



Queensland Council of Garden Clubs Inc.

Presents

Plant & Floral Fair **2026**

Schedule

**The Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha
Mt Coot-tha Rd, Toowong**

Acceptance of Entries	Thursday 9 April 2025	2pm – 6pm
	Friday 10 April 2025	7am – 8.30am
Judging of Exhibits	Friday 10 April 2025	9am
Show Open	Friday 10 April 2025	10am – 3.30pm
	Saturday 11 April 2025	9am – 3pm
Presentation of Prizes	Saturday 11 April 2025	2.30 pm
Removal of Entries	Saturday 11 April 2025	3.00pm

PO Box 5545, Stafford Heights, Qld, 4053
Email: secretary2@qcgc.net Website: www.qcgc.net

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. All exhibitors must belong to a member club or society of Queensland Council of Garden Clubs Inc.
2. All exhibitors should comply with the standards set in The Australian Horticultural Show and Judges Manual.
3. There is no fee to enter any exhibit.
4. All entries in Sections 2, 3, 4 (Classes 10 to 59) must be owned (for at least 3 months) and grown by the Exhibitor and of Bench Standard in their species, otherwise, they may be rejected by the steward.
5. Hours of acceptance of entries will be strictly adhered to. All exhibits must be staged by 8.30am Friday when the hall will be closed for judging.
6. Entry form must accompany entries or may be emailed to secretary2@qcgcc.net by 5pm Wednesday 8 April 2026.
7. Exhibits to be named, if known, on cards provided.
8. Stewards only will be allowed to move entries.
9. The judges' decision will be final.
10. Due care will be taken with exhibits; however, QCGC will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage.
11. No exhibit shall be removed before 3pm Saturday.

Conditions of Entry Section 1 - Floral Art

12. Flowers for Section 1 (Floral Art) may be bought.
13. Exhibitors enter the category according to the levels in their own club.
14. Exhibitors in Section 1 (Floral Art) that have won Novice or Intermediate categories twice in previous QCGC's Plant & Floral Spectacular or A Garden A-Fair are required to advance to the next category – unless otherwise approved by GCGC.
15. All exhibits must be the individual exhibitor's own work.
16. Plant material must predominate in all exhibits.
17. Any plant material in its natural state may be used. Artificially coloured plant material is permissible.
18. NO ARTIFICIAL PLANT MATERIAL IS ALLOWED
19. Drapes, bases and accessories may be used.
20. Fresh plant material must be in water or water retaining material unless it remains fresh without water for the full period of the show.
21. Any style of exhibit is permitted unless otherwise stated.

Conditions of Entry Section 2 Cut - Flowers and Foliage

22. Entries in Section 2 (Cut Flowers and Foliage) should be staged in plain bottles (green preferred) - some bottles will be available for exhibitors.
23. No more than two cuts of a particular "variety" per exhibitor in any class eg a person may enter 6 roses but only 2 of a Queen Elizabeth).

Conditions of Entry Section 5 - Photography

24. Photographs to be in colour.
25. Photographs must be taken by exhibitor and not won any previous QCGC Photography competition.
26. Each exhibitor may enter up to 3 photographs per class.
27. Size printed 15cm x 20cm (6"x8") and not mounted.
28. No personal identifiers or watermark can appear in the photographs.
29. Entry form and photographs must be posted to **PO Box 5545, Stafford Heights Qld 4053** and received by 5pm **Friday 20 March 2026**.
30. By entering photographs you agree that it can be used on QCGC website, social media or other promotional material with acknowledgement.
31. Copyright of the photographs belongs to the exhibitor.

Conditions of Entry Section 6 - Club Display

32. Size: floor space 2m x 2m. Maximum height 2m
33. Open to all QCGC member clubs.
34. Horticultural material should predominate.
35. Entry form must be received by 5pm **Friday 20 March 2026 either to PO Box 5545, Stafford Heights Qld 4053** or email secretary2@qcg.net
36. Table and 2 chairs provided if required.

ALLOCATION OF POINTS

Sections 1 – 5

Each entry	1 point
First in class	5 points
Second in class	3 points
Highly commended	1 point

Section 6

Each entry	10 points
First in class	5 points
Second in class	3 points
Highly commended	1 point

SECTION 1 FLORAL ART

Category A: Open

Class 1 Pretty as a Picture

Class 2 Attention Seeker

Class 3 Inferno

Category B: Intermediate

Class 4 Reaching Out

Class 5 Rough and Tough

Category C: Novice

Class 6 Green and Gorgeous

SECTION 2 CUT FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE

- Class 7 1 Hybrid Tea Rose any colour
- Class 8 1 Rose full bloom
- Class 9 1 Stem/Cut Floribunda Rose(s)
- Class 10 1 cut of Miniature/Patio Rose, multiple blooms
- Class 11 1 Dahlia, Formal or Informal Decorative, blooms must measure 160mm or above
- Class 12 1 Dahlia, Formal or Informal Decorative, blooms must measure under 160mm
- Class 13 1 Dahlia, Cactus or Semi Cactus, blooms must measure 160mm or above
- Class 14 1 Dahlia, Cactus or Semi Cactus, blooms must measure under 160mm
- Class 15 1 Dahlia, any other recognised type
- Class 16 1 Hibiscus - any variety
- Class 17 1 cut of Australian Native Flower
- Class 18 1 cut of Flowering Tree or Shrub (not otherwise provided for)
- Class 19 1 cut of Vine or Creeper
- Class 20 1 cut of Geranium or Pelargonium
- Class 21 1 cut of Orchid
- Class 22 1 cut of Flowering Bulb, Rhizome or Tuber (not otherwise provided for)
- Class 23 1 Gerbera – single
- Class 24 1 Gerbera - double
- Class 25 1 Gerbera – any other variety
- Class 26 1 cut of Foliage from Shrub or Tree
- Class 27 1 cut of Foliage (not otherwise provided for eg. leaf)
- Class 28 1 cut of Bracts / Berries
- Class 29 1 cut not otherwise provided for

SECTION 3 CONTAINER PLANTS

Classes 30 – 46: *Maximum container size 25cm unless otherwise specified.*

- Class 30 Begonia in flower
- Class 31 Begonia
- Class 32 Anthurium in flower
- Class 33 Dendrobium Orchid in flower (may be mounted)
- Class 34 Orchid in flower (may be mounted) (not otherwise provided for)
- Class 35 Plant in flower, bract, or berry - container over 150mm (not otherwise provided for)
- Class 36 Plant in flower, bract, or berry - container 150mm or under (not otherwise provided for)
- Class 37 Palm/s (one variety)
- Class 38 Cactus or Succulent
- Class 39 Bromeliad
- Class 40 Bromeliad – in flower or inflorescence
- Class 41 Dieffenbachia
- Class 42 Aglaonema
- Class 43 Fern or Fern Ally - container over 150mm
- Class 44 Fern or Fern Ally - container 150mm or under
- Class 45 Foliage Plant – container over 150mm (not otherwise provided for)
- Class 46 Foliage Plant – container 150mm or under (not otherwise provided for)

Classes 47 – 49: *Maximum container size 35cm*

- Class 47 Fern in hanging container
- Class 48 Plant in flower in hanging container
- Class 49 Plant in hanging container (not otherwise provided for)

SECTION 4 HOME GROWN PRODUCE

- Class 50 1 bunch of mixed herbs (in water - plain glass container)
minimum 4 types (excludes chillies)
- Class 51 1 herb/s growing in a container, **maximum container size 25cm** (excludes chillies)
- Class 52 Root / tuber vegetable with leaves/stems, (see note below)
e.g. 3 beetroot, 5 radish, 3 potatoes
- Class 53 Leaf or stem vegetable with roots/stem, (see note below)
e.g. lettuce, bunch celery, bunch rhubarb
- Class 54 Vegetable not otherwise provided for with roots/stem/leaves,
(see note below) (includes chillies)
e.g. pumpkin – 1, cucumber – 3, cherry tomatoes - 10
- Class 55 Citrus with stem, (see note below)
e.g. lemon – 3, cumquats – 10
- Class 56 Fruit not otherwise provided for with stem
e.g. passion fruit – 5, strawberries – 10, berries – 10, pawpaw
-1, including Avocado

(For further number of items per entry and length of stems / roots / leaves refer to the Australian Horticultural Show and Judges Manual available at the show.)

SECTION 5 PHOTOGRAPHY

See Conditions of entry p3

- Class 57 Close up of a flower
- Class 58 Favourite Spot in my Garden

SECTION 6 CLUB DISPLAY

See Conditions of entry p3

- Class 59 Club display

PRIZES and TROPHIES

Clubs and Societies

1. The **Dr. Jarvis Nye Perpetual Trophy** will be presented to the Club or Society gaining the highest number of points overall.
2. The **Ambassador Dr. Jarvis Nye Perpetual Trophy** will be presented to the Club or Society gaining the highest number of points in Section 1 Floral Art.
3. The **Harold Caulfield Perpetual Trophy** will be presented to the Club or Society gaining the highest number of points in Section 2 Cut Flowers and Foliage.
4. The **Carina Garden Club Dr. Jarvis Nye Perpetual Trophy** will be presented to the Club or Society gaining the highest number of points in Section 4 Home Grown Produce.
5. **\$30.00** will be presented to the Clubs or Societies gaining the highest number of points in Sections 1 - Floral Art, 2 - Cut Flowers and Foliage, 3 - Container Plants, 4 - Home Grown Produce, 5 Photography.
6. **\$125** will be awarded to the winner of Section 6 Club Display. Second place will receive **\$100**.

Individual exhibitor

7. The **President's Award** will be presented to the exhibitor gaining the highest individual points.
8. The **Noela Abeya Perpetual Trophy** will be presented for the best rose.
9. The **Turner Perpetual Trophy** will be presented for the best fern or fern ally.
10. A Prize will be given to the exhibitor gaining the most points in each of Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4.
11. A prize may be given for the winning exhibit in selected classes (1 - 58).

Best Exhibit

12. The Best Exhibit in each of sections 1 to 4 will receive a prize.