

2025 LILIUM, ROSE & SUMMER FLOWER SHOW

As we are all aware, the weather leading up and over the weekend of the show played havoc with our gardens, with Saturday being very uncomfortable to venture outside due to heat and humidity, followed by thunderstorms on Sunday.

Although our patronage was down on previous shows, our keen gardeners were again able to produce a show full of wonderful exhibits that filled the hall with colour and perfume.

The show was officially opened by local author Meg Bignell and her photographic partner, Alice Bennett, co-producers of their book, *Tasmanian Gardens* who also added a different prospective and history to the words "garden and flowers", with their introduction and opening, which was very well received by those patrons in attendance.

A special note should be made of the record number of entries in our Floral Art Section which saw a 33.77% increase from our Spring Show (also record entries) which is a great effort from all involved, a strong indication this section is becoming very popular amongst our exhibitors.

Our five garden clubs, Claremont, Glenorchy, Hobart, Derwent Valley and Brighton & Surrounds again produced maximum entries making it a difficult exercise for the judges to determine the eventual winners.

A BIG THANK YOU to Annie Burleigh for the superb stage display. Also, to Joan Hill for her excellent contribution of flowers for this display.

As usual, there were exceptional exhibits throughout the display, however special recognition must be given to Nathen (Peron) Barwick for his outstanding display of unusual liliiums.

Our group was again strongly supported by Craig Farrell, President of the Legislative Council, his hard-working Office Manager, Ellie who provided all our printing, and Sue Hickey, Mayor of our multi-cultural city, for without their assistance our shows would not be possible. Other sponsors were Bob Harris from the Berriedale Service Centre, HALS (Horticultural and Landscape Supplies), The Mercury for their wonderful article in the Sunday Tasmanian, Glenbrook Bulb Farm, ABC Radio, Hobart FM and 107.3 Triple MMM.

Without our wonderful committee of volunteers along with Edge Church who provided our door volunteers, Mount Faulkner Scout Group who are now responsible for the setup and dismantling of the trestles and also Adriana Taylor and her team from the Glenorchy Community Fund, we would find it extremely difficult to conduct the shows.

We must also thank those sellers from the rare plant and garden aspect who have added a new dimension to the overall show presentation.

As usual, Maree Johnston, a major exhibitor for the Glenorchy Garden Club, and Rhyll Cashion, a member of both Claremont and Brighton, with support from various members of Claremont, did an outstanding job over the two days looking after all the gardener's wanting plants from our extremely popular trade table.

RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize: HALS Garden Products: Roslyn

2nd Prize: Tibball's Mixed Herbs: Vicki Cowles

3rd Prize: Tibball's Mixed Herbs: Hayden Beattie

4th Prize: CFSG Potted Liliums: Tania Rogers

5th Prize: CFSG Potted Liliums: Susan Wallace

Our sincere thanks to all those who supported this valuable aspect to helping with our show expenses.

40TH RUBY ANNIVERSARY

Our 2025 Camelia, Daffodil and Spring Flower Show, to be conducted over the weekend of September 6th and 7th, will be a significant milestone for the group as it will be our 40th Ruby Anniversary Show.

A lot of extra work will be required to guarantee the success we hope to achieve and would appreciate any support from anyone willing to assist.

If you would like to join a group of fellow garden lovers, or exhibit for the first time, please contact our Secretary, Janelle Noble 0400 720 866 or myself, 0429 811 968, alternatively email (claremontflowershowgroup@hotmail.com) or via Facebook.

There will be continual updates relating to this major celebration as we move forward so keep visiting our sites.

We hope you all continue to enjoy your garden in the coming months, preparing for the major celebration, and as our late garden guru Peter Cundell used to close his radio and television programs "That's the blooming lot".

Stan Walker,

Show Manager.