



City of **HOBART**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Hobart Town Hall prepares for a spectacular sea of colour**

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There will be masses of bright dahlia, gladioli and other flowers on display at the Hobart Horticultural Society's Dahlia and Floral Art Show on 24 and 25 February 2017 at the Hobart Town Hall.

Lord Mayor of Hobart Alderman Sue Hickey said, "This show is no doubt the prettiest show of the year with flowers of so many different colours and hues."

Hobart Horticultural Society President, Mary Crowe said the show will stage classes for gladioli and the cut flower benches will feature a wide range of flowers both exotic and native.

"We are presenting the show a little earlier than usual because the spring and early summer rains have led to a profusion of growth in our gardens and we expect a wonderful display of dahlias on the benches.

"Dahlias come in a variety of forms and in a wide range of colours and many blooms on the bench are the results of careful hybridising by Tasmanian growers.

"Gladioli are very difficult to bloom at the right time. Some of our members are still attempting to grow gladioli which will bloom at the right time for the show – a very tricky operation!

"The show will also feature blooming roses, cut flowers, pot plants and vegetables, a display by the Bonsai Society and beautiful Ikebana arrangements," said Mrs Crowe.

The Lord Mayor said the floral art exhibits have been increasing in number at recent shows and the standard is excellent.

"These exhibits create a wonderful ambience to the Town Hall and are frequently photographed by the public," said the Lord Mayor.

The Rotary Club of Salamanca will provide light refreshments on both Friday and Saturday and the Society's stall will offer a range of plants for sale at great prices.

Dahlia Information Officers will be on hand during the show to answer any queries and give advice on growing these beautiful flowers.

Mrs Crowe said that new exhibitors are warmly invited to enter, especially junior exhibitors who might like to have fun in the junior classes. The Hobart Horticultural Society can also provide help with benching exhibits if requested. There is no entry fee for participation.

The 2017 Dahlia and Floral Art Show with FREE ENTRY is held over two days, Friday 24 February from 1pm – 6pm and Saturday 25 February from 10am – 4.30pm.

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