

Mr. George Burns

The NDSV (now Dahlia Society of Victoria) began in 1960 and George Burns was the first President. He was President for two years before again taking the position from 1968 until he died in 1975. His influence on the society in the formative years was paramount.

George had always grown dahlias and could talk about dahlias and their growing needs. In fact he gave the first talk to members in November 1960 titled 'Cultivation of Dahlias'

George also helped the society in a financial way. He provided the special typewriter that was needed for our quarterly magazine and made many small donations unnoticed by many members.

George grew wonderful dahlias. He was always in the Championships and his garden was so uniform in height and growth it looked like a hedge. He grew 6 plants of each variety. 'Know Dahlias to Grow Dahlias' was his mantra.

As well as judging in Victoria he travelled to Tasmania and America to judge. He wrote articles for America as well as many articles for the Victorian magazine. In one magazine he wrote every article in the publication.

He was awarded the society's first Life Membership in 1971 as recognition of his contributions to the society.

Reference 'Fifty Years' Les Lawson