

I, Christine Dwyer on behalf of The Dahlia Section - Hobart Horticultural Society, nominate **Charlie Smith** for the 'Dahl' Award.

Charlie has been growing and showing dahlias for 56 years. He helped set up the Dahlia Society of Tasmania and has held every position on the committee and is still vice-president. He also set up what is now the Dahlia Society of Australia and held the secretary and treasurer positions on the committee.

Charlie has been the Tasmanian state representative at every dahlia conference except two. With his wife, Lucy, he organised four dahlia conferences in Tasmania, including the only conference held in conjunction with a dahlia show at Devonport. Charlie has judged in every state and the ACT and was a keynote speaker and judged in the USA.

He has sponsored many dahlia shows including the Australian Championship in the ACT and the Sydney Royal Easter Show. He has flown dahlia blooms to Victoria and won the Victorian Championship both times.

Charlie gives many garden club talks and demonstrations and is always happy to share his knowledge with other growers.

Over the years he has helped set up the dahlia judging standards as it stands today.

He is a keen breeder of new varieties of dahlias. The 'Devon' cultivars have added greatly to the varieties of show dahlias available to growers in Australia and overseas.

I believe that Charlie would be a very worthy recipient and meets all the selection criteria for the award.