

Carniflora News

January 2015

Welcome. This issue of *Carniflora News* provides a summary of the last meeting, happenings in the greenhouse and details of new events.

The Current Executive

The current executive is as follows:

President – Robert Gibson

Vice President & Secretary – Wesley Fairhall

Treasurer & Public Officer – Gareth Hambridge

Committee Member 1 – Terry Watts

Committee Member 2 – Glen Moss

Committee Member 3 – Kirk 'Fuzzy' Hirsch

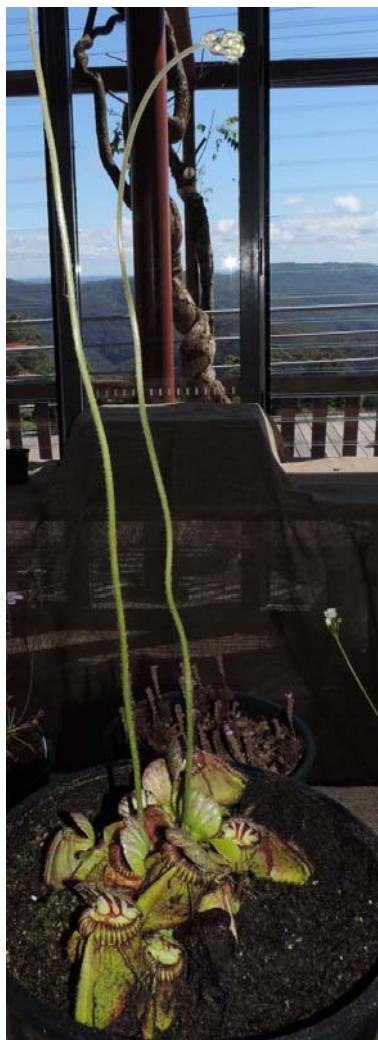
Committee Member 4 – Marina Chong

Delayed start to renovations at Woodstock:

Planned renovations of the Woodstock Community Centre have been delayed until March 2015.

Check the ACPS Facebook page for updates:

https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Australasian-Carnivorous-Plant-Society/194049760656595?ref_type=bookmark



Upcoming ACPS events for the first half of 2015

8th January 2015—Details to be announced

12th February 2015—Glen Moss—presentation on travels in New Guinea and Malaysia

8th March 2015—Laurie Dorfer— presentation on Carnivorous Bromeliads

13th April 2015—Plant Competition at the Royal Easter Show

10th April 2015—Details to be announced

11-12th April 2015—Collector's Plant Fair, Clarendon

8th May 2015—Details to be announced

May 2015—Koi Pet and Garden Show , Fairfield - further details provided when available

12th June 2015—Details to be announced

The next general meeting is on **Friday 8th January 2015**. Please bring plants for show or sale, or both.

Please give consideration to presenting a talk, a demonstration, or showing a selection of your favourite photos at one of the forthcoming meetings.

The society now has a general email address:

auscps@gmail.com

Recent Events:

Plants With Bite Carnivorous Plant Fair, 6th to 14th December 2014, Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens, Bells Line of Road, via Bilpin, Mount Tomah. A big thank you to the volunteers who helped make the 'Plants With Bite' Fair such a great success, particularly Lyn and Gordon Hanna, Marina Chong, Greg Bourke and Kirk 'Fuzzy' Hirsch. Thanks also to staff from the Botanic Gardens who helped with advice and plant sales on the week days of the fair. Thanks also to an anonymous donation of plants.

Plants provided for sale included a range of *Sarracenia* and *Nepen-*

Request for a member to present a talk on Carnivorous Plants at Wentworth Falls

Janette Emmerson attended the Plants With Bite Fair and asked if anyone from the Society is interested and available to give a talk to a social group at Wentworth Falls. This group is interested in after dinner speakers (6-9 p.m.). It would be a great opportunity to let more people know about the plants that fascinate us. Janette can be reached on janette21@tpg.com.au

thes species and hybrids, Venus Flytraps, *Drosera* spp., *Utricularia longifolia* and bags of live sphagnum moss.

Greg Bourke set up an impressive swamp table display complete with a mist maker in a small pond. Members brought in a lovely range of plants for the general display, many of which were also available for the plant competition that formed part of the annual show (see below). Kirk 'Fuzzy' Hirsch presented the general carnivorous plant talks on the mornings of the first weekend of the Fair.

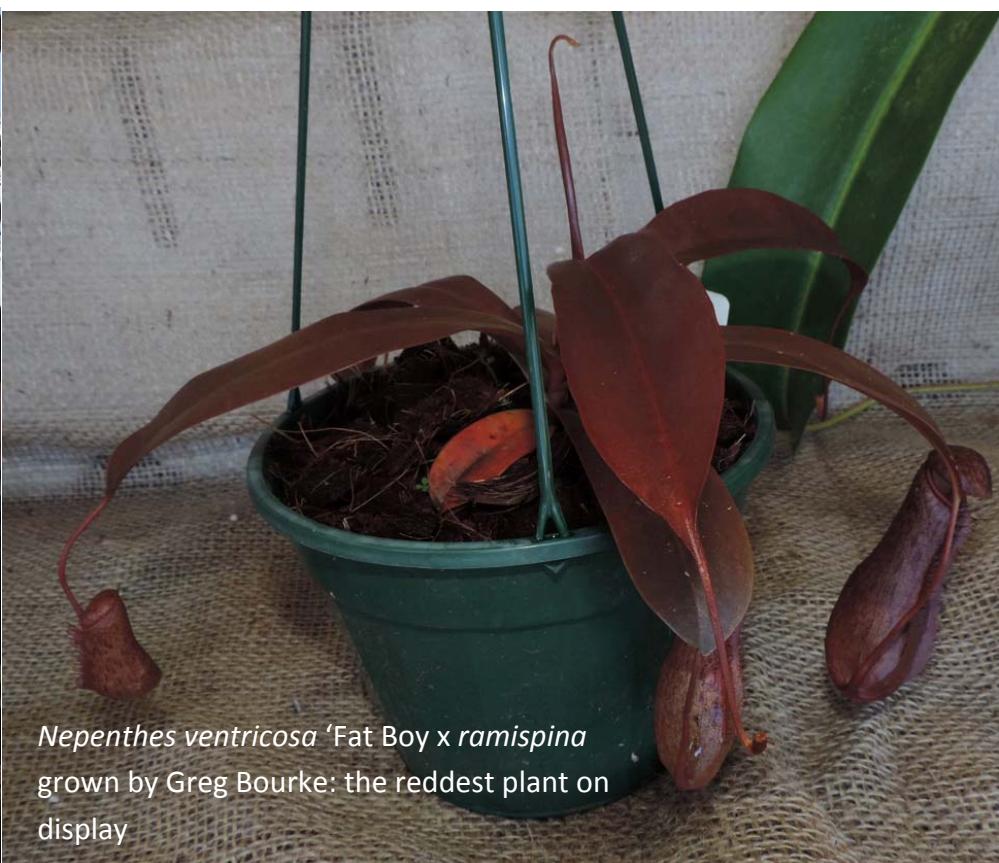


The Society's Annual Show was held on Sunday 7th December at the Plants With Bite Fair. Many members brought in a diverse range of wonderful plants. Kirk 'Fuzzy' Hirsch and Nicholas Bush helped judge the plants for the annual show; the winners for the categories were:

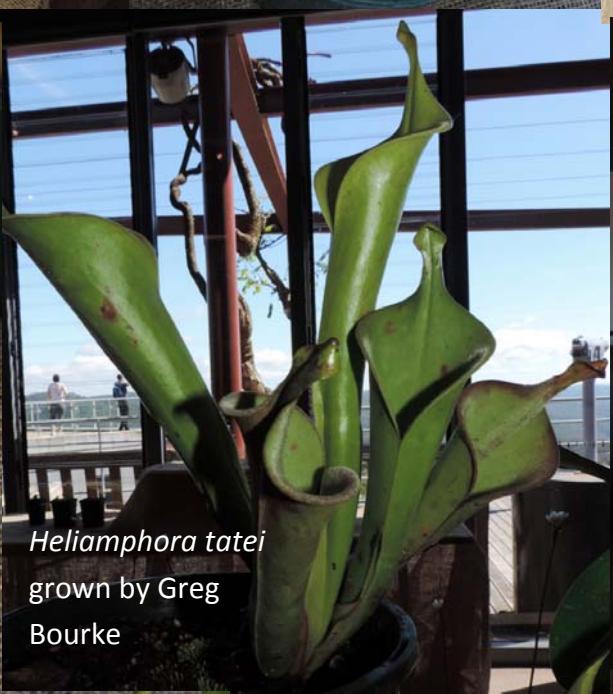
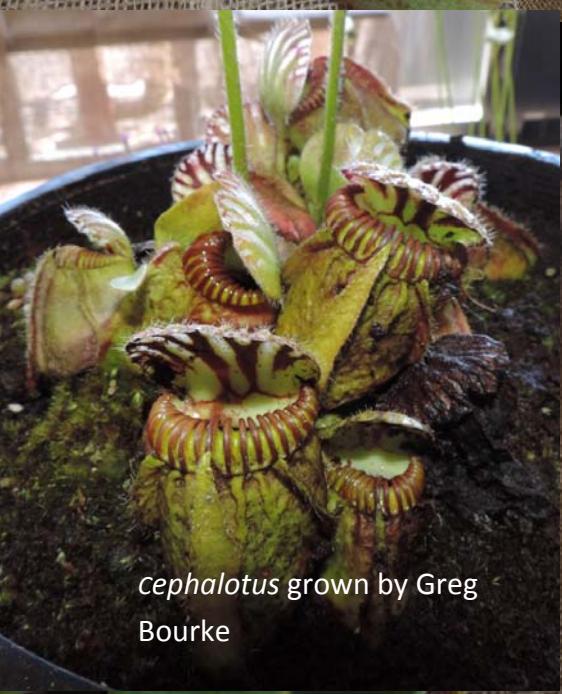
CATEGORY	WINNER
Best <i>Dionaea</i>	<i>Dionaea "Gold Strike"</i> grown by Laurie Dorfer
Best <i>Drosera</i>	<i>Drosera scorpioides</i> grown by David Colburn

Best <i>Nepenthes</i> species	<i>N. sanguinea</i> grown by Gordon Hanna
Best <i>Nepenthes</i> hybrid	<i>N. truncata x lowii</i> grown by Gordon Hanna
Most voluminous <i>Nepenthes</i> pitcher	<i>N. ventricosa x truncata</i> grown by Laurie Dorfer
Best <i>Sarracenia</i> species	<i>Sarracenia flava</i> var. <i>rubricorpora</i> grown by David Colburn
Best <i>Sarracenia</i> hybrid	<i>Sarracenia flava</i> var. <i>rubricorpora x psittacina</i> grown by David Colburn
Tallest <i>Sarracenia</i>	<i>S. leucophylla x flava</i> with a 93 cm tall pitcher grown by Gordon Hanna
Best <i>Pinguicula</i>	<i>Pinguicula 'Hawkesbury'</i> grown by Greg Bourke
Best <i>Utricularia</i>	<i>Utricularia dichotoma</i> grown by Greg Bourke
Best 'other' plant	<i>Catopsis berteronica</i> grown by Laurie Dorfer
Reddest Plant	<i>Nepenthes ventricosa 'Fat Boy' x ramispina</i> grown by Greg Bourke
Best group planting	No entry
Best plant by a new member	No entry
Grand Champion 2014	<i>Catopsis berteronica</i> grown by Laurie Dorfer
Runner-up 2014	<i>Drosera ramentacea</i> grown by Greg Bourke
Grower – Plant look-a-like	David Colburn and his <i>Sarracenia flava x psittacina</i> that both shared the same big grin

Thanks everyone who brought their wonderful plants in for the Annual Show. Based in the variety it appears warranted to include some additional competition categories for the next show, such as such as 'Best *Heliamphora*' and 'Best *Darlingtonia*'. These will be discussed at the next meeting.



Nepenthes truncata
x *lowii* grown by
Gordon Hanna



Plants With Bite display; photo by Lyn Hanna



Dionaea 'Red Piranha'
grown by Greg Bourke

Catopsis berteroniana grown by Greg Bourke



Plants With Bite display, photo
by Lyn Hanna

Drosera lasiantha grown by Greg Bourke



IUCN Carnivorous Plant Specialist Group

During the 10th International Carnivorous Plant Society Conference in Cairns, Rob Cantley officially launched the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Carnivorous Plant Specialist Group [<http://www.iucn-cpsg.org/>]. This group serves to preserve and study carnivorous plants in the wild. The work of this new group is to provide accurate and current Red List assessments for all carnivorous plants. The results of which will inform conservation efforts so they target the most threatened species. Everyone is welcome to contribute, whether by joining as a General Member or as a Specialist Member for a group of plants to help with this assessment work. I encourage everyone to get involved, for we all have a part to play in this effort to preserve the plants that fascinate us.

Forthcoming Events:

Sunday 5th April 2015 – Carnivorous Plant Competition at the Royal Easter Show, Sydney.

Registration for the **2015 Sydney Royal Flower & Garden Show** closes on 11 March 2015. See <http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/FlowerGarden.htm> for more details and copies of the entry form and rules (see also pages 10-11 of this newsletter). Start to prepare your best plants now.

Tech 2U [<http://www.tech2u.com.au>] are again sponsoring the carnivorous plant completion at the Royal Easter Show. Thank you Tech 2U



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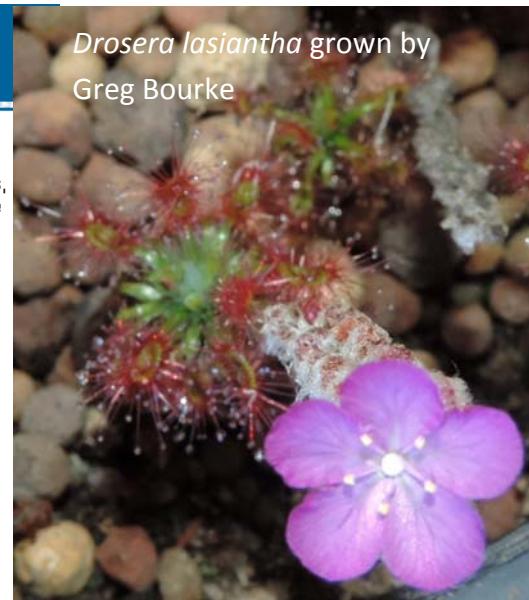
Founded in 1995 TECH 2U Pty Limited was based on a single source company supplying home users, small and medium sized businesses with the same level of system support that was available to large companies through their in house computer and information technology departments.

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11th-12th April, 2015 – Collector's Plant Fair, Clarendon: www.collectorsplantfair.com

The Collector's Plant Fair is a wonderful event to sell surplus plants, and perhaps buy some new treasures for your collection. Please consider providing plants for sale (20% of the sale price goes to the Society as commission), and donating some time to help keep the stall staffed during this weekend. A roster will be circulated shortly to coordinate all volunteers.

May 2015, Koi Pet and Garden Show, Fairfield Showground

The Koi Pet and Garden Show will likely be held in May at the Fairfield Showground. This is an excellent venue to sell plants and let members of the public know how great carnivorous plants are. More details will be available soon from this Society and also from the Koi Society of Australia webpage at <http://ksakoi.com/home/>

December in the Greenhouse

Hot and humid weather returned to the Sydney region in early December which has given a boost to many *Nepenthes*, particularly lowland species that produce no pitchers in winter despite artificial heating and lighting in the current terrarium. Two hybrids between a highland parent and large-pitched lowland *N. merrelliana* are forming pitchers on plants growing outside, but I suspect they would prefer more warmth and humidity year-round. Many *Nepenthes* plants are flowering for the first time, and invariably most are male plants, of the few female plants flowering it is tempting to pollinate them with any available pollen, but there is much benefit in being thoughtful in any progeny to be produced.

Sarracenia plants continue to add to swards of pitchers and several have ripening fruit too. It is now common to hear buzzing of trapped insects in pitchers, which can also bring Pied Butcherbirds to slice open pitchers for an easy meal.



Several *Utricularia* continue to flower, including the robust *U. praelonga* with unusual dimorphic leaves and long scapes with large yellow flowers. This summer I've noticed a fungal infection on scapes of the form of *U. dichotoma* from Newcastle. The fungus affects the peduncle, pedicel and sepals and is made conspicuous by the emergence of white fruiting bodies that form a mass of dense erect hair-like structures. In some cases the scape flowers as per normal, but in other cases the scape bends at the point of infection and any flowers and fruit are aborted. This fungus does not appear to infect other bladderworts.

Drosera capensis is a voracious carnivore but is not immune to predation as seen recently by a green caterpillar feeding on the flowers of one large plant.



Western Australian Pitcher Plants (*Cephalotus follicularis*) are forming their next batch of pitchers, which look like little green vegetable echidnas.



Please support my KickStarter project

Dear Friends, Family and Redfern Contacts,

I hope you all will have a very Happy 2015.

As some of you may know, my 3 year, 70,000 km journey to visit all of the UK Overseas Territories, to document the incredible wildlife and inspiring conservation work of Britain's overseas lands, is now... finally... complete.

The 4-part documentary series will be broadcast in 2015. However, separately from this, I have begun an ambitious, **non-profit** effort to raise awareness of the unique wildlife of the territories and the inspiring conservation work that is being undertaken across them, to help bring an wider understanding of the issues involved to a broad audience, both in the UK and internationally.

I am working to raise a small amount of funding to enable the completion of 16 short documentaries (one for each territory) for online release. I already have all of the footage, I just need to cover costs in editing them. These mini-documentaries will showcase the incredible diversity of each territory, and will be a permanent online resource that will be free and accessible to all. The idea is that they will be free and available to schools, universities and all conservation organisations to use.

This matters, because the territories are globally important breeding sites for wildlife that migrates across entire hemispheres, making them disproportionately important conservation hotspots – they are home to some of the greatest wildlife spectacles on earth, yet few know that they even exist, let alone how critically important they are! The mini-documentaries will directly support conservation efforts taking place across the territories.

Here my Kickstarter project page, with a sample documentary in place: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1352171326/britains-overseas-wildlife>

If you can donate, even just £5 or \$5 or EUR 5, it would be really, really appreciated to help bring this project to fruition!

Please share, tweet, email anything you can to get the message out!

Thanks so much!

Kind regards,

Stewart

Redfern Natural History Productions

<http://www.redfernnaturalhistory.com/>



AUSTRALASIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society is a non-profit organisation formed in December 2002 to promote the cultivation, conservation and knowledge about carnivorous plants.

Our society webpage is <http://www.auscps.com/> which includes details monthly meetings and includes an on-line forum and has a wealth of photos. The society now has a dedicated email address: auscps@gmail.com

We are also on FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Australasian-Carnivorous-Plant-Society/194049760656595>

To join or renew your membership please complete the form below and return it to:

Membership Secretary
Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society
PO Box 4009
Kingsway West NSW 2208
AUSTRALIA

Direct Deposit Payment is available:

Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society Inc.
BSB No.112879
A/c No .195074412
Please notify the society if you pay this way.

AUSTRALASIAN CARNIVOROUS PLANT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership Type: New Renewal Individual (\$25 per year)

Membership Period: 1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years

Name:

Postal Address:

SUBURB.....POST CODE.....STATE.....COUNTRY.....

PHONE NUMBER:.....EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

I wish to receive information from the society by post: Yes / No

Payment Type: Cash Direct Debit (details provided above)*

Cheque (made payable to the Australasian Carnivorous Plant Society)

Other please specify).....

SIGNED:**DATE:**.....

The Society's financial year is the Calendar year. **Membership for 2015 is now due.**

*If paying by Direct Deposit please provide a copy of the payment transfer receipt.



SYDNEY ROYAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

ROYAL EASTER SHOW 26 MARCH - 8 APRIL 2015

A DIVISION OF THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NSW (RAS) ABN 69 793 644 351

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY / NOMINATION

TAX INVOICE

OFFLINE PROCESSING FEE

\$8 PER EXHIBITOR

See overleaf for Entry Fees

All Fees include GST

COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU ARE NOMINATING TO ENTER AUSTRALIAN NATIVE PLANTS, DAHLIAS, FRUIT & VEGETABLES (NON-COMMERCIAL), GESNERIADS, MISCELLANEOUS CUT FLOWERS, ORCHIDS & ROSES. NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5PM WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2015. ENTRIES FOR NOMINATED CATEGORIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12 NOON ONE DAY PRECEDING THE JUDGING DAY.

COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES. ENTRIES CLOSE AT 5PM WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2015.

INSTRUCTIONS

AN ADDITIONAL OFFLINE PROCESSING FEE OF \$8 APPLIES PER EXHIBITOR WHERE ONE OR MORE APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY ARE SUBMITTED OUTSIDE THE RAS' ONLINE ENTRY FACILITY (E.G. BY POST, BY HAND, BY EMAIL OR BY FAX).

The Application for Entry will only be accepted online, by mail, telephone, fax or in person.

Post: FLOWER & GARDEN COORDINATOR, Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, Locked Bag 4317, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127.

Fax: Before Wednesday 11 March 2015 fax Applications for Entry to: (02) 9704 1122; from Wednesday 11 March 2015, only available for Sections that close one day preceding the day of Judging: fax Applications for Entry to (02) 9704 1058.

Telephone: Only available for Sections that close one day preceding the day of Judging: (02) 9704 1449 or (02) 9704 1129

Copies of the RAS General Regulations are available at www.sydneyroyal.com.au or upon request by telephoning the Flower & Garden Coordinator on (02) 9704 1449.

EXHIBITOR DETAILS

Exhibitor name will appear in 2015 Flower & Garden Competition publications.

Mr Miss Mrs Ms Partnership Company/Business/Organisation/School

Exhibitor's full name:

Postal address:

Town:

State:

Postcode:

Authorised Contact Person:

Must be provided if Exhibitor is under 18 years of age

Daytime No: () () () Mobile: () () ()

Mobile: () () ()

Fax: () () ()

Email: () () ()

RAS MEMBERSHIP

For RAS' statistical purposes, please advise if you are an RAS of NSW member for the 2014/2015 financial membership year: NO YES

EXHIBITOR DECLARATION

If entering as part of a business enterprise, please provide your ABN and tick whether or not you are registered for GST.

I, the above-named Exhibitor, apply to enter the Exhibit on this Application for Entry as:

OR

I, the above-named Exhibitor, apply to enter the Exhibit on this Application for Entry as:



I, the above-named Exhibitor, am registered for GST:

a hobbyist or a private recreational pursuit

part of a business enterprise

YES NO

ABN: () () ()

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PAYMENT DETAILS

Please retain a copy of this Application for Entry for your records. Upon receipt of payment, this will become a tax invoice.

I enclose a **cheque/money order** payable to Royal Agricultural Society of NSW for: \$

NAME OF DRAWER/PAYER: DATE:

Please **debit** my: Visa MasterCard AMEX for \$ SECURITY CODE: () () () A 3 or 4 digit number on the signature panel on the back of your card.

CARD NUMBER: () () () () () () () ()

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CARDHOLDER'S NAME: CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE:

Your credit card details above will be used solely for the purpose of arranging payment and any associated activity relating to the provision of this facility. The information will remain confidential at all times.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Information provided by Exhibitors is used by the RAS to organise, process and conduct Competitions. Information may be collected electronically, via telephone or paper based and will be held securely. By providing personal information, including but not limited to the Exhibitors name, company name and ABN, current address, telephone or mobile phone number, email address, or information concerning their Exhibit (including the name and description of the Exhibit), the Exhibitor consents to their personal information being used for this purpose including this information being made available to RAS sponsors, RAS Foundation, breed societies, the media, the public, promotional purposes, archival purposes, published in RAS publications and could be made available to third parties for the purpose of promoting the RAS or the Competition, or as otherwise required by law. The Exhibitors details will be handled in accordance with the RAS of NSW Privacy Policy, a copy of which is available at www.sydneyroyal.com.au. Exhibitors have the right of access to and alteration of personal information containing themselves in accordance with Privacy Laws. This may be done by contacting the Coordinator of the Competition, the RAS Privacy Officer on (02) 9704 1111, or in writing to the RAS, Locked Bag 4317, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127. The RAS may publish the results of any disciplinary proceedings against Exhibitors in accordance with the RAS General Regulations. Should there be any complaints in relation to any of the RAS' processes and policies, the complainant should contact the RAS directly on (02) 9704 1111. All complaints will be dealt in accordance with the RAS Complaints Handling Procedure. (Tick ONLY if applicable).

Please do not send me further generic information or materials from the RAS, or its affiliates.

Please do not publish any personal contact details in any RAS or related publications in connection with the 2015 Sydney Royal Flower & Garden Show.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Exhibitor (or Parent or Guardian if the Exhibitor is under 18 years of age) MUST SIGN this Application for Entry.

I, (print name)....., hereby: (i) apply to enter the following Exhibits subject to the terms and conditions set out in the RAS General Regulations, the Special Sydney Royal Flower & Garden Regulations, and the 2015 Sydney Royal Flower & Garden Schedule (collectively called the "Regulations"), and I agree to be bound by these Regulations and the conditions detailed in this Application for Entry; (ii) certify that the information contained in this Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge; and (iii) certify that each item Exhibited by me or by my child/children/ward is duly registered and is my property absolutely or is under my absolute control and I have permission to Exhibit the item. I hold the RAS exempt from any liability in the event of any loss from any cause whatsoever, whether it be in implied or express form.

SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR: **ROLE:** **DATE:**

(If signing on behalf of a Company, state role held i.e. Director, Secretary).

ENTRY DETAILS

NOMINATION DETAILS

Please nominate the sections below that you wish to enter by ticking the relevant box/es.

I understand that it is my responsibility to advise the Flower & Garden section by 12noon the day prior to judging of the Classes I wish to enter.

Australian Native Plants Banksia (Session 7) Dahlias Fruit & Vegetables (Non-Commercial)
 Gesneriads Miscellaneous Cut Flowers Orchids Roses

Number of anticipated plants/specimens per session (if applicable): _____

If you are unable to compete, you are required to notify the Coordinator. Any requests for a refund must be submitted in writing to the Coordinator by Thursday 19 March 2015 and all passes returned.

2015 SYDNEY ROYAL HORTICULTURE JUDGING COMPETITION

Closing Day of Entry: Wednesday 11 February 2015

This Competition is for the purpose of educating and encouraging future judges within the Horticulture industry. Exhibitors must be under the age of 25 years of age as of the 1 May 2015. Competition guidelines are available in the Sydney Royal Flower & Garden Schedule on page 15.

Please tick if you would like to enter the 2015 Sydney Royal Horticulture Judging Competition. Date of Birth

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SUMMARY OF FFES

CLASS TYPE	QTY	FEE (including GST)	AMOUNT	OFFICE USE ONLY
Offline Processing Fee	1	@ \$8.00 per Exhibitor If you, the Exhibitor, has entered the Sydney Royal Flower & Garden Show with more than one Offline Application for Entry, make payment on one Application for Entry only and in the <u>Amount</u> column for other Applications for Entry, write "OTHER FORM "	\$8.00	\$8.00 2199/2860
Entry Fee	1	@ \$30.00 flat Entry Fee for unlimited entries and/or nominations*		
Entry Fee - Youth Classes		@ FREE where Youth Classes alone are entered by the Exhibitor*		2169/2041

***\$30 flat Entry Fee not payable where Youth Classes ALONE are entered by an Exhibitor. Youth Classes are listed below:**

Junior Classes

Junior Classes
Cacti & Succulents: Classes 227-229, 326-328
Dahlias: Classes 140-141, 369-370, 563-564, 745-746
Fruit and Vegetables Non-Commercial: Class 664

Adult and Vegetables

Children's Classes

Floristry Students

History Studies

Schools Australian Native Flora Competition

SCHOOLS

Schools Vegie Garden

Schools Vegie Classes 150-151

The Sydney Royal Horticulture Judging Competition

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