any)

**** Champion exhibit 16-23****

SUNFLOWER SECTION

24. Specimen extra large/ giant variety 200mm +
25. Specimen Large variety 100mm-200mm
26. Specimen Small Less than 100mm
27. Container of any 3 stems AOV

****Champion exhibit 24-27 ****

CUTTING GARDEN SECTION

28. Container of any one variety 6-10 stems eg: Zinnia, Geranium, Saliva - **NOT DAHLIA**
29. Container of mixed varieties 6-10 stems, no extra foliage

**** Champion exhibit 28-29****

POTTED PLANT SECTION

30. Pot Plant – foliage or flowering
31. Cactus or succulent
32. Bonsai

****Champion exhibit 30-32****

DAHLIA STANDARDS:

**Dahlia section standards and sections are in line with those present at the 2024 Sydney Royal Easter Show . As such, judging guidelines will also be inline with those set by the Royal horticultural society of NSW- with consideration given as the Armidale show society flower section is a NOVICE competition.

TOM HILLARD MEMORIAL SHIELD DAHLIA SECTION

*Tom Hillard memorial shield awarded to most successful Dahlia exhibitor**

33. One Dahlia, Large Decorative over 210mm, formal and/or informal.
34. One Dahlia, Medium Decorative, 160mm to 210mm.
35. One Dahlia, Small Decorative, 120mm to 160mm.
36. Vase Dahlias, Small Decorative, 120mm to 160mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
37. One Dahlia, Miniature Decorative, under 120mm.
38. Vase Dahlias, Miniature Decorative, under 120mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
39. One Dahlia, Large Cactus, over 210mm.
40. One Dahlia, Medium Cactus, 160mm to 210mm.
41. One Dahlias, Small Cactus, 120mm to 160mm.
42. Vase Dahlias, Small Cactus, 120mm to 160mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
43. One Dahlia, Miniature Cactus, under 120mm.
44. Vase Dahlias, Miniature Cactus, under 120mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
45. One Dahlia, Incurved Cactus, over 160mm.
46. One Dahlia, Fimbriated, over 160mm.
47. Vase Dahlias, Fimbriated, under 160mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
48. One Dahlia, Waterlily, under 160mm.
49. Vase Dahlias, Waterlily, under 160mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
50. One Dahlia, Ball, under 160mm.
51. Vase Dahlias, Ball, under 160mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
52. Vase Dahlias, Pompon, under 50mm, **three blooms, three varieties.**
53. Vase Dahlias, Pompon, under 50mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
54. Vases Dahlias, Pompon, under 50mm standard unit, (NND).
55. One Dahlia, Collarette, under 160mm.
56. Vase Dahlias, Collarette, under 160mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
57. One Dahlia, Orchid type under 160mm.
58. Vase Dahlias, Orchid type under 160mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
59. One Dahlia, Single under 160mm.
60. Vase Dahlias, Single under 160mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
61. One Dahlia, Stellar, under 160mm.
62. Vase Dahlias, Stellar, under 160mm, **three blooms of one variety.**
63. One Dahlia, any other type not on Schedule, flowers over 160mm one bloom to a vase.
64. Vase Dahlia, any other type not on Schedule, under 160mm -**three of one variety to a vase.**
65. Container of Dahlias- **three to eighteen stems one variety OR mixed variety.** No embellishments. Any size, mix sizes acceptable.

****Champion exhibit 33-65 ****

