


# NSW Camellia Research Society NEWSLETTER

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**The NSWCRS website has recently been updated... don't forget to take a look!**  
[www.camelliansw.org](http://www.camelliansw.org)

The NSWCRS Annual Show  
held at Ravenswood  
13-14 July 2024  
was a great event!

Thank you to everyone  
who contributed to its  
success.

A successful show is the result of a team effort led by Richie Griffiths. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who contributed to our fabulous show!



Champion Camellia of the Show 'Hikarugenii'.  
C & H Chapman.

Congratulations to Chris & Helen Chapman for winning five bloom categories and the overall Points Score.



From the Champion's table...winning blooms from NSW CRS members



Champion Formal Double. 'Roger Hall'.  
C & H Chapman



Best Higo in Show. 'Happy Higo'. Margaret Hall.



Best Miniature in Show. Angels Blush. C & H Chapman.



Champion Collection. 'Grand Marshall'. 4<sup>th</sup> in the Overall Pointscore. Bill Fleming.



Champion Single. 'Red Blush'. C & D Low.



President's Prize. 'Ellie's Girl'. 6<sup>th</sup> in the Overall Pointscore. Richie Griffiths.



Beth Bond Memorial Prize. 'Winter's Own Var. C & H. Chapman.



## WINNING BLOOMS FROM NSWCRS MEMBERS- INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES



A13 'Dainty Maiden'. David Dixon.

D & C Dixon was 10th place in the Overall point Score.



A6 'Bob Hope'. Judith McGill



A21 'Ecclefield'. Juliet Muras.



A19 'Drama Girl'. Dale Andrews



A35 'Great Eastern'. Erin Foulsham.



A24 'Elegans Champagne'. Laurella Cross.

Ikebana arrangements which were on display at the show will be included in next month's newsletter.



C91 'Julia France'. Sally Sweeney.

**Sally Sweeney was 7<sup>th</sup> Equal Placing in the Overall Point Score.**



D106 'Coral Delight'. Bruce Walker.



D115 'Reflecting Wave'. Sandy Marker.



A73 'The Czar'. Marion Moyes.



A4 'Black Magic'. New member Guy Vissel. Well done Guv!

**More memories!**



Welcome smiles! Sandy, Bruce, Vered and Dale.



Judith & Julie serving delicious food.



Julie's memorabilia display.



## PRESIDENT'S PREVIEW

### The Annual Show 2024

The annual show was a great success due mostly to the leadership of show manager, Richie Griffiths, who was supported by many members in a variety of ways. Our editor has placed show photographs on the previous pages for you. Many favourable comments have been received on this year's show.

The Sogetsu Ikebana Association's display was again enthusiastically received by visitors.



The most popular arrangement was by Alexander Evans. His design has the Lotus levis with Reflecting Wave camellias (left).

The second most popular design was Deb Dibley's arrangement in a blue container with the furoshiki tie.

Photographer: Sandra Marker



A unique display this year was the memorabilia collections of items from International Camellia Congresses. It included an intricate wooden carving that was a gift to Peter and Margaret Levick. Peter and Margaret were a constant and unifying strength within NSWCRS for decades and were made Fellows of Camellias Australia in 2011.

### Bill Fleming's Garden, Elegans, 21 Fishburn Road, Galston, venue for meeting Sunday 18th August.

Bill has been involved in the NSW CRS for decades. His name appears more than anyone else's on the perpetual trophy for the highest point score in the monthly bloom competitions. He has a very attractive garden that was featured on one of the postal stamps in a special set of photographs of gardens from the Open Gardens Scheme. Bill's garden has large ponds reminiscent of Monet's and even a similar bridge. There are lots of less common camellias and old favourites too. The Sunday morning drive is not too far, especially considering the reward on arrival. We will gather for morning tea around 10.30 am, bloom benching till about 11.00 am. Bill has offered to supply tea and coffee and we can share our biscuits and cakes. Bill will guide us around his garden. The monthly bloom competition will take place as usual. We will then relax, enjoy the garden, chat a little, and eat the lunches that we've brought from home.

### Our July meeting in Garden Square Hall.

Richie Griffiths led an appraisal of the show. Observations and comments from members provided a few helpful suggestions for next year's show. The bloom benches were very full and included blooms belonging to new members.

The standout arrangement of camellias (no other flowers allowed) was by Juliet Muras and included dry twigs and gumnuts. Photographs taken by Tony Cavenagh of the blooms and prizes from the Champions' table and some winning camellias by members in individual sections were displayed on one of the large television screens in Garden Square hall.

Dale Andrews



## CARING FOR YOUR CAMELLIAS IN JULY & AUGUST- PETER LEVICK

### AUGUST

This is the month when all camellias other than sasanquas, should receive their major annual feeding. Apart from aged animal manure, the most effective fertiliser is the pelletised slow-release form. The 12-to-13-month type will provide more nutrients in the warmer months, whilst growing a smaller amount in the colder months when the bush is flowering. Camellia japonicas that have finished flowering can be pruned if it is considered necessary. August westerly winds have a very drying effect on the garden and particular attention must be paid to watering and the irrigation system. These winds often extend into September.

### SEPTEMBER

Most japonicas will finish their blooming this month and this is the best time for pruning, if it is deemed necessary. A few camellias can be given a 'haircut'. This means an overall cutting back of last year's growth, as it suits the growth habit, but most need to have an open appearance. In America they say that, after pruning 'a bird could fly through it'. The problem is, should the bird be a Blue Wren or a Wedgetail Eagle?

Thrips can also blow in on a westerly wind and suck at the underside of the leaves. Two-Spotted mites can also cause a dusty browning of the leaf underside. If severe, they can be controlled with a miticide. (a chemical that kills mites).

## MONTHLY BLOOMS COMPETITION - RESULTS OF THE JULY MEETING

Thank you to Helen Wallace and Juliet Muras for organising and calculating the Monthly Blooms Competition results. Thank you to the judges for making the difficult decisions – Marion Moyes and Chris Chapman.

Richie Griffiths – 24

Bruce Walker – 13

Judith McGill – 12

Dale Andrews – 9

Jenny Cavenagh - 8

Erin Foulsham - 5

Juliet Muras – 2

Julie Hood -2



Beautiful bloom from Bill Fleming's garden in 2023.



## MONTHLY MEETINGS – IN 2024, DATES AND VENUE WILL VARY EACH MONTH

August 2024	
Sunday 18 August	<b>Monthly Meeting.</b> Visit to 'Elegans', the garden of Bill Fleming, 21 Fishburns Rd Galston. Time: From 10.30am. Bill will provide a tour of the garden, tea & coffee. Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share and your own lunch. We will hold the Blooms competition as usual.
Friday 23 & Saturday 24 August	National Camellia Show in Narrandera.
September 2024	
Monday 16 September	<b>Monthly Meeting and Annual General Meeting</b> Garden Square Hall, No.1 Garden Square, Gordon. 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. This will be the last month in 2024 that the Blooms Competition will be held.
October 2024	
Date to be confirmed	Annual Dinner and Presentations. Date and location TBC.

### 16 September 2023 - Advance notice of the AGM of the NSW Camellia Research Society

This will be held at the September monthly meeting commencing at 7pm. Rear of Gordon Baptist Church. Garden Square Hall, No.1 Garden Square, Gordon.

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## MONTHLY BLOOMS COMPETITION CLASSES

Class	Description	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1	Sasanqua Single	✓	✓					
2	Sasanqua Formal Double & Elegans Form	✓	✓					
3	Sasanqua other forms	✓	✓					
4	Sasanqua any form			✓	✓			
5	Japonica/Hybrid Single		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Japonica/Hybrid Semi-double		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6A	Japonica / Hybrid Irregular Semi-Double		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Japonica/Hybrid Elegans Form		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Japonica/Hybrid Informal Double		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Japonica/Hybrid Formal Double		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Japonica/Hybrid Miniature		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Japonica/Hybrid any form	✓						
12	Reticulatas & their hybrids		✓	✓	✓			
13	Reticulatas & their hybrids up to 130mm					✓	✓	✓
14	Reticulatas & their hybrids over 130mm					✓	✓	✓
15	Other not listed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Clusters & sprays of multi-flowered species & hybrids	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	New seedling or sport (1 to 3 blooms)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C1	Collection: Sasanqua, any form, 3 blooms	✓	✓					
C2	Collection: Any camellia, any form, 3 blooms		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

### Classes

Classes 1 to 15: one bloom, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

Classes C1 & C2: a collection of 3 blooms, with a maximum of 2 attached leaves

Class A A Photo presenting the use of camellia/s in any medium (limit 2 entries per member)

### Competition

A 'Novice' exhibitor has not won the annual 'Novice' championship, nor have they scored 20 points in a monthly 'Open' competition. The competition year starts in March, and a 'Novice' in March remains so to the end of that year. A bloom exhibited by a 'Novice' can win in 'Open' classes.

### Points

'Open' and 'Novice' Classes 1 to 16: 1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point (if required) 'Open' and 'Novice' Collections Classes C1 to C2: 1<sup>st</sup> = 6 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 4 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point (if required) 'Open' and 'Novice' Champion bloom (from the winning blooms) Extra 3 points.

'Open' and 'Novice' Class A 1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point (if required)





## EVERYTHING CAMELLIAS - CAMELLIA RELATED EVENTS

### Eryldene Historic House and Garden - 17 McIntosh St Gordon 2072

❖ *Garden tours followed by a home-made morning tea (10am to 12 noon)*

Friday 6 September    Friday 4 October

'Take a tour with one of our garden volunteers to hear about how the Eryldene garden was created and the assembly of one of Australia's most important camellia collections.

Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a homemade treat on the loggia afterwards.' (Courtesy Eryldene website).

The money raised supports the 'Eryldene Trust' providing funds to maintain the house and garden. [Book online](#) through the Eryldene website. Cost: \$40.



Photo: Juliet Muras

❖ *Open Garden (10am to 3pm)*

#### Sunday 11 August

Our volunteer gardeners are keen to showcase the magnificent beauty of this historic garden at the peak of the camellia season.

Eryldene's standard entry fees apply. Entry – non-members \$12.00, members \$0.00. Tickets can be purchased at the gate on the day.

PLEASE NOTE: The garden is open only. The cafe and house are closed on this day.



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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CAMELLIAS AUSTRALIA INC.

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### Join us in Narrandera NSW for the Camellias Australia National Show & the Narrandera District Garden Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Camellia Show – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024 by Jenny Donohoe & Denise Di Salvia

The new book 'Camellias Australia: Celebrating 70 years' will be available from the show. Cost \$40.

#### THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST

Setting up show & benching  
4.30 to 10.00pm Dinner 6.30–7.30  
(RSVP)

#### FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST

Show 8.30am to 11.30 Benching  
Show 2.00pm Open to 3.00pm Official  
Opening  
CA Business Meeting 4.00pm (RSVP)  
CA Presentation Dinner 6.30pm for  
7.00pm (RSVP)

#### SATURDAY 24 AUGUST

Tour Program 9.00am to 4.00pm  
(RSVP)  
Show 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Camellia Ark Meeting 4.00pm  
(RSVP)  
Dinner 6.30pm (RSVP)

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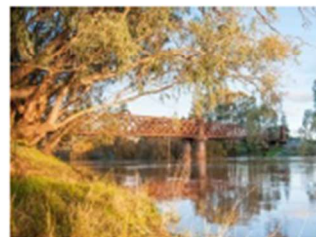
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More information to come, register  
your interests for motels, tours ... ..



Sandhills Artefacts, Narrandera (Image: Sandhills Artefacts & NSW.com)



Historic Railway Bridge Narrandera (Image: Narrandera Information Centre)



Shady Gum Tree Nursery, Narrandera (Image: Narrandera Information Centre)



Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*) Koala Reserve, Narrandera (Image: ...)



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