

I, Bruce Millard nominate Alf Hardingham for the 'Dahl' Award.

Has contributed greatly to dahlias in Australia.

Alf, having grown dahlias for 50 odd years after being guided by the late Lindsay Podger of Trevellyn fame and being a member of the Portland Dahlia Society since 1978 has raised many "Glenmarc" seedlings and tutored many new dahlia growers.

He would make a very worthy member of the Dahl medal winners.

Promotes the dahlia.

Alf has been very keen to have produced many DVD's to help the public and dahlia growers to grow better flowers.

Contributes to the management of society/societies.

He has been a club member at Portland for many years including 18 years as president and the last 5 years as vice-president.

Supports shows.

Alf has exhibited or judged at many shows across Victoria and South Australia since becoming involved with the dahlia. Many clubs he visited have since closed their books.

Introduced dahlias of quality.

Many dahlia growers are now familiar with "Glenmarc" dahlias including in England with 'Glenmarc Charmaine' being a top dahlia over there.

Encourages new members.

He is always helping new growers start off with new tubers to improve their collection of new flowers.

Mentor to prospective members and new growers.

Alf has helped many exhibitors over the years showing them how to set the buds for the best flower of the show. Also how to prepare the soil and how to control insect problems.

Judging.

Alf is a registered judge of 22 years experience and only too happy to help out at clubs when they want a top judge.

Publications.

Apart from making many DVD's on growing and raising dahlias he is at present looking at Australian Dahlia Standards to make them clearer and easy for new growers to understand.

Presentations for meetings, conferences and field days.

In 2017 under Alf's guidance the Portland Dahlia Society introduced a handicap event which has been very successful with Novice, Intermediate and Open exhibitors competing against each other.

Contributions to newsletters etc.

Alf will always contribute to newsletters and media publications when requested for an input into these articles.

An ambassador for the dahlia.

For many years now Alf has made his garden available to the Portland RSL to grow many flowers for their Anzac Day display in Portland.