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"My Show – Making Memories"

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HORTICULTURE SCHEDULE

SECTION B: Flowers and Plants

(POT PLANTS, INCLUDING BONSAI, CACTI & SUCCULENTS; CUT FLOWERS, INCLUDING DAHLIAS & ROSES; & FLORAL ART)



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General Information:

Entry Forms and Delivery Times

- Produce entries on-line until 6th February 2026 2pm.
- Produce entries and Entry Forms will be accepted on Thursday 12th February 2026 between 3pm & 8pm
- Produce entries will be accepted on Friday 13th February 2026 between 7am and 8am
- Download entry forms in 2026 Maitland Show Competitions, Horticulture
<https://maitlandshowground.com.au/msevents/maitland-show/competitions/>

Entry Fees \$2 per entry (cash or Eftpos) with completed entry form. No refunds are available.

Delivery Location George McDonald Pavilion, Maitland Showground (enter via Evans St Gate)

Collection Times Produce can be collected on Sunday 15 February 2026 between 2pm to 4.30pm. Please note: **Vehicles cannot enter the Showground before 4pm**

Judging Date & Time: Friday 13th February 2026 at 9.30am

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Chief Flowers and Plants Steward Geoff Hicks ghicks47@bigpond.com
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Flora Stewards: Members of the Maitland & District Garden Club

Judge: Ben Mitchell

Judging Date & Time: Friday 13th February 2026 at 10am.



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PRIZES

Prize cards 1st, 2nd & 3rd will be awarded cards

Ribbon + \$50 **Voucher from Flower Power**
Most Successful Exhibitor Overall on points received

Ribbon + \$25 **Voucher from Flower Power (Judges Choices)**
Champion Rose Exhibit
Champion Dahlia Exhibit
Champion Miscellaneous Cut Flower Exhibit
Champion Australian Native Plant Exhibit
Champion Floral Art Exhibit
Champion Pot Plant Exhibit (excluding bonsai, cacti & succulents)
Champion Bonsai Exhibit
Champion Cacti or Succulent Exhibit

Most Successful Rose Exhibitor
Most Successful Miscellaneous Cut Flower Exhibitor
Most Successful Exhibitor in Grade A Floral Art
Most Successful Exhibitor in Grade B Floral Art
Most Successful Exhibitor in Grade C Floral Art

SCALE OF POINTS FOR MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITORS

First	3 points
Second	2 points
Third	1 point

Ribbon only Champion Exhibition Rose
Champion Decorative Rose
Champion Miniature Rose

Donations from Slow Food Hunter Valley Inc., Maitland & District Garden Club, Mutual Bank

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CUT FLOWER SUBSECTION

ABBREVIATIONS: D = distinct means different e.g., separate varieties/cultivars.

NND = not necessarily distinct means an exhibit need not necessarily consist of different/cultivars, they can all be identical or different or they can be more than one colour.

OTHER: All vases will be supplied by the Association unless stipulated otherwise.

FLORAL ART SUBSECTION

GRADES: A – People who have won a Champion at a flower show including Maitland Show, or are instructors, judges or engaged professionally in floral art.
B – People who have NOT won a Champion at a flower show.
C – People who have NOT won more than four 1st prizes at a flower show.

OTHER: All care but no responsibility will be taken for embellishments in the Floral Art Subsection. Any embellishments except artificial flowers are allowed.

POT PLANT SUBSECTION

OTHER: Pot plants must be grown in pots, baskets or mounted. Maximum pot size 30cm diameter.

Note: EACH EXHIBIT MUST BE WORK OF, GROWN OR RAISED BY THE EXHIBITOR.

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CUT FLOWER SECTION

Roses

Explanatory (Extract) Notes from “The Royal Horticultural Society of New South Wales Inc. Judging Standards and Guidelines (2022)”, (with reference to material from THE NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA and THE ROSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (used with permission).

1. ‘The expression “Exhibition Rose”, shall include Hybrid Tea, and Climbing Hybrid Tea type rose which, with or without disbudding can produce one large flower to a stem.’
2. ‘The expression ‘Bunch of Roses”, types as above (1), side buds and side flowers **not** permitted.’
3. ‘The expression “Cluster-Flowered Roses” shall include those previously described as floribunda, floribunda hybrid tea style, floribunda shrub, cluster flowered climber and rambler, hybrid polyantha and polyantha pom-pom.’
4. EXHIBITION TYPE FLOWERS (LARGE FLOWERED): The highest type of exhibition type flower is one which has good form, freshness, size, substance, brilliance, refinement and purity of colour, and which, at time of judging, at the stage of maximum possible beauty.’ Exhibition Type flowers are to be shown singly.
5. ‘DECORATIVE ROSES (LARGE FLOWERED): A decorative rose is one having well-formed petals of good substance, naturally and gracefully arranged to produce a refined shape of more slender proportions than an exhibition bloom. Side buds are allowed.
6. ‘CLUSTER FLOWERED ROSES: The most desirable cluster-flowered stem is one having the optimum number of fresh open or partly open flowers characteristic of the variety, gracefully arranged on the main stem. Faded flowers may be removed but untidy removal will be penalised.
7. ‘MINIATURE ROSES: Miniature roses shall have small flowers together with proportionately small foliage. The stems must be thin and wiry. Flowers may be single or double, borne singly or in well-balanced terminal clusters.



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Dahlia

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1. DECORATIVE DAHLIA - Formal / Informal / Semi Decorative.
Bloom should be fully double. The centre should be closed and should be as high as the surrounding florets. Florets should radiate evenly from the centre without gaps. Depth of the bloom should be at least two thirds, but not more than its diameter.
2. CACTUS DAHLIA
Bloom should be fully double. Centre should be cone-shaped and at least as high as the face florets. Florets should radiate evenly from the centre without uneven gaps between the rows. Florets may be incurved or straight. Depth should be at least two thirds, but not more than its diameter. There should be sufficient florets to prevent gaps in formation and outline.

All exhibits must be judged as seen at the time of judging and not as they possibly were or might become. The stem should be straight, situated centrally to the bloom, rigid and round. Blooms should generally face upwards.

Blooms should be staged, without artificial support, at least 160 mm clear of the staging container.



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CUT FLOWER SECTION

Roses

- 7102 1 vase-bunch of roses-3 stems-NND
- 7103 3 exhibition roses-NND
- 7104 1 exhibition rose
- 7105 3 decorative roses-NND
- 7106 1 cut flowered rose cluster
- 7107 1 vase-bud to full bloom – 4 distinct stages of maturity – same cultivar
- 7108 1 vase of miniature roses – 3 stems – same cultivar
- 7109 1 vase of miniature roses – 3 stems - NND

Dahlias

- 7110 3 decorative dahlias-NND
- 7111 1 decorative dahlia
- 7112 3 cactus dahlias-NND
- 7113 1 cactus dahlia
- 7114 3 dahlias-any other variety-NND
- 7115 1 dahlia-any other variety
- 7116 Vase of dahlias-at least 6 stems-any variety-in own container

Miscellaneous cut flowers

- 7117 3 gerberas-NND
- 7118 1 gerbera
- 7119 3 cuts bract flowers-NND species
- 7120 3 geraniums-NND
- 7121 Collection of mixed flowers-in own container
- 7122 3 cuts flowering shrubs-D. Species including bracts (other than Australian)
- 7123 1 cut flowering shrub (other than Australian native)
- 7124 1 cut flower from Bulb or rhizome
- 7125 1 cut any large flower not listed elsewhere in schedule
- 7126 3 cuts any other flowers-NND species
- 7127 3 to 6 cuts any small flower not listed elsewhere in schedule



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Australian Natives Plant Section

- 7128 3 cuts Australian native flowers-D
- 7129 3 cuts Australian native flowers-NND
- 7130 Australian native flower
- 7131 Collection of Australian native flowers-in own container
- 7132 Flowering Australian Native plant in a pot (maximum size 30cm)
- 7133 Arrangement of Native Flowers

FLORAL ART SECTION

Grade A Floral Art

Maximum Staging 45cm Deep and 56cm Long

- 7134 Arrangement incorporating a photograph
- 7135 Arrangement "Memories"
- 7136 Arrangement Abstract Design – including fresh and/or dried Australian Native horticultural material
- 7137 Arrangement Creative Miniature Design – "The Parasol of Days Gone By" - arrangement to be no more than 100mm overall
- 7138 Wired Corsage using fresh horticultural material

Grade B Floral Art

Maximum Staging 43cm Deep and 50cm Long

- 7139 Arrangement incorporating a photograph
- 7140 Arrangement "Memories"
- 7141 Arrangement "Still Life Design" - to include fresh and/or dried horticultural materials.
- 7142 Arrangement "Twist, Turn and Sparkle"
- 7143 Wired hair comb, using fresh horticultural materials.

Grade C Floral Art

Maximum Staging 30cm Deep and 45cm Long

- 7144 Arrangement incorporating a photograph
- 7145 Arrangement of "Memories"
- 7146 Arrangement "Shades of Green"
- 7147 Wired Buttonhole for the Groom



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POT PLANT SECTION

Maximum Pot Size Staging 30cm Diameter for all classes of Pot Plant

Pot Plants

- 7148 "My Show – Making Memories" Pot Plant on a 30cm circular tray, representing this year's theme.
- 7149 Flowering plant – annual
- 7150 Flowering plant-other than annual
- 7151 Variegated plant – 2 colours
- 7152 Fern-Nephrolepis
- 7153 Fern-Adiantum (maiden hair)
- 7154 Fern-other than Nephrolepis or Adiantum
- 7155 Climbing plant-any variety including ivy
- 7156 Coleus
- 7157 Bromeliad/s
- 7158 Carnivorous plant/s-one pot
- 7159 Begonia-any variety
- 7160 Any type of plant not listed above
- 7161 Any plant or plants mounted
- 7162 Plant or plants in unusual container
- 7163 Kokodama displayed on a saucer, saucer to be a maximum of 15cm.diameter.

Bonsai - max 2 entries per person per class

- 7164 Bonsai-group
- 7165 Bonsai-informal
- 7166 Bonsai-cascade
- 7167 Bonsai tree under 25 cm high miniature
- 7168 Bonsai tree under 25 cm high cascade
- 7169 Bonsai tree under 25 cm high-informal
- 7170 Bonsai tree under 25 cm high-in training
- 7171 Bonsai tree under 25 cm high novice (first time exhibitor in Show)
- 7172 Bonsai using a native Australian plant.



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Cacti & Succulents

- 7173 One pot cacti (single variety)
- 7174 Two pots cacti on tray (2 different varieties)
- 7175 One pot succulent
- 7176 Two pots succulent on tray (2 varieties)
- 7177 Euphorbia – Maximum height 30 cm
- 7178 Euphorbia
- 7179 Cacti and/or succulent garden in shallow pot (cutting not allowed)

INTRODUCING

Lifestyle/Residential/Over 55's Community

Group Entry

7180 Display on theme “My Show – Making Memories” featuring cut flowers, shrub cuttings, pot plants, using own containers and materials. Max overall area – 1.5m x 50 cm display judged on overall effect, appearance and plant variety. (Name of entrant to be added after judging).



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