



The Launceston Landscape



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Society Meetings

A reminder that our regular monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 8:00pm (it would be appreciated if you could arrive at 7:45pm for 8:00pm start) at Windmill Hill Hall (next to the Launceston Aquatic Centre). These meetings include a trade table, *Flower of the Month*, guest speakers, general business and raffles. Members are invited to bring a plate of supper to share with others at the end of the meeting.

Meeting Dates / Guest Speakers / Topic

- 21 Apr Warwick Medwin – Manager of City Park Gardens
- 19 May Vaughan Kemsley – Glensheil Flowers, Chrysanthemum
- 16 June Amarlie & Lesley Crowden – Kaydale Lodge
- 21 July Romain Elnick – President Orchid Society
- 18 Aug Heather Pryor – Various gardens of the world

Guests and new members welcome!

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Show Calendar 2021

- 17 & 18 Apr Autumn Show
- 11 & 12 Sept Early Spring
- 6 & 7 Nov Late Spring

Results of Summer Show Raffle

- 1 Karon Smith Succulent in pot, 2 water well pots, 5 in 1 fertiliser, pressure sprayer
- 2 Evelyn Jones Philodendron in legged pot, 2 water well pots, 5 in 1 fertiliser, herb or vegetable planter bag.
- 3 Jan Anderson Begonia, rose food x 2, 2 water well pots, Glebe Gold Voucher

Our Executive:

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Message from the Newsletter Editor

Thank you everyone who contributed articles and photos for this edition of The Launceston Landscape. A reminder to please check if there are any copyright conditions of any articles before submitting.

Please forward any items to
Noel Button

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or give to him at the next meeting.

Hope you enjoy this edition and I look forward to receiving and publishing your contributions in future newsletters.

Happy gardening from

Patricia Beams



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to our Autumn edition of Landscape. With cool days over summer and cold nights it has proved to be an interesting and late growing season.

Our recent Summer show was an outstanding success. This certainly reinforces our decision to move to Evandale. With a growing number of exhibitors in the dahlia section, we were certainly treated to some stunning blooms. There was nothing but high praise from all judges and some of their comments can be read elsewhere in this edition.



I must extend my sincere thanks to all members who assisted in the running of our first show at a new venue, and also to those who exhibited. Once again, the “Bob Cherry team” provided us with a stunning display highlighting flowers and foliage.

Congratulations must go to:

Robert and Kaye Jaffray for champion gladioli
Nick Scudds for champion dahlia
Michael Webster for champion begonia
Neil and Irene Jordan for champion liliium.

A thank you must go to Michael MacDonald, Michael Webster and Barry and Maria Lawson for their recent support in moving more of our equipment to Evandale. One final move, in the near future, should complete the task.



Nick Scudds

I was saddened to hear of the death of Jim Anderson, aged 94. He was president of the LHS between 1995 and 1997 and updated our Constitution. Until recently, Jim also provided advice to the society with respect to legal matters.

A reminder to members to update subscriptions. Currently, we have approximately 50 unfinancial members. Our treasurer, Marilyn Fraterman, will be available at both General Meetings and shows to accept payment. These can also be made by bank transfer, available via LHS website:

launcestonhorticultural.org.au

To assist in outside protection at our April Show we are investing in four small marquees. The Longford Men's Shed, together with some members, will provide additional cover for both plant stall holders and refreshment venues. The hall's kitchen and servery will be available to provide packaged sandwiches and cakes to both members and the general public. Liquid refreshments will be served outside.

Setting up of the hall for our April Show will begin at 10:00am on Friday 16.

A big welcome must go to Sandra Whiteley, our new President, and the new committee.

Long broad bean seeds (for those interested in a challenge) will be issued at our April General Meeting.

I've included my 2020 and 2021 Annual Reports in this edition.

Happy gardening

Noel Button



Outside plant stalls

FLOWER OF THE NIGHT

One Stem

March	-	Fuchsia
April	-	One stem foliage
May	-	Autumn foliage
June	-	Shrub – flowering or not
July	-	Camellia
August	-	Hellebore



Rob Mercer – new exhibitor



Stunning Dahlia Display

OUR MEMORIES OF RAY

Errol's first memory of Ray was his visit to Ray's garden about 40 years ago.

With a new found love of gardening and a basic knowledge of camellias, Errol saw an advertisement for camellias for sale in the Examiner newspaper.

It was an amazing memory for Errol, walking up Ray's garden path for the first time that September, met by the sheer variety of camellias in bloom. Ray was around the back, sitting on a stool grafting camellias while listening to the football. Errol bought two or three that day, and many more after frequent visits.

We have Ray to thank for his encouragement to enter the flower shows. Before we became members of the LHS Society, we were always impressed by the volume and perfection of Ray's colourful camellias.

When we began exhibiting as members, we found in Ray a welcoming face, and always a helpful guide as novice and intermediate competitors.

It was both an honour and a huge challenge, when we were moved to the Open Section, realizing we were up against the best.



Errol & Stephanie Imlach

Ray was competitive for sure, but also humble and encouraging. We remember his buckets full of flowers, admired his keenness and love of exhibiting, and will always think fondly of Ray when we exhibit our blooms in the hall at future shows.

Errol and Stephanie

ANNUAL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT EXHIBITION

After last years' disappointing cancellation, the Annual Cactus and Succulent Exhibition and Sales was held at Australian Italian Club on 6 February. With over 1000 people coming to the show, it was a huge success. Stallholders came from all over Tasmania, with plants that are rarely seen, as well as the more popular ones.

There was also a competition with various sections, and very worthwhile prizes; and an exhibition of rare and unusual plants, to add interest to the show.

\$3033 raised by the show was donated to St Giles to help improve their "Wild Space" garden for clients.

Pam Bennell
Cactus & Succulent Group

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020

As stated in our Constitution, the main objective of the LHS is to promote and foster interest in horticulture. I hope you will agree that this year we have come a long way to achieving our aim.

Our 4 shows continue to be an attraction for the public with well in excess of 2000 patrons attending overall. "*The LHS presents the best horticultural displays in Tasmania*", is a comment I frequently hear. This, I am sure, is something of which we can all be proud.

To reflect the various seasons each show has had its unique features:

AUTUMN The floor presentation of produce together with floral chairs created an amazing celebration of Autumn and Harvest time.
Judge Les Hodge's comment that it was the best display of produce he had ever judged.
The new begonia floret display boxes which added amazing colour to the hall.

EARLY SPRING The challenge of the hall's dilapidated state resulted in an innovated layout.
The introduction of the Cactus and Succulent section was a resounding success.

LATE SPRING The smallest of our shows. A very pretty show and as one member commented: "*A terrific show*".

SUMMER A hall bursting with exhibits was a fitting show for the Governor to open. This is now becoming our biggest show of the year.

We have been most fortunate to have the team of Bob Cherry, Neil and Irene Jordan and Shane O'Connell supporting each of these shows. Their stage displays featuring high quality blooms reflect the expertise of these growers.

Sarah Katarzynski, our Show Secretary, must be thanked for her continued hard work and organisational skills, acquired over many years.

In addition, I want to thank all members who have contributed to the many and varied tasks in running our shows, as success depends on a team effort.

On average, we have achieved a 50 plus attendance at meetings with many new and regular presenters extending our horticultural knowledge. The raffle, competitions and trade table continue to be well supported. The Launceston City Council has willingly provided a new whiteboard and secure cupboard in the kitchen. I thank all members who help with the smooth running of these meetings.

At last, our website is up and running. This, in conjunction with our Facebook page will allow for better communication with the wider community. Again, I must thank Kai Johnston and Dr Trish Corrie for the many hours they invested in making this a reality. In addition, I owe Abby Gray, Vicki McCormack and Michael Webster a debt of gratitude for their Facebook contributions.

This year, 3 members have been recognised by GCA for their contributions to our society:

Gayle Carroll – service to Floral Art

Norma Purton – general service over many years

Ray Hawkins – general service over many years

In addition, Charlie Smith was recognised for his extensive work as an exhibitor, breeder and promoter of dahlias.

This year, the Bulb and Alpine group has unfortunately experienced a decline and may be forced into recess if a co-ordinator cannot be found.

The Floral Art workshops have been well attended and bench exhibits well supported. As many of you are aware, Floral Art continues to be a major part of our shows. A thank you to Gail Carroll and her team.

The Cactus and Succulent group continues to grow in popularity with up to 28 members attending each meeting. Just giving you the heads up: It is now a bring your own chair situation!

This trend has resulted in over 100 entries in this section in each of the last three shows. Again, Pam Bennell and her team are to be thanked for their efforts.

Financially, the society has completed another year on favourable terms with each show on average returning an income of \$4000, allowing us to invest in show infrastructure and subsidised excursions. Special thanks must go to our treasurer, Marilyn Fraterman.

I must also thank Patricia Beams, our landscape editor, for all her hard work this year.

As you well know, health and safety challenges have forced us to seek an alternative show venue. We have been very fortunate to find the Evandale Memorial Hall which more than meets our requirements and will no doubt allow us to implement new ideas into the future.

The passing of Ray Hawkins, a life member of our society, has been a great loss felt by many members. Ray made a huge contribution to the LHS over five plus decades. In honour of Ray, we anticipate creating a special award in the Camellia section of our show together with a memorial plant in City Park. The latter has posed a challenge due to the parks Heritage Classification.

Talking about City Park - Norma Purton, Liz Atkins and Tony Dennett have continued to maintain the Dahlia Beds. These beds create an enormous amount of interest with visitors and continue the LHS' continued historical association with City Park.

Finally, I must thank the committee for their collegial and continued hard work in achieving the goals of our society.

Noel Button

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021

This year has been very testing for both our members and particularly our committee.

The lockdown in March 2020, the week prior to our AGM, forced the LHS into recess until October.

When the committee was finally able, the decision was made to create some sense of normality and we held a general meeting in December. Fortunately, this meeting and another in January gave us an opportunity to prepare for our Summer Show at Evandale.

Satisfying all requirements to meet the Northern Midlands Council's protocols proved a challenge in setting up for our first show at Evandale. The support provided by members and others was most heartening. I extend my appreciation and thanks to those involved.

The risks taken moving to Evandale were more than rewarded. Attendance doubled to approximately one thousand happy people attending. Numerous positive comments and "wow" statements about the quality of the exhibition and outside plant stalls made all the hard work more than worthwhile. If promotion of horticulture is one of our goals, we certainly achieved it here.

General meetings continue to attract many members and play a crucial part in enhancing our interests in horticulture.

Late last year a substantial donation was made to the LHS when the Tasmanian Daffodil Council was dissolved.

Charlie and Lucy Smith were made Honourary Members of the LHS for their contributions over five decades. In addition, Charlie was awarded the President's Award by Garden Clubs of Australia for his outstanding contribution by an individual to gardening and/or horticulture.

For her contributions to the LHS over many years, Rosie McCullagh has been awarded a Life Membership. Rosie has been a Committee Member, a keen member of the Floral Art Group and a supporter of our shows as a steward and exhibitor.

In February, forty members and friends travelled to Hobart to visit the beautiful Government House gardens, an amazing Otago Bay garden and Runnymede.

The Cactus and Succulent Group has continued to meet in the latter months of 2020, visiting several nurseries and private collections with the majority of members participating. This group also co-ordinated the northern annual Cactus and Succulent Exhibition and Sales.

With regular workshops, since October, the Floral Art Group continues to attract new members.

Norma Purton, Liz Atkins and Marilyn Donald continue to maintain the LCC City Park dahlia beds and in the off season volunteer their time elsewhere in the park.



Charlie Smith

I must thank the Westbury Garden Club for readily swapping the timing of their Spring Show with ours to resolve a glitch in bookings for the Evandale Hall. This should please members of both clubs as it allows them to enjoy both shows.

Monissa Whitely is our new website manager. Her regular updates allow members and the wider community to have current information about what the LHS is doing. In addition, Patricia Beams must be thanked for her continuing work with The Landscape.

I must extend a special thank you to our executive members – Liz Atkins, Sarah Katarzynski and Marilyn Fraterman for the many hours trouble-shooting issues throughout the pandemic.

Again, I must also thank our committee for their continued collegiality and support over two years and their efforts in addressing many challenges.

As this is my final year as President, I must express my appreciation to all of those members who have continued to support the LHS over the past four years. I hope I have contributed to addressing the goals of the LHS and it has been with this in mind I have directed my energies.

Noel Button



*Noel Button, Marilyn Fraterman
& Liz Atkins*

HOBART EXCURSION



Government House's Old Quarry



Cliff Chick & Sandra Whiteley



Gill & Trevor Beever



*Pam Watkins, Jocelyn Watson &
Vicki McCormack*

SUMMER SHOW



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Ros Daly & Erica Maxwell



Ros Groom & Jean Roper



Larry Harvey



Abby Gray & Sadie Roberts



Graham Tuthill & Warren Prewer



David Pike, Elizabeth Taylor & Sue Love



SUMMER SHOW



Harley Allen & Faye Gardner



A SELECTION OF SUMMER SHOW JUDGES' COMMENTS

Open Dahlia Section

"This was both a pleasure and difficult to judge section. With the great number of entries and overall high standard, with quality blooms in every scheduled item. The winners would have fared well at the last American Dahlia Society National Show that I judged at in Grand Rapids in 2019. A credit to all the growers and the Horticultural Society members for putting on a great show and display."

Kindest regards,
Warren Vigor

Tuberous Begonia Section

"This class is one of the best I have judged. Entries are well presented, clean and problem free."

Charlie Smith



Brian Smith & Warren Vigor

Lilium / Hydrangea / Fuchsia Sections

"All exhibits were worthy of prizes and well presented. I would love a bulb of the champion bloom. Just beautiful." A small but wonderful display of fuchsias. Hydrangeas were a pleasure to judge but decisions were hard."

Les Hodge

Cut Flower Section

"A beautiful, stunning collection of cut flowers – the varieties were amazing and varied. Congratulations to all exhibitors. A beautiful Native Section was hard to judge"

Container Grown Plants / Fruit and Vegetables

"Very good entries with unusual plants. Well presented by all.

Lovely fresh entries, well presented. Congratulations to all exhibitors. A lot of effort went into the vegetable baskets.

A pleasure to judge all sections."

Graeme Tuthill

Floral Art Section

"Wonderful to see such quality work and a high standard with unusual materials".

Robyn Matthews



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DAHLIA, GLADIOLI, LILIUM & BEGONIA

GLADIOLI SECTION

Grand Champion Gladioli Bloom

Winner: Robert & Kaye Jaffray

Best Open Gladioli

Winner: Robert & Kaye Jaffray

Best Intermediate Gladioli –

Winner: David Pyke

Best Novice Gladioli

Winner: Ros Aulich

Class 1 Gladioli – 3 Spikes Distinct –

Winner: Robert & Kaye Jaffray

Class 1A Gladioli – 3 spikes Distinct

– HR Bulman Trophy Sue Love



DAHLIA SECTION

Grand Champion Dahlia - Miss M Lowe Perpetual Award

Winner: Nick Scudds Flower Name: "Jan Lennon"

Reserve Champion Dahlia

Winner: Karon & Brian Smith Flower Name: "Devon Mystique"

Best Open Dahlia

Winner: Nick Scudds Flower Name: "Jan Lennon"

Best Intermediate Dahlia

Winner: Noel Button Flower Name: "Light Accord"

Best Novice Dahlia

Winner: E & S Imlach

Class 18 – 9 Distinct Dahlias. The Brocklands Dahlia Championship

- 1st Robert Mercer
- 2nd Karon & Brian Smith
- 3rd Nick Scudds

Class 19 - The Launceston Dahlia Championship for Tasmanian raised varieties

Winner: Karon & Brian Smith

Class 20 – THE FORMBY CHALLENGE

Winner: Robert Mercer 2nd Robert Mercer

Class 21 - INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP – 4 dahlias

Winner: Noel Button

Class 22 – NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP – 2 blooms, can be all the same colour/variety or different

Winner: Liz Atkins

Don Room Encouragement Awards for the most points in Intermediate and Novice Sections

Winner – Intermediate Section: ...Noel Button

Winner – Novice Section: Errol & Stephanie Imlach

Best Exhibit Certificates:

Best Large or Giant Cactus

Winner:	Robert Mercer	Flower Name:	“Kiara Julia”
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Best Medium Cactus

Winner:	Nick Scudds	Flower Name:	“Jan Lennon”
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Best Small Cactus

Winner:	Karon & Brian Smith	Flower Name:	“Formby Elite”
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Best Miniature Cactus

Winner:	Karon & Brian Smith	Flower Name:	“Devon Seduction”
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Best Large or Giant Decorative

Winner:	Robert Mercer	Flower Name:	“Christie Houston”
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Best Medium Decorative

Winner:	Karon & Brian Smith	Flower Name:	“Vera’s Elma”
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Best Small Decorative

Winner:	Karon & Brian Smith	Flower Name:	“Formby Crown”
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Best Miniature Decorative

Winner:	Karon & Brian Smith	Flower Name:	“Devon Mystique”
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Best Pompon

Winner: Noel Button

Best Exhibition Cactus

Winner: N/A

Best Water Lily

Winner:	Robert Mercer	Flower Name:	“Wildwood Marie”
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Best Fimbriated

Winner:	Nick Scudds	Flower Name:	“Jennie”
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Best Collarette

Winner:	Nick Scudds	Flower Name:	“Kelsey Annie Joy”
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Best Ball Type

Winner:	Robert Mercer	Flower Name:	“Ivanetti”
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Best Bi-colour

Winner: Robert Mercer Flower Name: "Kenora Sunset"

Any other variety recognised by the A.D.C.

Winner: Nick Scudds Flower Name: "Sandia Garnet"

Best Seedling

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith Flower Name: Seedling

Best Vase of 3

Winner: Karon & Brian Smith Flower Name: "Formby Art"

LILIUM SECTION

Grand Champion Lilium

Winner: Neil & Irene Jordan Flower Name: "Cam Alpha"

Best Open Lilium

Winner: Neil & Irene Jordan Flower Name: "Cam Alpha"

Best Intermediate Lilium

Winner: N/A

Best Potted Lilium in Container

Winner: N/A



FLOWERING TUBEROUS BEGONIA SECTION

Grand Champion Potted Begonia

Winner: Michael Webster

Best Open Potted Begonia

Winner: Michael Webster

Best Collection of Begonia Florets

Winner: Peter Bugg

Best Begonia Floret from classes I 13 to I 18:

Winner: Peter Bugg



CUT FLOWERS SECTION

Best Exhibit – Open Cut Flower Section -

Winner: Neil & Irene Jordan Flower Name: Vireya "My Friend"

Best Exhibit – Intermediate Cut flower Section

Winner: August Dingemanse Flower Name: Sunflower

Best Exhibit – Fuchsia

Winner: Pauline Torrents

Best Exhibit – Rock and Alpine Section

Winner: Neil & Irene Jordan Flower Name: Lewisias

Best Exhibit Hydrangea

Winner: Robert & Kaye Jaffray Flower Name: Red hydrangea



CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS SECTION

Best Exhibit – Open Section -

Winner : Noel Button For: Foliage pot plant

Best Exhibit – Intermediate Section

Winner: Sarah Katarzynski Flower Name: Fern

Best Exhibit – Hanging Basket

Winner: Noel Button Flower Name: Flowering begonia

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SECTION

Best Exhibit in the Fruit Section

Winner: Warren Prewer For: Peaches

Best Exhibit in the Vegetable Section

Winner: M, M & T Squires For: Onions

Best Exhibit in the Fruit and/or Vegetable Basket Section

Winner: Noel Button For: Large basket

Largest Zucchini

Winner: Warren Prewer

Best Tomato Exhibit

Winner: Noel Button



FLORAL ART SECTION

Open Section

Joan Ward Award for the most Outstanding Exhibit in Open Floral Art:-

Winner: Gayle Carrol For: Traditional asymmetrical design incl. fruit

Traditional asymmetrical design (to incorporate some fruit)

- 1st Gayle Carroll
- 2nd Sarah Katarzynski

“Simply Refreshing”

- 1st Gayle Carroll
- 2nd Sarah Katarzynski

Myrtle Burrows Certificate for Most Outstanding Exhibit in Intermediate Floral Art –

Winner: Alice Imlach

For: Traditional asymmetrical design

Traditional asymmetrical design

- 1st Alice Imlach
- 2nd Marilyn Donald



“Nature’s Jewels” – a Pave design

1st Rosie McCullagh

2nd Alice Imlach

AMATEUR FLORAL ART

Best exhibit in Amateur Section

Winner: Melissa Lubke

For: Gift basket for Valentine’s Day

A gift basket for Valentine’s Day

1st Melissa Lubke

2nd Kate Swift

CHILDREN’S SECTION

Best Exhibit overall in the entire Children’s Section:

Winner: Noah Bullock

For: Floral carpet “Pave”

6 years and under:

Floral clock on a plate

1st Lillian Skinner

2nd N/A

“Mr Zucchini Man”

1st - N/A

2nd

7 - 10 years

A bowl of summer flowers

1st Maisy Swift

2nd Mabel Skinner

A floral carpet design on a plate

1st Alex Bullock

2nd Mabel Skinner

11-14 years

A floral carpet (Pave)

1st Noah Bullock

2nd Jezeriah Lubke

Flowers going vertical

1st Jezeriah Lubke

2nd Noah Bullock

