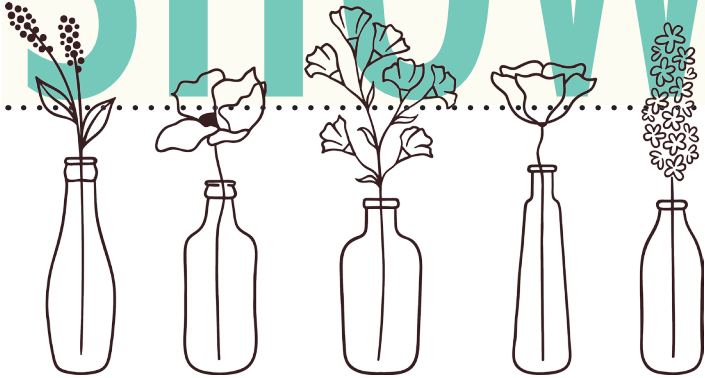




# SHOW BUZZ



CLAREMONT FLOWER SHOW  
NEWS AND INFORMATION  
**SUMMER 2022**

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In this second edition I am pleased to be able to let you know that we conducted a very successful Spring Show that was enjoyed by many. The comments received from parliamentarians, local businesses and councillors were very positive. The only downside was limitations caused by Covid19 rules which added unnecessary anxiety to the event but, perhaps, this is a small price to pay, taking into account the situation we find ourselves in.

I'm also pleased to be able to say that the four local Garden Clubs are working together in support of our Show as is the local Edge Church. With this positive network the future is looking good.

Show Buzz will be printed in black and white to contain costs but if you provide me with an email address it will be sent to you, online, in colour.

We are a small group and we are looking for some more help. We are particularly keen to attract younger people who have the social media and computer skills which most of us are lacking. Fortunately we do have Sarah Thornton who looks after our schedule design and any other graphic design needs together with the website and Facebook, and we thank Sarah for this work, but there is much more that can be done in this area.

Please stay safe well and I look forward to seeing you at our future shows.

Neil Harwood OAM  
President.



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# FROM THE EDITOR

## SHIRLEY JACKSON

How lucky are we to be in Tasmania at this time? We can all enjoy the sharing of our love for gardens with like minded people in relatively safe environments and restrictions. Our spring and Cactasmania shows were both very successful. I truly don't know how our President and Show Manager have been able to carry these shows off. Without them the shows would dramatically be reduced.

Our show group was also well represented at the Garden's Australia, Southern Tasmanian Zone's plant fair at Valley Field New Norfolk. Terry West is particularly to be thanked for all of the work that he has put into growing a massive amount of plants for our trade table.

I am looking forward to our Summer Show and hope you all are too. I look forward to catching up with you there.

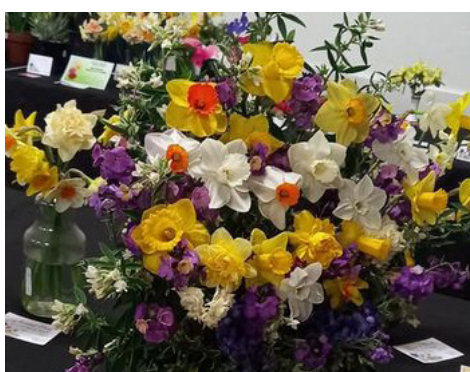


## The Daffodil and Camellia Show 2021

We kept our fingers crossed for months in the hope that our spring show would not be cancelled due to Covid. To our relief it did go ahead, and what a delightful show it was. Due to a lot of hard work by Joe Neuschwargwe and his team the camellias were beautiful, as were the daffodils and other general plants.

The 4 garden clubs were represented and added to the overall atmosphere of the show. The main hall was full of colour, interest and fragrance. The floral art created a beautiful backdrop on the stage. The public vote for the floral art was tried for the first time and produced much discussion and thought by the public.

Congratulations to all of our winners, as well as everyone who exhibited. Every entry which we receive is a winner to us.



# THE CLAREMONT GARDEN CLUB



This year the Claremont Garden Club celebrates its seventieth birthday.

CGC also conducts a plant stall at the Spring Show with club members providing home grown plants to sell. The funds raised from the stall are used for members outings such as hire of buses and overnight trips away to see gardens and shows around the state.

We are only a small club of 20 members but are enthusiastic and support other Garden Clubs in Southern Tasmania, attending any function that may be held.

Since the appointment of Heather Pryor as the Garden Clubs of Australia Southern Zone Co-Ordinator, the southern clubs have been meeting regularly and have got to know and support one another.

The Southern Zone Newsletter compiled by Heather and her husband Bernard has encouraged us all with gardening tips and advising of all clubs activities. Many thanks to Heather and Bernard for their encouragement and assistance to our Club.

Our meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7pm at the Lady Clark Residential Recreation Centre, Waldron Street, Claremont (first turn on the left off Box Hill Road, Claremont) Membership is \$10.00 per year, we have a guest speaker each month to speak on all things in or related to the garden with supper provided. Each month we have an outing for members to attend visiting nurseries, gardens, shows or just a meal out to socialise.

New members are always welcome; we have been told that we are a friendly bunch, so please join us.

Any queries please call Julie Walter (President) 0417 387 781

There has been a lot of water under the bridge with many new and old members passing through.

Many well-known Claremont families have been involved over the years including Allan Hyland, Rod Barwick and the Barwick and Drake families, and May Backhouse to name a few. Apologies for any I have missed as I was not a member at that time.

The Claremont Garden Club was the instigator of the Claremont Spring and Summer Flower shows held in September and January each year which continue still each year. The shows now come under the umbrella of the Claremont Flower Show Group.

The Claremont Garden Club (CGC) supports the Flower Show group with volunteers to help with the show and members exhibit in the Garden Club section providing beautiful exhibits from their garden.

EDITORS INTERVIEW WITH

# IAN NORMAN

## CLAREMONT FLOWER SHOW GROUP AMBASSADOR



Ian's passion for growing flowers started by a seed planted in him as a young child. It was planted by his mother in the mid 50's when she had at long last been able to plant a much longed for rose garden. His mother had a good eye for plants which has obviously been passed down to Ian.

In the early 60's Ian purchased his first car, an EH Holden. This opened up a way for his mother to be able to transport her beloved roses to shows. These were mainly run by the Hobart Horticulture Society at venues such as Laetare Gardens and St. Stephan's Church.

Ian was employed by the ES&A bank and later the ANZ bank where he held high positions. When he was 45 his love of growing plants was rekindled. At this time it with an interest in daffodils. By the age of 52 he had resigned from banking and grew daffodils on his families block in Claremont.

Ian helped to form the Tasmanian Daffodil Council. More than showing, Ian's passion was for creating displays and encouraging people to participate in the show world. He created displays for the HHS, the Royal Hobart Show and many more venues. Ian's aim was to create a wow factor in which to entice members of the public to appreciate, and become involved in the world of flowers.

People who Ian feels were the most helpful to him are, Kaye Pless, Rob Barwick, Scott and Richard Bell, Chris Smith and of course his mother.

Ian became a much valued member of the Claremont Flower Show Group in the mid 1970s. He also enjoys supporting the Hobart Flower Room. Ian plays an important role in supporting other like minded people on their journey into the world of flower showing, including myself. He feels that the most important thing a group such as the CFSG should do is to support and value their exhibitors and volunteers.

Ian's advice to newcomers is to ask questions of experienced growers, take their advice and to develop a common sense in gardening. Ian stresses that joining a group of like minded people not only benefits you as a beginner but helps to keep these groups growing.

## SHOWING LILIUM EXHIBITS

- Try to choose your best flowers or stems, fresh, clean, undamaged, no distortions & no apparent disease.
- Make sure your flower has 6 petals, 6 anthers & a central receptor.
- Select a vase or bottle, (large for stems) fill with water & position the flower clear of the glass rim & pack in place with sponge/foam/plant matter. A hint with large stems is to pack into place with plant matter.
- The flower placement, should be looking you up in the face.
- If you know its name, attach a sticker to the front of the bottle with it's name on.
- For liliium stems don't cut more than 2/3 of the stem, the left over 1/3 will feed the bulb for next year.
- Most of all don't panic and seek advice from the staging assistants



## INSIGHTS FROM STAN WALKER

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# CACTASMANIA 2021

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Patrons were lined up well past KFC when the doors opened at 10am on Saturday which continued throughout the show. Despite the large numbers, they were both friendly and cooperative with no complaints in respect to the covid rules.

The wonderful exhibition, supplied and assembled mainly by Scott Bell, left so many patrons struggling for words while also showing what wide varieties can be found in the cactus and succulent families. So impressed were some patrons they returned again on the Sunday, while the photos on FB also encouraged visitors to make the journey to see for themselves the array of plants on display and for sale.

Entries for the various classes were strongly supported, attracting a lot of favourable comments from the 1000 plus patrons who turned up over the two days.

Cactasmania has opened a new world for so many who believed them to be only prickly and uninteresting, while we believe with our dedicated team of volunteers, strongly supported by the growers/retailers the event can only continue to grow and become a major attraction for the area.



# THE CLAREMONT FLOWER SHOW GROUP

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# SUMMER SHOW 2022

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- Exhibits can be benched on Friday the 7th between 2pm and 5pm or on Saturday morning 8am to 10am.
- We ask that you complete benching by 10am on Saturday to allow sufficient time for judging.
- The show will open at 1pm on Saturday the 8th.
- If assistance to bench is required ask anyone wearing a hi viz vest. If the room is busy please be patient.
- Please ensure that you avoid water leakage onto benches.
- Check that your exhibit is entered into the correct class. Ask for assistance if necessary.
- You must own your plants for more than 6 months, except for floral art materials.
- Floral art will be benched again on the stage.
- There will be the public vote for floral art including the children's classes.
- Please pick up your exhibits at the close of the show.
- Consider staying back if possible to help with the packing up.



## Thank you to our many sponsors

Our show would not be able to supply prizes to winners without the generous donations by our sponsors. The majority of which are local business. This adds to the community spirit which makes our show truly a community event.

## Can you help us?

As with many other groups our members are not only getting older but our numbers are getting down. We are always looking for helpers, these may be helping to set up the show and helping at the actual show. We also would like to find someone who has knowledge of technology.

If you can give us a hand please contact our Show Manager, Stan Walker on mobile: 0429811968, email: stanwalker93@gmail.com