

# THE YEAR IS 1969

Floral Carpet theme Autumn Fair 1969  
Convenor/Designer Mrs O Thomas

**No photographs of the floral carpet have been located.**

## Description

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## REPORT FROM THE NAMBOUR CHRONICLE DATED 6TH MARCH 1969

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### OFFICE BEARERS

Elected at AGM September 1968 to AGM September 1969

Senior Patron	Mr J H Skerman
Junior Patron	Mr A W Webster
President	In-coming Mrs R Penney (resigned in March)___Out-going Mrs B. Humphries
President from March	Mrs E Hawkins
Vice President	Mesdames B Humphries and L M Rough
Secretary	Mrs S Dunstan
Treasurer	Mrs P. Prentis
Librarian	Mrs J. Chafer (Mrs B Cox elected in September)
Publicity	-----
Honorary Auditor	

### Meetings were held in the homes of

### Members attending

January	Mesdames Thomas and Porter Mary River Road	18 with 9 apologies
February	Mr & Mrs Noel Cox Coral Street	Noted only as 4 apologies
March	Mr & Mrs S Dunstan Witta	
April	Mr & Mrs W H Rough Maple Street Maleny	Noted only as 6 apologies
May	Mr & Mrs N Cox	Noted only as 6 apologies
June	Mr & Mrs A Webster Wootha	Noted only as 5 apologies
July	Mr & Mrs S Dunstan Witta	Noted only as 7 apologies
August	Mr & Mrs T Knight	10 with 7 apologies
September (AGM)	Mr & Mrs P Prentis Coral Street Maleny	Noted only as 6 apologies
October	QATB Centre	Noted only as 9 apologies
November	Mr & Mrs Rough	Noted only as 4 apologies

## MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Not recorded in any Minutes

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1969

### Election of Officers (Elected in August meeting)

President	E Hawkins	nom B Humphries
Vice Presidents	Mrs Humphries	
	Mrs Rough	nom T Dunstan
Secretary	T Dunstan	nom Mrs Rough
Treasurer	D Prentis	Nom Mrs Knight

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the home of Mr & Mrs P. Prentis, Coral Street, Maleny on  
29 September, 1969**

## Opening

Mrs E Hawkins (President), opened the meeting and welcomed friends, members and visitors from sister clubs of Buderim and Woodford and the QATB Superintendent. She also extended a welcome to our Junior Patron Mr A Webster and invited him to chair our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting. Apologies were received from Mesdames F Porter, I Nothling, S Warne, B Humphries, I Lowe, and Mr W Burnett. Moved M Ferris seconded J Chafer apologies be received.

The minutes of previous Annual meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Mrs Rough, seconded Mrs Neill. Carried.

## Presidents Report

Mrs Hawkins gave the Presidents Report which showed it had been a happy and most successful year. The sponsoring of two flower shows for the year namely Dahlia Show for the School of Arts and Spring Fair for the Maleny Ambulance. Members decorated the stage for Anzac Day and the Society gave a book to be laid at the Shrine and later to the School library and a book is always donated to Maleny School for Speech night, for Domestic Science. Mrs Knight supt. QATB Maleny seconded the Presidents report and spoke of a Society which as a non-profit organisation which sponsors the flower shows and was always ready to help with decorating stages etc for various functions done a very good job and sincerely congratulated the Society on such a successful year.

## Treasurers Report

Mrs Prentis gave a comprehensive report of the years financial statement which showed a credit balance of \$26.12. Mrs Ham Buderim, seconded her report and said what pleasure we all got from our gardens and congratulated Mrs Prentis on the healthy bank balance.

## Officers elected

Were President E Hawkins, - Vice Presidents, L M Rough & B Humphries, - Secretary, T Dunstan, - Treasurer, D Prentis, - Patron & Life Patron J H Skerman, - Junior Patron A Webster. Mrs Chafer moved a vote of thanks to the retiring and elected officers a welcome. This was responded to by T Dunstan.

## Vote of thanks

Mrs H Penney moved a vote of thanks to Mrs Prentis for inviting us to have our meeting in her garden, Mrs Prentis responded. Mrs Hawkins moved a vote of thanks to our Chairman Mr Webster who responded a little story, these were all carried by acclamation.

## Presentation of trophies

Mrs Hawkins asked our Patron to present the trophies won during the year, those were Mrs M Ferris (Floral Art & Cut Flowers) , Mrs N Pratten (runner-up in both sections), Mrs D Prentis most points for novice in Floral Art (donated by Mrs Pratten).  
**Meeting closed**

Mrs Dunstan and Mrs Chafer then gave a little skit entitled "Neuroses of old roses" while members prepared a delicious lunch which was enjoyed by all. The meeting then closed 12.30pm

Minutes confirmed/signed off A W Webster, Patron.

## COMPETITION FOR THE MONTH POINTS

### January Points

Points for the day	Cut flowers		Floral Art	
	Warne	7	Ferris	11
	Ferris	15	Pratten	7
	Pratten	10	Penny	8
	Thomas	9		
	Wheatcroft	3		

### February Points

Points for the day	Floral Art		Cut flowers	
	Mrs Ferris	8	Mrs Ferris	16
	Mrs Pratten	8	Mrs Pratten	14
	Mrs Prentis	4	Mrs Morrison	4
			Mrs Prentis	1

### March Points

Points for the day	Cut Flowers		Floral Art	
	Ferris	15	Dunstan	3
	Chafer	4	Ferris	10
	A Hawkins	8		
	Dunstan	3		
	Prentis	5		

### April Points

Points for the day	Cut flowers		Floral Art	
	Ferris	14	Ferris	13
	Chafer	11	Francis	8
	Grigor	5	Chafer	2
	Francis	8		

### May Points

Points for the day	Cut flowers		Floral Art	

	Ferris	13	Ferris	8
	Prentis	9		
	Lowe	8		
June Points				
Points for the day	Cut Flowers		Floral Art	
	E Hawkins	1	Prentis	9
	A Hawkins	6	Ferris	13
	O Thomas	2	Thomas	3
	Cox	1		
	Ferris	18		
	Morrison	2		
	Lowe	5		
	Grigor	3		
July Points				
Points for the day	Cut flowers		Floral Art	
	Prentis	11	Prentis	1
	Cox	6	Pratten	8
	Morrison	10	Ferris	8
	Dunstan	8		
	Ferris	7		
	A Hawkins	11		
August Points				
Points for the day	Cut flowers		Floral Art	
	Mrs Lowe	10		
September Points				
Points for the day	Cut flowers		Floral art (Open)	
	Mrs Dunstan	19	Mrs Dunstan	11
	Mrs Ferris	11	Mrs Ferris	13
	Mrs Prentis	9	Floral Art (Novice)	
	Mrs Knight	3	Miss Wheatcroft	2
October Points				
Points for the day	Were as follows			
	Floral Open	Floral Novice	Cut flowers	
	N Pratten	D Prentis	N Pratten	14
	T Dunstan	E Francis	R Morrison	8
	J Chafer	R Morrison	J Schafer	10
		B Cox	D Prentis	5
		F Knight	D Musk	2
			F Knight	4
			A Hawkins	6
			B Cox	4
			T Dunstan	5
November Points: ?				

## NOMINATED FLOWER COMPETITION FOR EACH MONTH

### January (for February)

Competition for that day

Cut flowers	Floral Art
Three Miscellaneous	Dried arrangement
One Spray shrub	Foliage arrangement
Best flower in garden	
One Charm Cactus Dahlia	
One Giant decorative Dahlia	

### February (for March)

Competition for March

Floral Art	Cut flowers
Arrangements in a goblet	Three Miscellaneous
Informal arrangement using dahlias	One Shrub
	One Seedling Dahlia
	One Pom Pom Dahlia
	Best flower in my garden

### March (for April)

Competition for next meeting

Cut flowers	Floral Art
Container of daisies	My favourite container
Three Miscellaneous	Fascinating foliage
One spray shrub	Arrangement for Hospital locker (container to be green)
One Rose	
Best flower in your garden	
One spray chrysanthemum	

<b>April (for May)</b>		
Competitions for that day		
Cut flowers	Floral Art	
One Camellia	Accent in curves	
Three Miscellaneous	Arrangement using three roses	
One spray berries		
One cut chrysanthemum		
Best bloom in garden		
Competition was won by Mrs J Grigor		
<b>May (for June)</b>		
Competition for the next meeting		
Cut flowers	Floral Art	
Three Miscellaneous		
One spray shrub		
Best flower in garden		
Two Calendulas		
One Herbaceous flower		
<b>June (for July)</b>		
Competition for next meeting		
Cut flowers	Floral Art	
Three Miscellaneous	Tall & Slender	
One Shrub	Golden glamour	
Best in garden		
Three Sweet peas		
One bulbous		
Two Pansies		
<b>July (for August)</b>		
Competitions for next meeting		
Cut flowers	Floral Art	
Three Miscellaneous	Tiny Treasure	
One Shrub	One flower with one or more candles	
Best in your garden		
Two Sweet peas		
<b>August (for September AGM)</b>		
<b>Competition next meeting</b>		
Cut flowers	Floral Art	
(NIL)	Making the most of one flower	
	Twist and bend	
	Tall and slender	
<b>September (for October) Competition for that day</b>		
Cut flowers	Floral Art	
Three Miscellaneous	Flowers with one candle	
One spray shrub or berry	Australian flower arrangement	
Best in your garden	Dried & fresh	
One rose		
<b>October (for November)</b>		
<b>Competition for that day</b>		
Cut flowers	Floral Art	
Three Miscellaneous	Arrangement depicting Christmas	
One Shrub	Arrangement using a goblet	
Best in your garden		
One Carnations		
One Petunia		
<b>November (for January) Competition for that day</b>		
Cut flowers	Floral Art	
Two Zinnias	Arrangement in a teapot	
Two marigolds	Line and curve	
One Dahlia Best in garden		
Three Miscellaneous One Shrub		

## DAHLIA SHOW 1969

### Judges for Dahlia Show - January

Moved Mrs Chafer that we have Mr & Mrs Shearer for judges for Dahlia Show, seconded D Prentis. Moved Mrs Chafer, seconded Mrs Bergann that we send \$2.00 to Queensland Dahlia Society for trophy.

#### Stewards for Dahlia Show - January

Supervising steward, - E Hawkins, Floral Art, - D Prentis & H Penney, - Cut flowers, - J Schafer & A Hawkins, - Dahlias, - T Dunstan & B Humphries, Carpet Mrs Thomas.

## SPRING FAIR 1969

#### Spring Fair - March

The date chosen for Spring Fair was 29<sup>th</sup> August (tentative) date, moved E Hawkins seconded J Chafer. Patrons trophy one cut stock, Mr & Mrs Shearer be asked to judge (accepted).

#### Spring Fair - April

Moved Mrs Grigor seconded Mrs Prentis that the following members draw up schedule for the Spring Fair, Mesdames, Hawkins, Penney, Thomas and Chafer.

#### Stewards for Spring Fair - June

Stewards appointed for Spring Fair on 29<sup>th</sup> August Floral Art, - D Prentis, T Dunstan and H Penney, - Cut flowers, Mrs Grigor, Mrs Webster and Mrs J Chafer, - Pot Plants, Mrs Humphries, - Supervising Steward Mrs E Hawkins.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

#### President - March

The resignation of the President Mrs Penney was received with much regret but owing to the worry over her mothers health she felt she couldn't carry on. Mrs E Hawkins was nominated as President this was carried with acclamation. Mrs E Hawkins to speak for the Society at CWA International Luncheon on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

#### General Business - March

Letter from RSSAILA re decorating stage for Anzac Day, Mrs Dunstan, Mrs Knight, Mrs Chafer and Mrs Prentis to do stage arrangements. Moved Mrs Chafer seconded Miss Francis that we purchase a book for Anzac day instead of the normal wreath, book to be given to School library, approx. price \$3.00 secretary to contact Mr Hill for suggestion. Moved E Hawkins seconded J Chafer that we send a little memento of Maleny to Mr & Mrs Shearer in appreciation of judging without fees.

#### Librarian - September

Moved Mrs Pratten seconded D Prentis that Mrs B Cox be our librarian. It was decided to buy some books for our own library instead of getting books from the R H S of Qld library as previously this was not really satisfactory. Move Mrs Pratten seconded Mrs Ferris that we purchase plastic to cover our library books. Books suggested for library Lyn Black

#### General Business - November

Mrs Hawkins asked the meeting to endorse the Executives action in nominating Miss Hilary Penney as our Princess to represent Society at Street Carnival. Moved E Martin, seconded L Wheatcroft Carried. Schedule discussed and passed for Dahlia Schedule, only change being the date from 6/3/70 to 27/2/70

#### General business - September

Discussed idea for Hall Stewards for the next flower show to be brought up at a later meeting. Move Mrs E Martin that we have an Open and Novice Section in Floral Art seconded Mrs A Hawkins. Carried

## GARDENING HINTS/NOTES

#### Suggestion - November

Suggested interest for next meeting was gardening problems

## ARTICLES IN THE NAMBOUR CHRONICAL (1)

The Nambour Chronicle dated 6 March 1969 reports

#### FLORAL CARPET FEATURE OF DAHLIA SHOW

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Prizes were awarded as follows; - Pompom, Mr D. Innes 1; Charm cactus, Mr D. C. Innes 1 and 2; Charm cactus distinct, Mr D. C. Innes 1 and 2; Charm decorative, Mr D. C. Innes 1, Mrs Pratten 2; Min. cactus, Mr D. C. Innes 1 and 2; Min cactus distinct, Mr D. C. Innes 1 and 2; med. Decorative, Mr D. C. Innes 1; med. Distinct decorative, Mr D. C. Innes 1; seedling dahlia, Mr D. C. Innes 1, Mrs Pratten 2; nymphae dahlia, Mr D. C. Innes 1, Mrs Pratten 2; dahlia not provided for, Mr D. C. Innes 1 and 2; champion dahlia, Mrs D. C. Innes; charm cactus (A. W. Webster trophy) Mrs Pratten; floral art reflections with dahlias (J. H. Skerman trophy), Mrs Ferris 1, Mrs Pratten 2. Zinnias, Mrs Ferris 1, W. Boden 2; gladiolus, Mrs Ferris 1; Carnations, Mrs Ferris 1; rose, Mrs Chafer 1, Mrs Morrison 2; three roses bud to full bloom, Mrs Ferris 1 and 2; container of roses, Mrs Chafer 1; spray fuchsia single, Mr Les Sinclair 1 and 2; spray fuchsia double, Mr Les Sinclair 1 and 2; gerberas single, Mrs G. Chafer 1; gerberas double, Mrs G. Chafer 1; geraniums one double one single, Mrs Ferris 1; marigolds, Miss L Wheatcroft 1; large zinnias, Mrs Ferris 1; flower not provided for, Mrs Pratten 1, Mrs Ferris 2; Champion flower Mrs Pratten; maidenhair fern, Mr Les Sinclair 1, Mrs Morrison 2; fern not specified, Mrs Morrison 1 and 2; hanging

basket, Mrs Morrison 1, W. Boden 2; plant in flower, Mr R. Gilliland 1 Mrs Morrison 2; rex begonia, Mrs Morrison 1, W. Boden 2; African violet, Mrs Ferris 1, Mrs Morrison 2; foliage plant, Mrs Morrison 1 and 2; plant not specified, Mrs Morrison 1, W. Boden 2; gloxinia, Mr R. Gilliland 1 and 2; most points in section Mrs Morrison.

Arrangement without flowers, Mrs Pratten 1, Mrs T. Dunstan 2; modern arrangement dahlias pink and grey, Mrs Pratten 1, Mrs Ferris 2; ultra-modern arrangement driftwood and dahlias, Mrs Pratten 1, T. Dunstan 2; arrangement suitable mans desk, Mrs Ferris 1, Mrs Knight 2; arrangement weathered wood, stones and succulents, Mrs Pratten 1, Mrs F. Porter 2; arrangement in novelty china container, Mrs T. Dunstan 1, Miss Wheatcroft 2; arrangement one dahlia, Mrs Ferris 1, Mrs T. Dunstan 2; arrangement three florets, Miss Wheatcroft 1, Mrs Ferris 2; pastel arrangement, Mrs O. Thomas 1, Mrs G. Chafer 2; autumn toned arrangement (trophy M. Ferris and N. Pratten) Mrs O. Thomas 1, Mrs T. Dunstan 2; black and white arrangement, Mrs Pratten 1, Mrs O. Thomas 2; bowl of flowers, Mrs Ferris 1, Mrs O. Thomas 2; easter table arrangement, Mrs Ferris 1; dried arrangement, Mrs Pratten 1, Mrs Ferris 2; arrangement roses and driftwood, Mrs G. Chafer, Mrs Ferris 2; geraniums, Mrs F. Porter 1, Mrs T. Dunstan 2; wall vase fuchsias, Mrs O. Thomas 1, Mrs Ferris 2; dining table arrangement, Mrs Ferris 1, Mrs T. Dunstan 2; small trough, Mrs E. Hawkins 1, Miss L. Wheatcroft 2; arrangement foliage and fruit, Mrs O. Thomas 1, Mrs Ferris 2; two-toned arrangement, Mrs O. Thomas 1, Mrs Ferris 2; two of a kind, Mrs Morrison 1, Mrs O. Thomas 2; arrangement in goblet, (trophy Miss J. Gibson), Mrs Ferris 1, Mrs Pratten 2; arrangement in old mans boot, (President H. Penney trophy) Mrs Knight 1, Mrs F. Porter 2'.  
(Source Nambour Chronicle)

## ARTICLES IN THE NAMBOUR CHRONICAL (2)

The Nambour Chronicle dated 20 May 1969 reports

### GARDEN CLUB

"At the April meeting of the Maleny and Districts Horticultural Society held at the home of Mr and Mrs Rough, preliminary plans were made for the schedule for the Spring Fair, and a committee of four was selected to continue with the plans which will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The new President (Mrs E Hawkins) was in the chair. Mrs Warne received a warm welcome back to the club after her long and serious illness.

As a result of a suggestion made by a member from Peachester, floral arrangements entered in the meeting's competitions were subsequently presented to the Hospital.

A competition featuring girls names from the floral world was won by Mrs Jessie Grigor.

The next meeting of the Society will be held at the home of Mr and Mrs Noel Cox".

(Source Nambour Chronicle)

## ARTICLES IN THE NAMBOUR CHRONICAL (3)

### MALENY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S OFFICERS.

"At the annual meeting of Maleny and District Horticultural Society, the Superintendent of the Maleny QATB centre (Mr T. Knight) thanked members for the help they had given to the Ambulance Service and the School of Arts. Mrs E. Hawkins (President) welcomed visitors from Buderim garden Club and Woodford garden Club and also local residents and members including the Junior patron (Mr A. Webster). The President gave a comprehensive report of the years doings. These included the sponsoring of the Autumn Dahlia Show for the School of Arts and the Spring Fair for the Maleny Ambulance Committee.

Members decorated the stage of the Diggers Hall for Anzac Day and donated a book to be laid at the Shrine and later given to the School Library. The Club presents a book each year as a Domestic Science prize to be awarded on speech night.

Officers elected for the coming year were; - President Mrs E. Hawkins, Vice Presidents, Mesdames B. Humphries and L. M. Rough, Secretary T. Dunstan, Treasurer P. Prentis.

The treasurers report showed a credit balance of \$261.00. Mrs Ham of Buderim spoke of the pleasures enjoyed by the garden clubs in taking part in floral shows as well as the enjoyment of planting flowers and seeing them grow. Mrs Ham judged the flower competition of the day and gave an interesting commentary on the entries, which was greatly appreciated. Mr Webster presented the years trophies and the winners were; - Floral art, Mrs M. Ferris; Cut Flowers Mrs M. Ferris; Runner up trophy in both sections, Mrs N. Pratten; Novice trophy for floral art (donated by Mrs Pratten), D. Prentis.

Luncheon was then served after which the general meeting for the month was held.

### NEW BOOKS.

It was decided to buy two or three new books for the Society's library which it hopes to build up to interesting proportions.

It was also agreed to divide the floral art section into an open section and a novice section for the coming year, to encourage inexperienced members to show their skill at floral art. Mrs Ham judged the entries and the points were awarded as follows; - Mrs Dunstan 11, Mrs Ferris 12, Novice, Miss Wheatcroft 2; Cut flowers, Mrs Dunstan 19, Mrs Ferris 11, Mrs Prentis 9, Mrs Knight 3".

(Source Nambour Chronicle)

## MARCH DATE SET FOR AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

"Maleny and District Horticultural Society will hold its autumn flower show on March 6 and Mr and Mrs C J Shearer will be invited to act as judges.

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at the Q.A.T.B. Centre when there was a good attendance.

The President (Mrs E Hawkins) welcomed members and visitors .

Mesdames Penney and Rough judged the flowers and awarded points as follows: Floral open, Mrs N Pratten 6, Mrs T Dunstan 6, Mrs G Chafer 6.

Floral (novice): Mrs D Prentis 3, Miss E Francis 5, Mrs R Morrison 1, Mrs B Cox 1, Mrs F Knight 1.

Cut Flowers: Mrs Pratten 14, Mrs Chafer 10, Mrs Morrison 8, Mrs A Hawkins 6, Mrs Dunstan 5, Mrs Prentis 5, Mrs Cox 4, Mrs Knight 4, Mrs Musk 2.

The next meeting of the Society will take place at the home of Mrs W H Rough, Cedar Street. Competitions for that day will be Three miscellaneous cut flowers, One shrub, best flower in garden, one carnation, one petunia, arrangement depicting Christmas, arrangement using a goblet".

**LIST OF DONATIONS MADE IN THE GARDEN CLUB CALENDAR YEAR 1969**

Made to	Event	Amount
	<b>AUTUMN FAIR</b>	
Maleny School of Arts	Not recorded	\$
	<b>SPRING FAIR</b>	
Maleny Ambulance	Not recorded	\$
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR</b>		\$

**BOM Rainfall records for the years 1968 to 1969**

<u>1968</u>	899.2	312.3	189.7	59.1	93.3	4.8	63.0	48.6	9.7	10.2	117.3	52.6	1859.8
<u>1969</u>	25.2	136.6	140.9	44.5	420.1	28.3	67.6	192.3	44.0	278.8	143.6	123.4	1645.3