

THE FLORAL EXHIBITION

People started streaming into Banyan Park as soon as the doors were open for public inspection last Saturday, to view the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society's Floral Exhibition - and it really was a beautiful exhibition.

There were some very interesting exhibits, including a glorious flowering Cacti in a big basket - owned by Dawn Hutchinson. That was really spectacular, Dawn, with its many pale pink wax-like mini-magnolia blooms. There was also a pale yellow Prickly Pear flower. Beryl Evans' selection of Norfolkiana always attracts much attention.

Louise Menadue had arranged several floral displays, which were so beautifully and gracefully done; Vera Hunt's coloured foliage in its attractive grey wrought-iron stand was another graceful piece.

Beattie Bigg displayed a huge maiden hair fern - oh so green and fairy like!

Margaret Buffett had some lovely Roses and Hibiscus on display; Zilpha Quintal's African Violets were among the biggest we have seen. Kath Welsh's Fuschia and Rhododendrons caught the eye of many. Ma Adams had a large display of lillies - Hippiastrums and Agapanthus. There was a lovely plateful of Pansies.

Doris Wood, Paulette Eastwood, Rita Compton, Julie Quintal and Edie Randall (whose Gladioli were lovely) - all keen gardeners, exhibited various flowers and arrangements. Linda Bartle had a most striking, large display in the corner near the piano. It comprised a base of driftwood with tree orchids, and Crotons and 'seated' on the driftwood were 3 bright yellow Squash - in the shape of 3 ducks. How they grew like that we would not know but they were unmistakably ducks and were an eye-catching trio!

Many others had added their particular bunch, display, basket, vase and jar of many varied flowers and ferns and nobody could have been but impressed with the Floral Exhibition. I know that the visitors were - those I spoke to at Government House that afternoon all spoke very highly of the exhibition.

VALE

We heard with sadness last week, of the death of a former resident, Stan Gallichan, in Sandringham, Auckland.

Stan and his wife Cam, lived for several years on Norfolk Island. Cam had a hairdressing business and Stan did a lot of carpentering. They lived in the old Harry Cornish Quintal house in Taylor's Road and then in the double-storey home at the corner of Taylor's Road and Peter's Highway, now called The Bamboos.

Stan would have been in his late 60's and from what we hear, developed a Thrombosis. He and Cam had no children. They were a very popular couple.

We convey to Cam and relatives and their many friends here and in New Zealand, our sincere sympathies in their sadness.

A BEVY OF BEAUTY on BUSINESS!

Specialists in selling Norfolk Island are a group of 5 lovely young ladies and 3 gentlemen who are at this moment on Norfolk Island.

We had the pleasure of meeting the party at a small gathering at Hotel Norfolk on Thursday afternoon.

Lilly Scarcella (on her fourth visit to the island) from the Norfolk Island Booking Centre, Sydney, and who has been with the Centre for several years, has brought with her, Narelle Williams from Tourworld, Jenny Wells from Travel Strength, Gail Postile from Burns Philp Travel, Janelle Blucher (daughter of Bill and Joan of Norfolk Island who now own the N.I. Booking Centre) and the gentlemen, Greg James from the National Bank Travel, Ian Walters from N.R.M.A. Travel and Ken Simpson from East West.

These people look after what is termed the 'domestic section' and sell Australia and the islands for their agencies.

With the exception of Janelle (who went to school on Norfolk) and Lilly, this is the first visit for the rest of the party and they will be visiting all the sights and the accommodation houses. We wonder what happened for their expected tour of the island on Friday - it could not have been a wetter day! Let us hope the weather clears for them to savour some of Norfolk's wonderful sunshine before they leave on Sunday.

The young ladies of the party are a particularly attractive and knowledgeable group and it was a pleasure speaking to them. We had a little talk with Ken of East-West - but that mainly centred around Inverell, where he lives - the place of Australia's sapphires!!

VERY SINCERE Congratulations and Best Wishes to Dorothy and Tom Elliot of New Farm Road, who celebrate 65 years of marriage next Sunday!

As Dorothy said on Thanksgiving Day "It's a long time to spend with one man" - but what a great example they are of carrying out their marriage vows, made all those years ago!

*We're putting on a Panto,
It's traditional in style
We thought we'd like to entertain
The Kids once in a while.
The mums and dads will like it too
It's good for everyone.
So come along to Rawson Hall
And have an evening's fun.*

TENDER

TENDERS are called for the FENCING of the Guide and Scout Centre at Middlegate - a 2-acre block of flat land.

Further particulars can be supplied by Guide Captain Fay Bataille.

Tenders close at 5 pm on Saturday, 5th December.