



# The Launceston Landscape



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## Society Meetings

A reminder that our regular monthly meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

13 Jan Charlie Smith – Dahlias

17 Feb Tim Murch – Growing Mushrooms

17 Mar Bob Reid – Nurseries in the UK

*Guests and new members welcome!*

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## Show Calendar 2021

6 & 7 Feb	Summer Show
17 & 18 Apr	Autumn Show

## Results of Summer Show Raffle

June Hazzlewood	Blue ceramic snail & Leucodendron
Joan North	2 Planter bowls & assorted garden items
Jo Jones	Tub of Seamungus & tulip picture
Craig Metcalfe	Collection of plants
Loreen Sulzberger	Plant stand, Hosta & Flourish Fertiliser

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## 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



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to a belated edition of the *Landscape*. We go from one Summer edition to another. Hopefully we can look forward to a year with some sense of "possible normality".

Please note most of this *Landscape* was prepared just before the lock down in March.

At this point the Committee have decided to push forward with our February Show and to have an earlier General Meeting in January. This will allow an extra week for preparation at our new venue. Please note our General Meeting will be on 13 January. Our General Meetings will then return to the third Wednesday of the month.

It was a delight to have our patron, the Governor, officially open our Summer Show and present some awards. Her passion for gardening was evident in the many compliments and comments she made while visiting our show. In addition her passion has also resulted in the upgrading of the gardens at Government House with many tours being offered (Produce Garden Tour, Ornamental Garden Tour and Significant Trees Tour). An excursion has been organised to visit these gardens on the 11 February, 2021.

The Summer Show was a great success both in the number of exhibits and attendees. It would have to be one of the biggest and best floral displays we have presented. A **BIG THANK YOU** to members for your support in making this show a great success.

In addition, congratulations must go to the following exhibitors:

- Champion Gladioli - Robert and Kay Jaffray**
- Champion Dahlia - Greg Fooks**
- Champion Begonia - Graeme Tuthill**
- Champion Lilium - Neil and Irene Jordan**

Unfortunately, Ray Hawkins, one of our Life Members was unable to exhibit due to ill health. His wife, Joan, received the Ann Williams Clark Medallion from the Governor on Ray's behalf. This was awarded for Ray's extensive contributions to the LHS over many decades. Sadly Ray passed away on Friday 28 February. No doubt many members will have fond memories of Ray and if any of you would like to forward me comments and or stories about Ray we would like to publish them in our next *Landscape*.



*Noel Button, The Honourable Kate Warner & Joan Hawkins*





*Ray Hawkins*



*Barry Lawson*

After many long discussions, the Committee unanimously supported our move to the Evandale Memorial Hall for our Autumn Show (now Summer Show) and beyond.

This site offers a great opportunity and potential moving into the future. It will be important that committee and members communicate this move to the general public to avoid confusion. A special thank you to all members who helped to move our show equipment from St Ailbe's -

### **WHAT A TEAM EFFORT!**

Everything was washed to remove mould and is safely stored at Evandale.

It was pleasing to see members participate in our Virtual Autumn Show during the lockdown. This was organised by the QV Museum and the LHS. This is a possible communication link we need to investigate in the future.

I have recently been informed that the Tasmanian Daffodil Council will no longer operate due to falling numbers. The TDC was a group of daffodil enthusiasts from around the state, established in 1967. However, there are many keen daffodil growers in the state and they will continue to support our early Spring Shows.

On the topic of daffodils, it was my pleasure to attend the opening of the Memorial Garden for Mike Temple-Smith in Hobart. Mike was a past President of the LHS. A thank you to Mary Crowe, who has provided a brief report on this event.

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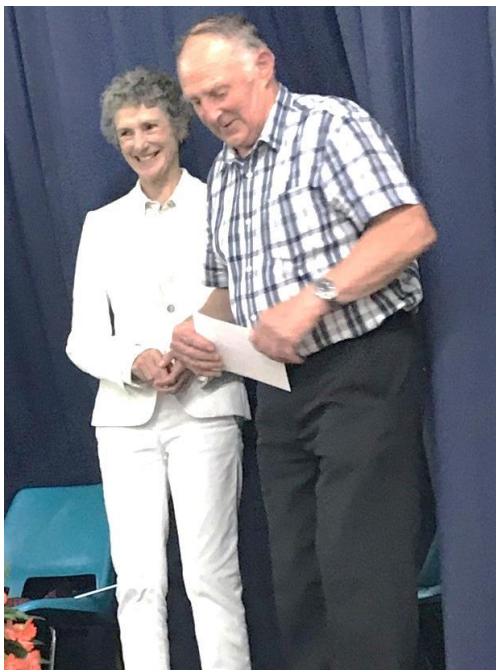
Malcolm Cohan has kindly provided a report on the Duke Street Pumpkin Challenge. In addition to the pumpkin competition the street community took on our longest Broad Bean Competition – a much easier task than growing large pumpkins. What a wonderful community spirit!

In September, I met up with the “Governor’s team” in Penguin. As a follow-up to her opening of our February Show she has invited forty members of the LHS to visit the gardens of Government House free of charge.

The Committee has decided financial members from last year will remain financial members for this year. Unfinancial members will be required to pay their subs as soon as possible.

Looking forward to a successful Summer Show at Evandale.

Cheers Noel



*The Honourable Kate Warner  
& Greg Fooks*



*The Honourable Kate Warner  
& Gayle Carroll*

## **FLOWER OF THE NIGHT**

### **One Stem**

January	-	Hydrangea
February	-	Dahlia
March	-	Fuchsia
April	-	One stem foliage
May	-	Autumn foliage



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## THE MIKE TEMPLE-SMITH MEMORIAL GARDEN



*David Pike & Mike Temple-Smith*

Some eighty friends and relatives of the late Dr Mike Temple-Smith attended a most enjoyable afternoon in September at the home of Wilmar Bouman and Matthew Ryan in Acton for the official opening of the Mike Temple-Smith Memorial Garden.

During the last years of Mike's illness he grew the bulk of his daffodils in the back garden of his wife, Ruth's daughter, Della. Many seedlings and miniature varieties he grew at home. With some help from my husband, Kevin, Mike dug and bagged the bulbs from Della's garden and entrusted them to Mike's friend, Wilmar

Bouman. Wilmar is a respected landscape gardener, having created the beautiful garden at Corinda on the Glebe some years ago. In his new home, formerly belonging to his parents, Wilmar planned a new enterprise – a Memorial Garden for Mike's lovely daffodils.

The bulbs were simply bedded for the first two years and meticulously catalogued by name and colour. Wilmar's aim was to create a visually stunning walk between two banks of daffodils, tulips and ultimately blue hyacinths reminiscent of the displays seen in his native Holland. The ground was prepared and irrigation laid. Wilmar has used natural timber to great effect and planted birch trees to create an attractive cover.

On the day of the opening the daffodils were in full display complemented by golden tulips and other interesting shrubs. I have never seen bulbs planted with such precision, each having space to multiply. The blooms were large and very healthy, a tribute to Wilmar's knowledge and care. A plaque organised by Ruth is made from a piece of Huon Pine. With some difficulty Ruth found a photo of Mike in profile which was used as the design for the plaque. The design was burnt onto the wood and placed by Wilmar in a rustic setting.



*Mike's Memorial Garden*

Ruth, daughter Della and Rotary friends contributed to a delicious afternoon tea in Wilmar's barn. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Mike's achievements in the daffodil world as it drew together friends from many different areas in Mike's very full life. The garden will be indeed a glorious display in years to come when fully mature. Thank you, Ruth and Wilmar for this remarkable garden and the opportunity to visit it.

Mary Crowe

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# DUKE STREET PUMPKIN CHALLENGE REPORT

## January 2020

Duke Street is a quiet residential street in West Launceston with a range of age groups including many families.

The street is working on becoming more like a “village” to improve residents support for each other and increase the sense of community. For example, the street has a Facebook page and an annual street party. This year there was an idea to hold a giant pumpkin growing competition as many of the residents are keen gardeners.



*Measuring, Malcolm Cowan & Andy Collings*

With the help of Noel Button from the Horticultural Society, seeds were sourced and an initial distribution made to 13 residents. Unfortunately, there was a false start with the poor viability of the seeds and a second round was distributed along with some reserve seedlings.

Initial enthusiasm has waned a little as seeds failed to germinate or were forgotten over the holidays. We are down to a hard core of five competitors now with good strong plants.

However, the word spread and two residents of nearby Wyett Street have laid down a pumpkin challenge to Duke Street. Let's hope for a good growing season and an

exciting weigh in. We are already taking notes on how to do it better next year!

Malcolm Cowan

## HOBART EXCURSION

### Thursday 11 February 2021

The excursion will include three garden visits –

- Parliament House
- Runnymede
- Otago Bay Garden

Cost \$50 per head.

Fill in sheet at General Meetings or contact Liz Atkins on 0448 852 552.

Morning and afternoon tea provided. Bring your own lunch. Financial members given preference.



From the desk of Neutrog's  
resident microbiologist  
**Dr. Uwe Stroehler**

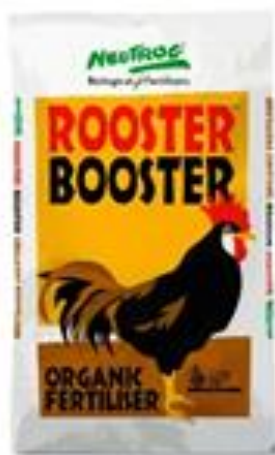
## 'How to Improve Hydrophobic Soil'

by Neutrog's Microbiologist, Dr Uwe Stroehler

Most gardeners are aware that organic fertilisers stimulate soil microbes, however you may not realise that when you use an organic fertiliser, it actually helps soil to overcome water repellence issues, and the hottest part of the year is the most crucial time for getting the best out of this precious resource

The inability of soils to take up water is really down to the waxy coating on soil particles. These waxes come from either soil microbes or plant material which hasn't broken down completely (Eucalyptus leaves are a great example). When conditions become unfavourable, microbes secrete compounds which make the soil water repellent. For sandy soils, only about 2-4% of the particles need to be coated for water to be repelled, and for clay soil it's about 10%.

Simply put, we need a microbial-active soil to break down organic material, which means that bacteria and fungi don't find themselves in an unfavourable environment, such as a lack of nitrogen. Using an organic fertiliser such as Neutrog's Rooster Booster will provide nutrients (including nitrogen) to feed your plants and to stimulates these soil microbes. I even use Rooster Booster in my compost to get it cooking, which often lacks nitrogen. Rooster Booster is truly a product for all gardeners – even if you're lazy like me and just want to improve your soil's wettability and feed your plants at the same time.



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## THE BUZZY BUSTER

*Acaena novae-zelandiae* or common old buzzy is a small herbaceous perennial which is stoloniferous with prostrate stems. The leaves are toothed and shiny and any damage to the stolons encourages new shoots. It occurs in a wide range of habitat but typically in areas that received a high amount of sun and establishes itself readily on disturbed sites. I have read where this plant can be used as a ground cover or lawn substitute but I think you would have to be pretty desperate. Maybe I'm wrong.

The flowers which are little balls lack petals and range in colour from green, white or purple and are produced on scapes about 10cm long and are wind pollinated. The flower as it matures forms a ball with spines tipped with barbs which aid in dispersal. Especially on socks, trousers and dogs.

Recently we have had lots of buzzies growing along our fence line and before dealing with the plant we needed to get rid of the seed heads. The solution was so simple and effective. Just tie some old socks or cut up woolen jumper to the end of a pole and lightly drag over the plant, within seconds the plant is buzzy free and you can dispose of the seed by burning or in the garbage.

Norma Purton





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# SUMMER SHOW





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*Sue Love & Warren Prewer*



*Susan Prewer & Graham Tuthill*



*Harley Russell, Abby Gray & Les Hodge*



*Mrs Tuthill & Lucy Smith*



*Irene Jordan, Shane O'Connell & Bob Cherry*



*Karon & Brian Smith*



*Betty Grace, Rae Lindsay & Jannine Walker*



*Helen Martin, Charlie Smith & Gill Forsyth*



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# SUMMER SHOW





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*Cut Flowers*



*Stage Display*



*Succulents*



*Liz Atkins & Norma Purton (absent Tony Dennett)  
"Working on Dahlia Bed in City Park"*



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**THE LAUNCESTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY INC**  
**RESULTS SHEET – 1 FEBRUARY 2020**  
**SUMMER SHOW FEATURING**  
**GLADIOLI, DAHLIA, LILIUM & BEGONIA**

**GLADIOLI SECTION**

**Grand Champion Gladioli Bloom**

Winner: Robert & Kay Jaffray

**Best Open Gladioli**

Winner: Robert & Kay Jaffray

**Best Intermediate Gladioli**

Winner: Trevor Davis

**Best Novice Gladioli**

Winner: Sue Love

**Class I Gladioli – 3 Spikes Distinct –**

Winner: Robert & Kay Jaffray

**Class IA Gladioli – 3 spikes Distinct – HR Bulman Trophy**

Winner:



**DAHLIA SECTION**

**Grand Champion Dahlia - MISS M LOWE PERPETUAL AWARD**

Winner: Greg Fooks

Flower Name: "Lite Accord"

**Reserve Champion Dahlia**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith

Flower Name: "Devon Seduction"

**Best Open Dahlia**

Winner: Greg Fooks

Flower Name: "Lite Accord"

**Best Intermediate Dahlia**

Winner: Noel Button

Flower Name: "Bracken Sarah"

**Best Novice Dahlia**

Winner: Melinda Corney

**Class 18 – 9 Distinct Dahlias.**

**The Launceston Examiner**

**Dahlia Championship**

1<sup>st</sup>: Chas & Lucy Smith

2<sup>nd</sup>: Chas & Lucy Smith

3<sup>rd</sup>: Karon & Brian Smith



*"Lite Accord"*

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**Class 19 - The Launceston Dahlia Championship for Tasmanian raised varieties**

Winner: Karon & Brian Smith

**Class 20 – 6 Distinct Blooms - Decorative Dahlia**

Winner: Karon & Brian Smith

**Class 21 - 6 Distinct Blooms Miniature Cactus – G H CLEAVER PERPETUAL AWARD**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith

**Class 22 - “Devon Toledo” Challenge**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith

2<sup>nd</sup>: Karon & Brian Smith

**Class 23 – THE FORMBY CHALLENGE**

Winner: Karon & Brian Smith      2<sup>nd</sup>: Karon & Brian Smith

**Class 25 – NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP – 3 blooms, can be all the same colour/variety or different**

Winner: Sue Love

**DON ROOM ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS for the most points in Intermediate and Novice Sections**

Winner: Intermediate Section: Tony Dennett

Winner: Novice Section: Melinda Corney

**BEST EXHIBIT CERTIFICATES:**

**Best Large or Giant Cactus**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith      Flower Name: “Kiara Julia”

**Best Medium Cactus**

Winner: Greg Fooks      Flower Name: “Lite Accord”

**Best Small Cactus**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith      Flower Name: “Medallion”

**Best Miniature Cactus**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith      Flower Name: “Devon Seduction”

**Best Large or Giant Decorative**

Winner: Karon & Brian Smith      Flower Name: “Veras Elma”

**Best Medium Decorative**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith      Flower Name: “Formby Monarch”

**Best Small Decorative**

Winner: Noel Button      Flower Name: “Bracken Sarah”

**Best Miniature Decorative**

Winner: Brian & Karon Smith      Flower Name: “Formby Louisa”

**Best Pompon**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith      Flower Name: ”Willow Borilus”

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**Best Exhibition Cactus**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith Flower Name: "Cricket"

**Best Water Lily**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith Flower Name: "Figurine"

**Best Fimbriated**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith Flower Name: "Granite Embers"

**Best Collarette**

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

**Best Ball Type**

Winner: Karon & Brian Smith Flower Name: "Ivanetti"

**Best Bi-colour**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith Flower Name: "Devon Seduction"

**Any other variety recognised by the ADC**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith Flower Name: "Granite Queen Bee"

**Best Seedling.**

Winner: Chas & Lucy Smith Flower Name: Small red decorative

**Best Vase of 3**

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

**LILIUM SECTION****Grand Champion Lilium**

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

**Best Open Lilium**

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

**Best Intermediate Lilium**

Winner: Paul Corney Flower Name: Orienpet

**Best Potted Lilium in Container**

Winner: Paul Corney Flower Name: Orienpet

**FLOWERING TUBEROUS BEGONIA SECTION****Grand Champion Potted Begonia**

Winner: G & M Tuthill

**Best Open Potted Begonia**

Winner: G & M Tuthill

**Best Intermediate Potted Begonia**

Winner: Noel Button

**Best Collection of Begonia Florets**

Winner: G & M Tuthill





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**Best Begonia Floret from classes I16 to I21:**

Winner: G & M Tuthill

**CUT FLOWERS SECTION**

**Best Exhibit – Open Cut Flower Section -**

Winner: Neil & Irene Jordan Flower Name: Delphinium spike

**Best Exhibit – Intermediate Cut flower Section**

Winner: Sue Love Flower Name: Sunflowers

**Best Exhibit – Fuchsia**

Winner: Pauline Torrents Flower Name: 6 distinct blooms, double

**Best Exhibit – Rock and Alpine Section**

Winner: Neil & Irene Jordan Flower Name: Lewisia collection

**Best Exhibit Hydrangea**

Winner: Arthur Sowell Flower Name: Collection

**CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS SECTION**

**Best Exhibit – Open Section -**

Winner: Michael Webster For: Rex begonia

**Best Exhibit – Intermediate Section**

Winner: Sadie Roberts Flower Name: Foliage pot plant

**Best Exhibit – Hanging Basket**

Winner: Bob Cherry Flower Name: Hanging Begonia

**CACTI AND SUCCULENTS**

**Best Cactus**

Winner: Natalia Galuszka

**Best Succulent**

Winner: Louise Button

**Best multi-planted  
container of cacti/succulents**

Winner: Kay Gilmore

**Best flowering cacti/succulent**

Winner: Pam Bennell Flower Name: Gymnocalycium

**Best Succulent in the Junior Section**

Winner: Etham Howard Flower Name: Cotoledon



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## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SECTION

### Best Exhibit in the Fruit Section

Winner: Noel Button For: Figs

### Best Exhibit in the Vegetable Section

Winner: Noel Button For: Truss tomato

### Best Exhibit in the Fruit and/or Vegetable Basket Section

Winner: Noel Button

### Largest Zucchini

Winner: Trevor Davis

### 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 Carroll For: Line arrangement

#### “Summer Sizzler”

1<sup>st</sup>: Sarah Katarzynski

2<sup>nd</sup>: Christine Owen

A line arrangement of your choice featuring succulents and foliage

1<sup>st</sup>: Gayle Carroll

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sarah Katarzynski

#### “Rugged splendour”

1<sup>st</sup>: Sarah Katarzynski

2<sup>nd</sup>: Rae Lindsay

## MYRTLE BURROWS' AWARD

### for Most Outstanding Exhibit in Intermediate Floral Art

Winner: Betty Grace For: Wood with lilies or roses

#### Hearts & Flowers

1<sup>st</sup>: Vicki McCormack

2<sup>nd</sup>: Suzanne Bullock

A traditional crescent arrangement featuring succulents and foliage

1<sup>st</sup>: Betty Grace

2<sup>nd</sup>: Suzanne Bullock

Wood with lilies OR roses

1<sup>st</sup>: Betty Grace

2<sup>nd</sup>: Marilyn Donald



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## CHILDREN'S SECTION

### Best Exhibit overall in the entire Children's Section:

Winner: Alex Bullock For: Succulent garden

### 6 years and under:

Dress a doll

1<sup>st</sup>: Mabel Skinner

2<sup>nd</sup>: Maisy Swift

A floral heart on a plate

1<sup>st</sup>: Maisy Swift

2<sup>nd</sup>: Darcy Standage

### 7 - 10 years

A decorated toy

1<sup>st</sup>: Audrey Standage

2<sup>nd</sup>: Alex Bullock

My little succulent garden

1<sup>st</sup>: Alex Bullock

2<sup>nd</sup>: Audrey Standage

### 11-14 years

An arrangement in a novelty container

1<sup>st</sup>: Noah Bullock

A small box of bright summer flowers

1<sup>st</sup>: Noah Bullock

