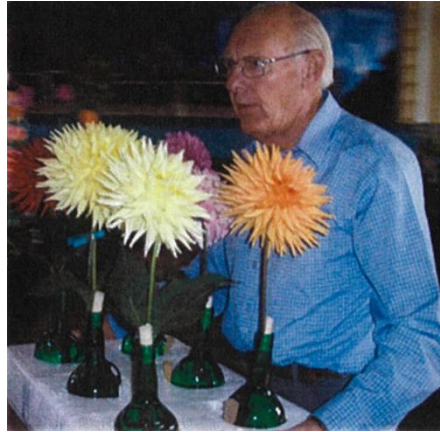


Hall Of Fame Nomination (Tasmania)

John Allport



John Allport was born in Birmingham in 1931. He migrated to Australia with his wife, Thelma, and his young son in 1955 and settled at Mount Nelson.

He started work at Hydro Tasmania as a computer programmer.

John had always been a passionate gardener with a particular interest in growing dahlias. He first started attending meetings with the Hobart Dahlia Section in 1990. He became a very successful exhibitor, winning his first Grand Champion bloom at the Hobart Dahlia Show in 1995 and going on to win many other awards.

John served as the President of the Hobart Dahlia Section from 1996 to 2006. He was always very generous with his advice and particularly welcoming to new exhibitors. He was always looking for new ways to promote dahlias and encourage growers.

John was an accomplished judge and published a book “How to Grow Dahlias”. This book has been very popular and is still selling well.

John died in 2013.

We believe that John Allport, through his contributions over many years as an exhibitor, judge, administrator and supporter of new growers, is a worthy nomination for the Hall of Fame.