

CACTASMANIA 2022

Once again this much awaited event kicked off in its now familiar format... a long line of patient, friendly cactus enthusiasts waiting for the doors to open at 9.30, armed with boxes, cartons and the like.

Throughout the 2 days a steady stream of patrons filled the hall, searching for their own little gem from the traders.

The centre of the hall contained a wonderful exhibition, brain child of Scott Bell and Kaye Pless. This contained numerous examples of both cacti and succulents most buyers had never seen or even knew existed, let alone that they could grow in Tasmania under the right conditions.

In addition to the display, Scott was also on hand to answer questions from patrons, while the traders could also provide the necessary information in respect to the growing and care of their plants.

Another bonus for everyone was the ever-popular Claremont Flower Show Group trade table which again offered a wide variety of plants, shrubs, potted colour and tomatoes all priced well below retail. The Edge Church Ladies provided their usual mouth-watering home-made sandwiches, cakes and scones for those feeling peckish, rounding off a very successful Cactasmania 2022.

Entries for the competition attracted a varied and wide example of the various classes and winners were presented with their prizes by Mr. Andrew Wilkie, Independent Member for Clark who is a very passionate supporter of this event as well as our two Annual Flower Shows.

Details of the respective winners were:

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| Class 1 Cactus Clumping: | Kaye Pless |
| Class 2 Cactus Column & Epiphytes: | Jamie Warren |
| Class 3 Arrangements: | Kaye Pless |
| Class 4 Succulents Mono & Mesembs: | Julienne Walker |
| Class 5 Succulents Crassulaceae: | Jing family |
| Class 6 Succulents All Others: | Jamie Warren |
| Class 7 Children's Section: | Jing Family |

The Colin Drake Perpetual Trophy for the Best Exhibit Overall was won by Kaye Pless with her Section 1 entry.

For those that did not make this year's event, and are lovers of these very interesting plants, diarise our 2023 show, which will be held over the last weekend of November.

Stan Walker,

Show Manager