

Name Nook

The stories behind the names of dahlias often found on the show bench or at tuber auctions across Australia.

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Dahlia Breeder Prefixes

I've got a dahlia called Winkie Pat and I've also seen one called Winkie Volcano – what does the Winkie part of the name signify?

The 'Winkie' prefix signifies that both dahlias were bred by the same breeder, in this case John Menzel. The Winkie prefix has arisen from the fact that John Menzel is located in Winkie, South Australia. The breeder prefix can be thought of as a sort of 'brand name' for the breeder. The breeder prefixes commonly found in Australia are listed in the table below.

Prefix	Breeder	Location	State/Country	Name source
Aitara	William (Bill) Tapley	Penola	South Australia	
Alloway	Jack Stitt		New Zealand	Named after an area in Scotland.
April	John Shaw	Mirboo North	Victoria	
Araluen	Ron Wilkes	Goulburn	New South Wales	Named after his house.
Aussie	Bob Yeomans	Burwood	Melbourne	The Aussie prefix came to Bob in the middle of the night, no one had claimed it before and so he did, much to the shock of many growers.

Barbarry	Barry Davies	Barnsley, South Yorkshire	UK	From Bar(bara) and Barry Davies.
Bracken	Neville Naumann	Bracken Ridge	Queensland	
Brook's	Neil Brooker	Yass	New South Wales	
Christie	Joan Matulick	Christies Beach	South Australia	Joan Matulick bred many wonderful dahlias from her home in Christies Beach, a suburb of Adelaide. Joan was a key member of the Dahlia Society of South Australia and since Joan's passing in 2014 the South Australian State Championship has been named in her honour. Joan exhibited for 38 straight years and always supported the lesser known types of dahlias and some of her most enduring flowers are from these classes. Think - Christie Galah as a Stellar and Christie Shayla, an Orchid, which both star on the show bench.

Clara	Garry Andrews	Nar Nar Goon	Victoria	Garry Andrews, who is also a Life Member of the society has won the Kiwi trophy five times, making him and Joe Daniel the most prolific winners. Garry's first win was in 2001 with a dahlia named <i>Clara</i> . He had another win in 2006, followed by a hat trick of wins in 2008, 2009 and 2010. These wins all had <i>Clara</i> in the name, being his wife's maiden name and the basis for the naming of most of his seedlings. It is interesting to note that the two dahlias of Garry's that are most widely grown today did not win the Kiwi. These dahlias are both fimbriated, being <i>Lucia Andrews</i> named for his wife and <i>Alessia</i> . Garry's interest was sparked when he moved into a house in McKinnon, in the mid 1930's, which had been the home of Pop Harris, a big dahlia grower. For the first few years Garry just left the dahlias to grow, but he saw an advert for the State Dahlia show and looking for something to do he went along for a look. As they say, the rest is history; as he was well and truly hooked. Garry would always cross type to type and focussed on the fimbriated dahlias. His breeding program for these started when he imported fimbriated seed from South Africa. He only raised two seedlings from this seed but was able to continue to cross and from these first plants he went on to breed dahlias that still perform well today.
Como	Merv Ray	Como, Perth	Western Australia	Merv Ray was a prolific breeder in the 60's and 70's. He resided in the suburb of Como in Perth, hence the prefix. Como Polly which was bred in 1974 still graces the show bench today; it's a lovely large lavender decorative.
Coorabell	Wedd Family	Coorabell	New South Wales	

<i>Cyma</i>	Bill Foster	Doncaster	Victoria	Cyma is a brand of Swiss watch, Bill worked for Cyma.
<i>Devon</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Charlie uses the <i>Devon</i> prefix which derives from Devonport where he lived at the time he first became interested in dahlias. As a breeder he topped the charts when comparing show success during the 2018 season. <i>Devon</i> and Charlie Smith had 72 wins. Charlie has bred over 300 named varieties, starting in 1963.
<i>Formby</i>	George Harding	Devonport	Tasmania	
<i>Gay</i>	Gaynor Parker	Adelaide	South Australia	
<i>Glenbank</i>	Gar Davidson	Gippsland	Victoria	Originally grew dahlias half way between Glenaladale and Fernbank, 25 min west of Bairnsdale, hence the prefix Glenbank, also raised Pam Howden, named after his sister in law, his wife Joyce's sister. See article in Summer - December 2017 magazine.
<i>Glenmarc</i>	Alf Hardingham	Portland	Victoria	From his sons, Glen and Marc.
<i>Granite</i>	Malcolm & Betty Balch	Stanthorpe	Queensland	Stanthorpe is in the Granite Belt.
<i>Hamari</i>	Pi (W) Ensum	Surrey	UK	Pi Ensum lived in a house called Hamari. Hamari is an Indian word meaning 'Our', referring to the place where he lived as Hamari - Our Home.
<i>Hillcrest</i>	Les Jackson	Carlisle	UK	Grew his dahlias on an allotment at Hillcrest.

Hillier	Vin & Julie Charlton	Reynella	South Australia	Lived in Hillier Road. One story that needs to be shared is that supplied by Neville Jaeschke, President of the Dahlia Society of South Australia. Once you have grown dahlias for a little while you are sure to have come across a stunning salmon pink decorative dahlia called <i>Hillier Tanunda</i> . This is its story. This dahlia was first shown as a seedling in 1995 by the breeders Vin and Julie Charlton. The unnamed seedling was entered at the show in Tanunda, in the Barossa Valley in South Australia where it won Grand Champion bloom. Vin and Julie bred dahlias using the Hillier prefix, as they lived in Hillier Road, Reynella, a suburb of Adelaide. So the Tanunda Show stopping stunning salmon pink decorative was named <i>Hillier Tanunda</i> .
Inland	Norman & Dawn Anselmo		USA	
Karras	Ann Peters	Adelaide & Port Lincoln	South Australia	Initials of family members, the second a stands for "and".
Ken's	Ken Farquhar	Wollongong	New South Wales	Ken Farquhar hailed from NSW and was breeding dahlias in the late 80's and into the 90's. Ken's Gold, a brilliant yellow waterlily bred in 1991, featured at the State Show.
Kenora	Gordon Leroux	Washington State	USA	Named after Kenora, Canada where he was born. Gordy also used Keewatin as a prefix, this time named for a small town in Canada near where he was born.
Kiara	John Young	Launceston	Tasmania	

Lismore	William (Bill) Franklin	Kent	UK	An island off Oban in Scotland.
Longwarry	Dennis Zeitsman	Longwarry	Victoria	Dennis Zeitsman is a current and active member of the DSV growing his dahlias at Longwarry, approximately 1¼ hour from Melbourne. He raised the winning seedling at the 2017 State Show and has named it Longwarry Joe. In 2016 he also won the Kiwi and named this one <i>Longwarry Lita</i> , named for his sister-in-law. (When Dennis' wife Jean reigned in the State Show kitchens providing meals for everyone, her sister Lita would always be helping out too.) <i>Longwarry Joe</i> was named for Joe Daniel. Dennis was returning the favour as Joe had raised a dahlia called <i>Rokewood Dennis</i> . <i>Lita</i> is a small pink cactus and <i>Joe</i> is another cactus which is quite fine and a light orange. Dennis has been breeding dahlias for a while now and although he lets the bees do the pollination, he hand collects the seed for sowing the following year. Dennis grew up in South Africa where his father grew and showed our favourite flower and so it's all in the family. His first seedling is a small orange cactus which he called <i>Longwarry Jean</i> (after his wife) and although he never entered this in the State seedling section he still grows and shows it. In 2019 Dennis won again with a cactus, it seems to be his speciality. This one he has called <i>Longwarry Eryn</i> after a young family member.
Narrows	Ken & Marilyn Walton	Tacoma, Washington	USA	Ken and Marilyn Walton overlook the Tacoma Narrows. The Tacoma Narrows is a strait which is part of the larger Puget Sound in Washington. As well as watching their dahlias grow, they will often observe whales breaching in the Narrows.

Northfield	Frank & Eunice Turton	Research	Victoria	Northfield was the name of Frank's nurse.
Papakura	Deb Collett	Red Hill	Victoria	The terroir and growing style at Deb's Red Hill location gives rise to a substantial amount of self-sown random seedlings. Papakura is the small city back in New Zealand where she went to high school. The Maori meaning of the word is "red earth (flats)" leading to the naming of a suburb in Papakura which is Red Hill. So with her dahlias growing here in the red earth of Red Hill, Victoria, it just seemed right to call them Papakura. (For those that want to know it's pronounced pah-pah-coo-ra) With such a random approach she's not sure she will be getting a lot of dahlias worthy of growing on but the first one that caught some attention on the bench, was known as seedling H. When wondering how to get inspiration for the second part of the name, it hit her that H is the first element of the periodic table, standing for Hydrogen. With the periodic table currently having 118 elements, she figured she was not going to run out of names anytime soon. Hence her second worthy seedling is <i>Papakura Helium</i> . Not sure that she will continue to name them in the order of the elements, but this seedling is a nice decorative that looks a little like a helium balloon, so it fits.

Rokewood	Joe Daniel	Rokewood	Victoria	<p>1994 was the first year that Joe Daniel won the Kiwi Seedling trophy. Joe lived in Rokewood, hence the prefix. Joe moved to Rokewood, 133km west of Melbourne, in the early '70's for a 3 month shearing stint. He liked it so much that he stayed and has only recently downsized and moved into Ballarat. He was always a gardener and was interested in these enormous flowers grown by a retired shearer who lived down the street and when he asked what they were, he was told dahlias and as he was interested, the ex-shearer would be happy to give him a barrowful of tubers when he dug then at the end of the season. Joe doesn't believe any were show quality but they looked good, he then made contact with a German guy from Ballarat who had really good stock, including some great <i>Susan French</i>. Joe always hand pollinated for seed and in the first year he had 61 plants come up, <i>Rokewood Candy</i>, was one of them. This was his first Kiwi winner and the dahlia also had some success in England. It is still grown by Bruce Millard. There was also a dodgy little plant that didn't really flower that first season. When the clump split up as he was digging it, he only threw half in the bin and replanted the other half. The next year it flowered as a nice little purple cactus and became <i>Rokewood Opal</i>. Joe's not sure why Rokewood Opal never won the Kiwi as he believes this is probably his best and most famous raising and still going strong here and overseas. He figured this seedling caper was pretty easy and so had about 300 plants the next year, all of which came to nothing. In later years Joe tended to name his plants after people, always asking their permission before doing so.</p>
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Ruskin	Stan Pennington	St Helens, Merseyside	UK	Gardens were in Ruskin Drive.
Ryecroft	Phil Godsmark	Storrington, West Sussex	UK	Allotments in Ryecroft Lane.
Scarborough	Ted Griffin	Scarborough	Western Australia	Also bred Embrace, 1999.
Stevens	Steve Cox	Carrum Downs	Victoria	Steve Cox won the Kiwi Trophy in 2005 with <i>Stevens Vanda</i> . It has been incorrectly recorded on the Kiwi as Stevens with an e, however the name doesn't come from Steve being short for Steven but rather STEphen and VANda. The S was added to make it sound better. This dahlia was the only dahlia that Vanda really liked. It has had success overseas, like most of Steve's raisings, with placings in the Overseas class at both the National and Harrogate shows in the UK. Steve's next winner was in 2011 with <i>Stevens Teddy</i> , named for his dad who had just passed away. This dahlia was well received in the USA. Steve won again with <i>Stevens Jake</i> in 2014, named after his Border Collie. Steve is another breeder who purposely crosses like types. <i>Teddy</i> and <i>Vanda</i> are still grown today but <i>Jake</i> didn't make it, in the second season it just didn't grow well.
Taratahi	John Frater	Taratahi	New Zealand	John Frater used the Maori name - Taratahi. The literal translation of Taratahi is One (tahi) Point (tara) however it could also be taken to mean isolated, as that is what the area would have originally been, located above Wellington in the Wairarapa area which is still lightly populated today.
Wakefield	Graeme Davis	Canberra	ACT	

<i>Weston</i>	Tom McLelland	Derbyshire	UK	Tom McLelland lived on Weston Road in Weston-on-Trent, giving rise to the Weston prefix.
<i>Winholme</i>	Maurice White	South Yorkshire	UK	Maurice White, who only passed away earlier this year, lived in a house called Winholme, in Doncaster, South Yorkshire. The Winholme dahlia we are most familiar with is probably Winholme Diane, a miniature yellow decorative. Now Winholme Diane was a sport of Primrose Diane, which in turn was a sport from Ruskin Diane. A great example of sports often sharing part of the parent name.

Winkie

John Menzel

Winkie

South Australia

Dahlias in Australia would not be where they are today if it wasn't for the name Winkie and the Man and of course the Woman behind that name. John and Anne Menzel ARE **Winkie Dahlias** and have had a long association with the dahlia.

John's grandmother grew the 'BIGGEST' white dahlias that John had even seen and he credits this memory as the starting point of his dahlia journey. After he'd been growing dahlias for a few years he traced this 'BIGGEST' white dahlia back to a cultivar that looked a lot like *Sterling Silver*. It ended up that it was barely medium in size (160mm) and very, very rough. However that revelation was still to come and in 1975 they purchased 20 cultivars as the result of seeing a newspaper advert. Seven of them actually grew and when the first one bloomed, *S.G. Moffat* a large bicolor cactus, Anne commented that if that's dahlias then forget them. Then *Dreamland*, a white flushed lavender decorative, appeared and that appealed to Anne and she wanted to know if they came in other colours? The rest as the saying goes is history. By April 1978 when they were married, dahlias featured in their wedding arrangements.

Their first recognised seedling was called *Winkie Joan* and it was actually a lavender/white fimbriated sport of a small apricot fimbriated dahlia called *Adeline*. Joan Matulick (a past life member of the Dahlia Society of South Australia) was the name of the judge who gave it an award. Neither of these are still grown today and *Winkie Joan* was quickly superseded with varieties that better met the standards. This sport did

however start the long list of raisings that have emerged from the Winkie stable. John couldn't put a number on the seedlings he's raised as in the 1980's everything from the seedling patch was a winner in his eyes. However it didn't take long to realise that other raisers had better seedlings and he needed to re-evaluate what were satisfactory plants, if they were not to be overrun.

He still figures that over 200+ seedlings have been named, however many did not continue to perform and were later dropped, some became what he calls self-retirees when they did not keep and several have been culled due to suspected virus. One such self-retiree is *Winkie Vulcan*, a stunning orchid, which won the Orchid Award of Merit at the 2012 Victorian State Show. John reckons it may have had something to do with the name and has either gone to God or is burning in hell. (John kindly sent the writer a tuber to grow in late 2012 – but this was the year of the great rabbit invasion in my patch – so I also feel responsible for its demise) *Winkie Muscatel* was a trial ground winner but after about five years it lost its way & found the pathway to the Garden in the Sky. Another self-retiree, which is mourned, was a white medium semi-cactus with a faint lavender flush that replicated the form of a famous Gaynor Parker dahlia called *Silver Gay*.

There are also some dahlias around that are from Winkie seed but don't hold the Winkie name. Two of these were grown in Canada by Wayne Holland. They are *Canoz Anne* and *Canoz Catriona*. *Canoz* being a blend of Canada and Australia. *Canoz Anne* is a red

waterlily named for Anne and the Menzels' saw in on the show bench at the American Dahlia Society National show in Grand Rapids in 2013. *Canoz Catriona* is a lavender decorative named the day Wayne met Catriona Rowntree from the Australian TV program Getaway. *Judith Taylor* is a fimbriated that was named by a friend for his wife for a special situation in 2003.

There are other seedlings that have been named but these were never going to get the Winkie moniker and were going to be culled. However if someone visiting the patch sees one of these that they liked then for a donation to the Royal Flying Doctors, John would send them the tubers when they were dug. There are at least 10 seedlings that have been saved from the compost bin this way.

When asked to name his favourite dahlia children, John identified what he considers his most reliable cultivars. These are the ones that are there every week, they repeat flower and are not just good at the start or the end of the season and also do well in other areas under other conditions. He's not a fan of what could be called One Week Wonders, that under ideal circumstances and for a short period of time have excellent blooms and any new introductions must be considered as outstanding in all aspects.

The list is *Winkie Cavalier*, *Winkie Ingot*, *Winkie Moorpark*, *Winkie Northbound*, *Winkie Ophelia*, *Winkie Raven*, *Winkie Truffle*, *Winkie Volcano* and *Winkie Wisteria*.

John's naming policy has been guided by a couple of philosophies. One that he has tried to steer away from anything that could be confused with other stables, there are a lot of Sunsets and Stars but not at Winkie. All names reflect either the colour or a great story behind the bloom. A lot of the names are for fruit that is grown in the area and more than a couple have grape references.

The Winkie name was well and truly launched when John and Anne won the South Australian State Show Grand Champion bloom in 1994 with *Winkie Colonel*. *Winkie Colonel* was also the first cultivar to have success overseas, winning Bloom of the Show in the 2004 ADS National in Seattle. Another two Winkie stablemates have gained international recognition and the first of these is *Winkie Lambrusco*. In 2014 this pompon won two seedling classes at the largest UK flower show, Harrogate. It won in the Overseas raised class for which it received the Noel Bracewell Trophy. It then went on to win the S & M Bowcock Perpetual Memorial Trophy for the best overall Seedling of the Show. In 2019 *Winkie Volcano* won the best overseas raised seedling not previously exhibited in the UK. This silver medal was awarded at the Wisley Show and is called the Philip Damp Award.

On top of this many other Winkie plants have won Award of Merits, Grand Champion, Section Champion and too many prizes to list for both the Menzels and other exhibitors here and world wide. John has a tally of 54 Winkies that have been awarded as such. Two personal showing highlights stand out for John and

Anne. Both happened in 2015, at Portland they won the Nine Type Championship with only Winkie bred dahlias. They also won the 2015 Victorian State Championship with all Winkie cultivars.

With all this success, is there any place left to go? Well, perhaps - John still wishes he could raise pink, yellow, white and gold versions of the *Colonel*.

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Well Known Dahlias using Prefixes

I've got a dahlia called Araluen Joy – what is the story behind this particular dahlia?

This section records the specific stories for dahlias from breeders who used the prefixes listed above. If a dahlia does not use a known prefix then it could be listed in the next section.

Dahlia Name	Breeder	Location	State/Country	Name source
<i>Araluen Joy</i>	Ron Wilkes	Goulburn	New South Wales	The Wilkes would often stay with the Lawson's (and vice versa) and although Joy had a dahlia already named after her, Ron wanted to name a better one. When he won the Kiwi Trophy in 1993 the seedling was named <i>Araluen Joy</i> . Unfortunately although <i>Araluen Joy</i> was a lovely dahlia it grew the biggest and heaviest tubers ever seen and was just too expensive to mail to growers around the county and it was thought that it was lost, but it has recently resurfaced and is currently grown by Stanton Halik.
<i>Cyma Alana</i>	Bill Foster	Doncaster	Victoria	<i>Cyma Alana</i> was the 2000 Kiwi Trophy winner. Bill Foster is remembered by us in our Medium Dahlia Championship.
<i>Devon Banrock</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Colour of a favourite drink
<i>Devon Blaze</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Red in colour like a blazing fire
<i>Devon Caress</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	David Pyke (a Tassie grower) named it with George Harding, it was too young for the show, but they were at Charlie's for breakfast and suggested that they could caress that bloom
<i>Devon Carnival</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Lucy, Charlie's wife named this one as it reminded her of the bright tents of the carnival
<i>Devon Casper</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	It's white and named after Casper the Friendly Ghost
<i>Devon Celeste</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	From a TV show

Devon Cherub	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Thought this was a most beautiful ball, white with pink tips, reminded him of antique angels
Devon Desire	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Wanted (desired) this one
Devon Devine	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Came from a friend who saw this as a seedling at a show and said it was divine
Devon Eugene	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Named after a town in the USA where Charlie stayed
Devon Eureka	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Looked like the gold mined from the Eureka
Devon Felix	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	This seedling was going to be thrown away for three years but it just kept coming back, just like a cat
Devon Glamour	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Charlie thought it was very glamorous
Devon Grande	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	A new miniature decorative that looks grand and decided it needed the extra syllable, therefore Grande
Devon Harmony	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	This small cactus harmonised with other dahlias around it and to Charlie is seemed to be humming
Devon Heritage	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	It looked like an older dahlia
Devon Jupiter	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	A yellow which is the same colour as the stars in the sky
Devon Lola	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Named after a friend's two year old daughter
Devon Medallion	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	The next door neighbour thought it looked like it would win a medal
Devon Mystique	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	George Harding (another Tassie breeder) thought it looked a little like a ghost, with its soft clear colour, so mystique was appropriate
Devon Party Girl	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	A lemon coloured miniature cactus with a faint orange flush, the dahlia looked like a dancer's skirt
Devon Radiance	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	A red with gold tips that looked like it was hot
Devon Regal	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	One of his first from 1964 which is still exhibited today
Devon Rocket	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	A deep orange miniature decorative that looks like the colour of a flame from a rocket. George Harding also had a new dahlia of the same form at the same time and although more red in colour he also used rocket and called his <i>Formby Rocket</i>
Devon Rojo	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Spanish for red

<i>Devon Rubi</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	A real ruby red coloured dahlia
<i>Devon Safari</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	John Menzel saw this in Charlie's patch and said that it would go a long way
<i>Devon Saigon</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Looks oriental in colour
<i>Devon Seduction</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Another named by David Pyke, we assume that David was seduced by it
<i>Devon Showtime</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	A very distinct dahlia, looks like a real show one
<i>Devon Spirit</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Lifted the spirits of George Harding when he saw it
<i>Devon Sunbeam</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	Looks like the sun, iridescent yellow, small cactus
<i>Devon Tiffany</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	This silvery pink medium decorative inspired by the film, Breakfast at Tiffany's
<i>Devon Token</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	It had a token resemblance to <i>Devon Safari</i> which was a parent
<i>Devon Toledo</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	The top ranking cultivar from the Devon stable in the 2018 season charts. Charlie also ranks it as one of his top 3. At the time Charlie was looking for a name for this new seedling there was a show on TV where they were talking about orange in Italian and he picked up the name 'toledo'
<i>Devon Valencia</i>	Charles Smith	St Helens	Tasmania	A very neat miniature decorative that is orange in colour
<i>Hamari Accord</i>	Pi (W) Ensum	Surrey	UK	<i>Hamari Accord</i> is a medium yellow semi-cactus bred in 1984. The name of the property where he lived and grew dahlias gave rise to the prefix. Hamari is an Indian word meaning 'Our', referring to the place where he lived as Hamari - Our Home. Further research couldn't uncover where the Accord part of the name came from. Maybe he drove a Honda Accord?

<i>Kenora Challenger</i>	Gordon Leroux	Washington State	USA	<i>Kenora Challenger</i> is a medium white semi-cactus bred in the USA by Gordy (Gordon) Leroux in 1991. The place he was born; Kenora, Canada gave rise to the prefix. Although this dahlia was not introduced until 5 years after the Challenger Space Shuttle disaster of 1986, this impressive white dahlia was named in remembrance of the astronauts who lost of their lives. Gordy and his wife Jeanie were very religious and the naming of this dahlia would have meant a great deal to them. Also one of the astronauts was a teacher, as was Jeanie.
<i>Northfield Joy</i>	Frank & Eunice Turton	Research	Victoria	<i>Northfield Joy</i> is another dahlia named for our Vice President Joy Lawson. It was raised by Frank and Eunice Turton and Northfield was the name of Frank's nurse. The Turton's were also heavily involved in all aspects of the Society and the Pompon Championship at the State Show bears their name.
<i>Rokewood Candy</i>	Joe Daniel	Rokewood	Victoria	<i>Rokewood Candy</i> was the Kiwi Trophy winner in 1994, found some success in the UK and is still being grown by Bruce Millard in 2018.
<i>Rokewood Delia</i>	Joe Daniel	Rokewood	Victoria	Named after Delia Robertson, another dahlia grower, it won the Kiwi in 2013. A miniature dec which performs well right through the season.
<i>Rokewood Opal</i>	Joe Daniel	Rokewood	Victoria	There was also a dodgy little plant that didn't really flower in the first season Joe tried hand pollinating and growing seed. When the clump split up as he was digging it, he only threw half in the bin and replanted the other half. The next year it flowered as a nice little purple cactus and became <i>Rokewood Opal</i> . Joe's not sure why Rokewood Opal never won the Kiwi as he believes this is probably his best and most famous raising and still going strong here and overseas.

<i>Rokewood Robina</i>	Joe Daniel	Rokewood	Victoria	Named after one of Joe's daughters, a Kiwi winner in 2004, a small white decorative.
<i>Winkie Alliance</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Friends from Alliance, Ohio liked it, a white/cream flushed with pink waterlily
<i>Winkie Anne</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	John named this to gain "Brownie Points" when he was having a "Bad Day"
<i>Winkie Antarctica</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	A purest white decorative
<i>Winkie Barney</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	A waterlily named for a dog of a friend from Portland, Oregon. Barney would pull out carrots directly from the garden and eat them
<i>Winkie Bombardier</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Named at an Easter BBQ gathering on the suggestion of Garry Andrews
<i>Winkie Carnival</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Resembled a Ferris wheel at a carnival
<i>Winkie Cavalier</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	It just has that noble look about it
<i>Winkie Cockerel</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	It was a seedling that survived behind the "chook yard" for five years

<i>Winkie Colonel</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	This dahlia was raised in 1987. The Colonel got its name because when John first discovered it, crawling along in the seedling patch, he rather hopefully thought that the flower would be able to “pull rank on a few things”. The name is a reflection of John’s time in the Army when a Colonel was someone to be respected. A highlight in the history of <i>Winkie Colonel</i> came in 2014 when John was actually in the USA and a <i>Colonel</i> won the Bloom of the Show at the Dahlia Society of America National Show in Seattle. He is chuffed by the fact that wherever he is in the world he is introduced as the fellow who bred <i>Winkie Colonel</i> .
<i>Winkie Crystobelle</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	A crystal white dahlia
<i>Winkie Cupid</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	It was one that appealed to a lot of ladies
<i>Winkie Director</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	John and Anne considered that this one could set a standard
<i>Winkie Gladiator</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	This Ball can do battle with most opposition
<i>Winkie Graham</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Named for a friend who could grow it better than John
<i>Winkie Grenache</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	For the red Grenache wine grapes
<i>Winkie Hellos</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Looks like a rising sun
<i>Winkie Ingot</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	This is equivalent to a moulded lump of gold
<i>Winkie Kestrel</i>	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Similar in colouring to the type of bird Nakeen Kestrel

Winkie Lambrusco	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	As well as a sparkling wine this is also a grape variety which the flower looked like
Winkie Lisbon	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	After the lemon
Winkie Mark	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	When Ron Wilkes grew this as a seedling he said 'Mark' my words it's a winner
Winkie Matrix	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Looks like a matrix being an arrangement of numbers, symbols, or letters in rows
Winkie Maverick	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	This decorative will be able to hold its own
Winkie Moorpark	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Similar to the colour of a 'Moorpark' Apricot
Winkie Muscatel	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Grape variety
Winkie Northbound	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	One day it will make its way to America to a friend that wants it
Winkie Nugget	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Another that has the colour of a moulded lump of gold
Winkie Ophelia	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	A dahlia that would get a part in any performance
Winkie Paddlewheel	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Resembles a paddlewheel from the paddle steamers that ply the nearby Murray River. This orange/yellow exhibition cactus looks like the paddlewheel with the water falling. Winkie is situated near to the Murray River with the many paddle steamers that still ply the waterway.
Winkie Volcano	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	This red fimbriated flower looks like an explosion.
Winkie Pat	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	For friend who had just lost their lifelong partner

Winkie Raven	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Colour is very close to that of the local crows
Winkie Rhubarb	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	This multi-colour looks similar to that of a bowl of rhubarb & custard
Winkie Robot	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	It just keeps performing like clockwork
Winkie Safari	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	The performance was irregular and looked like it would go on holiday
Winkie Shiraz	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	A red wine grape
Winkie Test Eagle	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	A ball dahlia named after their son's yacht
Winkie Trebbiano	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Grape variety
Winkie Truffle	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Has the pinkish look of a mushroom
Winkie Volcano	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	A great fimbriated which just kept erupting red blooms of quality
Winkie Vulcan	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	An orchid that self-retired, named for its fiery red and gold colouring
Winkie Wanderer	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	The lavender/white colours of this dec were not ideally consistent but the form is excellent
Winkie Watermelon	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	After the fruit
Winkie Welper	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Friends from Welper in Germany liked the colour and form
Winkie Whopper	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	When John and Anne's boys first saw it - they said together - "That's a Whopper!"
Winkie Wisteria	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	The colour of the climbing wisteria

***Winkie
Zinfandel***

John Menzel

Winkie

South Australia

A red wine grape

Well Known Dahlias Without a Prefix

I've got a dahlia which I've not heard anything about before – e.g. Eunice T

A lot of well known dahlias grown for exhibition in Australia do not have names that start with a breeder prefix (even though some of them may have been grown by breeders who do usually name their dahlias using a prefix). The breeders of some of these well known dahlias are shown in the table below. Please note that the Year of Introduction when included is sometimes the year the seedling first appeared and sometimes the year it was actually named and released, there is no set protocol for assigning a year. So a year has been included in these records, just to indicate the approximate age of the dahlia.

Other dahlias to be listed here, which may no longer be so well known, are winners of the Kiwi Trophy. The Kiwi Trophy was presented to the National Dahlia Society of Victoria (as the Society was then known) by Les Norton and Jack Dempsey from New Zealand in 1991. Les and Jack had visited our show in 1986, but provided the Kiwi Trophy at this later date to help the society transition from evaluating seedlings in Trial Gardens to evaluating them on the bench. The society had traditionally run Trial Gardens almost since its inception. These gardens had been in various locations around Melbourne and based on numerous visits by several judges over the growing season a best seedling of the year was selected. A list of these winners from 1965 until the last year in 1992 can be found in the Fifty Year Book (pages 115-116). This new trophy, the Kiwi, was to be a perpetual award for the Best Seedling at the State Show, so now growers had a one-time chance to have their new seedling looking its best for the dates of the State Show.

Name (Year of Introduction)	Breeder	Location	State/Country	Name source
<i>Aegean Sky</i> (2000)	Chris Michalopoulos	Prahran	Victoria	<i>Aegean Sky</i> was raised by our very own Life Member, Chris Michalopoulos and is a collerette which is also noted for its scent. Chris actively started the task of breeding a scented dahlia 22 years ago and <i>Aegean Sky</i> was his first success. He went on to breed a further 31 scented dahlias. He describes <i>Aegean Sky</i> as having a crinum, herbs and honey fragrance. Fragrance in flowers served one of two purposes, it either repels predator or attracts pollinators. (Does this assume that because dahlias are typically not scented that they don't need

				to repel predators – someone needs to come tell all the unwanted visitors I encountered this season...) The fragrance of the first batch of dahlias was rated as a 4 to 5. As a comparison <i>Mr Lincoln</i> (a red rose) rates a 9.
Alessia	Garry Andrews	Nar Nar Goon	Victoria	Gary mainly breed using <i>Clara</i> in the name, being his wife's maiden name. However the two dahlias of Garry's that are most widely grown today did not win the Kiwi. These dahlias are both fimbriated, being <i>Lucia Andrews</i> named for his wife and <i>Alessia</i>
Amira (1996)	Cor Geerlings	Heemstede	Netherlands	
Bob Yeomans	Bob Yeomans	Burwood	Victoria	Flower previously called Aussie Nimbus. This bloom won the Kiwi Trophy in 2007. It is a white cactus.
Bob's Dream	Bob & Emily Trotter	Selby	Victoria	<i>Bob's Dream</i> , was the 1996 Kiwi Trophy winner and was growing in Bob Trotter's seedling patch when he passed away. His wife Emily liked it and so entered it in the seedling section the following year. It was a real standout on the bench however although Emily grew it on, it didn't look as good in the following year. Bob raised many good dahlias which always grew well for him but didn't seem to like moving away from the hills (Dandenong's). Bob and Emily were very involved in the Society and the Number One Victorian Dahlia Championship is named in their honour. Previously lived in Hawthorn.
Brian's Dream (2001)	Brian King	Blaby, Leicester	United Kingdom	
Cameo (1986)	W (Bill) Tapley	Penola	South Australia	<i>Cameo</i> is a pale creamy coloured waterlily which along with <i>Figurine</i> still performs well on the show bench and made the 2018 Top 20 DSA Cultivar list.
Cornel (1994)	Cor Geerlings	Heemstede	Netherlands	

Cricket (1974)	Nat Lundgren	California	USA	Nat also bred under the Western moniker.
Embrace (1999)	Ted Griffin	Scarborough	Western Australia	Also bred under Scarborough Prefix.
Eunice T	Brian (Rocky) Marshall	Plympton, Adelaide	South Australia	Named for Eunice Turton, wife of Frank Turton, Gold Service member of the DSV.
Figurine (1982)	W (Bill) Tapley	Penola	South Australia	<i>Figurine</i> is a waterlily which was raised in around 1982 and was one of Bill Tapley's early raising. At the time Bill was living in Penola, South Australia. He later moved to St Agnes in Adelaide. Bill also used Aitara as a prefix.
Fire & Ice	Vin Charlton	Reynella	South Australia	<i>Fire & Ice</i> was raised by Vin Charlton and was originally known as <i>Fire 'n Ice</i> . Used the Hillier prefix.
Gladys Johns	Bill Foster	Doncaster	Victoria	The story goes that Bill Foster was going to throw out <i>Gladys Johns</i> until Les Lawson told him not to. In fact Les grew it in his patch and exhibited it at Bendigo and won the Blue Ribbon. Once Les had won the Blue Ribbon, Bill had to name the flower as it was still only classified as a seedling at the time. He named it after Gladys who was a member of the club. He had wanted to name a dahlia for her for some time and was well pleased that Les had saved this second year seedling from the compost bin. Bill also bred under the Cyma prefix.
Ivanetti	Cor Geerlings	Heemstede	Netherlands	Also uses Geerlings as a prefix.
Jan Lennon	Ross Sibly	Reynella	South Australia	Named for Ross's daughter.
Janette Thompson	Bob Yeomans	Burwood	Victoria	

Jessie M	Jess Henson		Victoria	Kiwi Trophy Winner 1995. Les Lawson believes that <i>Jessie M</i> may have been named after Jess's granddaughter but we can't really be sure of the inspiration behind the naming of this winning dahlia. Jess was a Life Member of the society.
J.T. Holmes	Jess Henson		Victoria	Kiwi Trophy Winner 1992.
Judith Taylor	John Menzel	Winkie	South Australia	Mainly uses Winkie as a prefix.
Lucia Andrews	Garry Andrews	Nar Nar Goon	Victoria	Named for Garry's wife. Garry is a life member of the DSV. Normally bred under Clara prefix.
Mary's Jomanda	D G Houghton	Cumbria	UK	Sport of Jomanda, raised by Cor Geerlings.
Maxmann (1978)	Frank Rossack	Ocean Grove	Victoria	<i>Maxmann</i> is named for Max Mann, although the dahlia is often misnamed as Maxman. Frank Rossack, who was a Victoria breeder of great renown, grew his dahlias in Ocean Grove, Geelong. He bred many giants and regularly used Alden as a prefix. Alden was the name of the nursery.
Pam				The history of the pom is unknown, although was a popular dahlia in Australia as far back as 1968 when it won Grand Champion Bloom in South Australia.
Pam Howden	Gar Davidson	Gippsland	Victoria	Named for his sister-in-law. She regularly visited his patch and when she first saw this flower, she couldn't stop commenting on it. Also used Glenbank as a prefix.
Penella	Bill Johnson	Blackburn North	Victoria	Raises a lot of anemones, names them by a system which indicates that this is a P for Purple anemone. <i>Penella</i> is an anemone that was raised in Australia, so if you know your anemones then you could guess that it was raised by Bill Johnson and you would be right. Bill has raised many

hundreds, even thousands of seedlings, those that he keeps and names are named by colour. With hundreds to name, he devised a system. In a couple of sentences the system is described as follows. The first letter in the name designates the colour, so *Penella* because it starts with P is purple. If a dahlia is pink, then he uses the letter N to differentiate it from a purple. So a Bill Johnson anemone starting with P is purple, but starting with N is pink. If the colour is orange this is designated by a J, other than that they are easy to pick, starting with R then it's red, starting with Cr it's crimson. There is a variation to note, when the first vowel is u, then it denotes that the colour is lighter, so *June* is a lighter orange than *Jester*. Also when the first vowel is an A, then it denotes two colours, so *Panna* is purple and pink. There are some other letters which when used denote other things.

<i>Pink Suffusion (1996)</i>	Colin Pearce	Hugh Heaton, Newcastle	United Kingdom	
<i>Reg Kappler</i>	Reg Kappler	Brighton	South Australia	Reg Kappler was a breeder from South Australia, who would come across to Victoria with winning blooms to compete at Box Hill in the early years. <i>Reg Kappler</i> is a large yellow cactus from the late eighties.
<i>Regina (pre-1948)</i>			Australia	<i>Regina</i> is a stunning bloom, which is a real showstopper on the competition bench. It won the Best Bloom over 160mm at the State Show in 2016 for Rick Burns. The name of the breeder of this dahlia has been lost to time but it still carries an interesting story. John Menzel has been able to track the first reference to Regina to the Croydon Dahlias Catalogue of 1948-49. The excerpt from the catalogue states: “ <i>This real giant purple red is a definite acquisition to either exhibitor or for garden display. The championship winner of the 1948 Thebarton Show was a 12 inch almost perfect specimen. The stem is perfect, the</i>

				<p><i>bloom being 15 inches from the nearest piece of foliage. This is a Gem, that carries my personal recommendation with it. Tubers limited 7/6". Thebarton is a suburb of Adelaide and it is interesting to note that there is a handwritten addition to the catalogue which lists this flower as the Champion at Unley 1949. (Unley being another Adelaide suburb.) The price of 7/6 was also changed to 6/-, what a bargain! At one stage it was believed to be raised by Harry Brand who was a big grower and breeder under the Croydon prefix and that the Croydon prefix had been dropped over time, however as the dahlia was listed in his catalogue without the prefix we can surmise that he didn't raise it and so its beginning have been lost to time.</i></p>
<i>Shirley Yeomans</i>	Bob Yeomans	Burwood, Melbourne	Victoria	Wife of Bob Yeomans, Gold Service member of the DSV, breeder of Tiny Tots. Won the 1997 Best Seedling at the Victorian State Show (Kiwi Trophy).
<i>Show Biz</i>	Bob Yeomans	Burwood, Melbourne	Victoria	<i>Show Biz</i> is a Bob Yeomans raising. It is also one of the youngest dahlias on the list. It appeared from "Tiny Tot" seed but is actually a single which grows to almost 5'. Although it didn't meet Bob's height restrictions it was such a lovely flower with its pinky white tips on red petals that he kept it and has been showing it for about the last six years.
<i>Susan French (1977)</i>	Frank Rossack	Ocean Grove	Victoria	
<i>Trooper Dan (2009)</i>	Richard & Danielle Parshall	Washington State	USA	Also uses Clearview as a prefix. <i>Trooper Dan</i> is a big bright yellow dahlia that always looks good. It was raised in 2009 in the USA by Richard (Dick) and Danielle Parshall who normally use Clearview (the name of their property) as a breeder prefix. This special bloom was named in honour of Danielle's dad (Dan Cameron) who was a trooper in the Washington State Patrol,

eventually retiring as Field Force Commander. He loved flowers and gardening.

***Val's Candy
(2012)***

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