

# CAMELLIAS ILLAWARRA NEWSLETTER

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Camellia Show in the Illawarra was in 1953

The Bulli Uniting Church has reopened and we are able to hold our Monthly Meetings there again during 2022.

**We strongly recommend that masks be worn inside until the covid numbers decrease.**



## THE 2022 CAMELLIA SEASON

Congratulations to Kevin and Sandy Reiman for growing the Annual Shows' winning bloom, Camellia Reticulata 'Frank Houser'. It was awarded Best Reticulata Hybrid, the M E (Jack) Greentree Award and Grand Champion Bloom of the Show, the A W Jessep medal. Well done and well deserved as Kevin and Sandy's knowledge and experience guided us towards another successful show.

## The President's Message

**JULY/AUGUST 2022**

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The Annual Show has been held and I believe it was a success although bloom numbers were low mainly due to restrictions on entries, due to a limit on tables allowed.

Thanks to all who helped particularly the judges and their teams and to Lola and Samantha for keeping us all well fed and Les for doing results, entry table, pick up from storage amongst other things. Thank you to all those who helped with the smooth set up and clean up.

I must thank Sandy Reiman for organizing the venue and Kevin for rearranging the schedules, organizing the banner, entering the results and many other duties. Without them the event would have been much less organized. If I rang them to ask about anything it was already done. Thanks also to Bill and Joanne Parker for their plant stall and supplying our 2 lucky door prizes.

William has done a bloom count and report. Following is a short version as there is not enough room here for all of it. An E-mail copy of the complete report will be sent on request or copies will be available at the meeting.

Section 1 – Reticulatas. The number of entries in this section was above that in the previous 3 shows. Total blooms 182 – all 24 classes were contested.

Section 2 – Sprays. There were only 37 entries – previous lowest 36 in 1994.

Section 3 – Named Japonicas. Total blooms 388 – in 2019 there were 524. Lowest number 363 in 1991.

Section 4 – Unlisted Japonicas. Total blooms – 64 – in 2019 there were 166.

Section 5 – Miniature & Species. Total blooms – 98 – in 2019 there were 202.

Section 6 – Float bowls, Displays & novice – 16 entries.

Section 7 – Non Reticulata hybrids – Total blooms 73 – in 2019 there were 115.

Section 8 – Collection of 3 blooms – Total blooms 159 – in 2019 there were 210.

Section 9 – Collection of 5 blooms – Total blooms 145 – in 2019 there were 115.

Total blooms 1162.

Looking forward now to the Reticulata show, Regards – Don.

## MONTHLY BLOOM COMPETITION FOR 2022

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The Monthly Bloom Comp is on again from April 2022. WE WILL NEED HELPERS TO RUN IT PLEASE.

From table setup to stewarding and judging the sections. Then documenting the results. So please bring along your blooms and enjoy the display.

Thank you so much to all those who have helped....Well done!



**TOP PHOTO JUNE Judges choice winner**  
C. Japonica 'Katie' grown by Stan and Lorraine.

**BOTTOM PHOTO JUNE Members choice winner**  
C. Hybrid 'Waterlily' grown by Jim and Jenny.  
Congratulations to both winners

The Bloom Competition progressive point score is as follows:

1. Jim and Jenny.....97 points
2. Stan and Lorraine.....94
3. Tina.....43
4. William and Janice.....40
5. Don and Debby.....36
6. Kevin and Sandy.....33
7. Andrew.....8
8. Shandra.....4
9. Christine.....3
- Carolyn.....3
- Jenny Swan.....2



Following are a small number of random blooms, chosen from the JUNE Bloom Competition Class Winners table.





# JUNE BLOOM COMP PHOTOS



## **DATES TO REMEMBER and NEWS for 2022**

As nobody has stepped up to become our new Editor I have decided to produce an issue every 2 months as information still needs to be sent out to those who can't make the meetings. I hope someone will take up the EDITOR role by next year as it's an important part of keeping us together.

### **JULY:**

30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Berry Show, Berry School of Arts

### **AUGUST:**

13<sup>th</sup> Reticulata Show

4<sup>th</sup> COMMITTEE MEETING 1.00pm

20<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting Bloom comp

20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> National Show, Victoria

### **SEPTEMBER:**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Highlands Spring Flower and Camellia Show, Uniting Church hall, Bowral

1<sup>ST</sup> – 4<sup>TH</sup> National Congress, Tasmania

8<sup>th</sup> COMMITTEE MEETING 1.00pm

17<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting, Bloom comp and Guest Speaker Paul from NEUTROG

### **OCTOBER:**

22<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting, Bloom comp and AGM **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF OCTOBER DATES**

20<sup>TH</sup> COMMITTEE MEETING 1.00pm

**NOVEMBER: 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party venue to be decided**

## CAMELLIAS ILLAWARRA INC COMMITTEE 2022

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More members are always welcome

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Don't forget to check out all the information, culture notes and past newsletters that are available on our website [www.camelliasillawarra.org.au](http://www.camelliasillawarra.org.au) Photos and information can also be found #camelliasillawarra on Instagram and [facebook.com/camelliasillawarra](https://facebook.com/camelliasillawarra). You can email me, Debby at [dandddewhurst@bigpond.com](mailto:dandddewhurst@bigpond.com) or text me on 0422 3744 13 if you have any contributions, comments or questions about this newsletter.



# Congratulations to our Fabulous 2022 Annual Show Winners



Champion Australian Raised 'Parma Crucible' by Andrew Gillam



Champion Grown in the Illawarra 'Lasca Beauty' by Tina Hamer





Champion Collection of 3 'Frank Houser' by Chris and Helen Chapman



Champion Collection of 5 by Chris and Helen Chapman



Special Formal Double 'Helenor' by R and K Hewitt



Champion Miniature 'Man Size' by Jim and Jenny





Champion Non-Reticulata Hybrid 'Spring Days' by Stan and Lorraine



Reserve Champion and Champion Japonica 'Just Sue' by C and H Chapman





Best White Japonica 'Elegans Champagne' by R and L Croker



Champion Small Camellia  
'Nicky Crisp' by Tina Hamer



Champion Spray  
'Gay Baby' by Jim and Jenny

## The Illawarra Rhododendron Gardens News

Parrish Avenue, Mt Pleasant. Open all year

Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Public Holidays 10am – 5pm



The Camellia Gardens are blooming! Thanks to the small band of members who regularly meet on a Tuesday, when the weather permits, to look after the camellia gardens planted by our members back in the 80s and 90s. If you would like to help ring Don for details 0411 527 406 and don't forget your Gumboots!

### NEUTROG NEWS

**NEW DATES: ON-LINE ORDERS NOW CLOSE ON 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST.** Please make sure you order before this date. Orders will be delivered to our storage locker, in North Wollongong and members can pick up from there. **NEW DELIVERY DATE: 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

After last month's YES vote the Committee have taken up the Neutrog Garden Club Share Offer. Neutrog are hoping to expand their business and increase their science based research to be able to supply their great naturally made soil improvers and fertilisers to farmers and gardeners everywhere. As Neutrog support us we felt it was important for us to support them.

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORDERS must be emailed to Les Dewhurst [les\\_dewhurst@hotmail.com](mailto:les_dewhurst@hotmail.com) or ring him 9528 2728 or Don 0411 527 406

Don't forget to feed your Camellias once more as the buds are forming ☺

## **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2022**

To remain an active member of Camellias Illawarra, to receive the Society's newsletter, Camellia News, Neutrog products and other benefits, you need to pay your subscription on time.

The 2022 payment was due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. You must pay your 2022 membership subscription by the 30th April 2022. After this date you will be considered unfinancial. Please pay at the next Monthly Meeting, or if you are unable to, you can pay by cheque or on line.

The membership subscription have changed to \$5.00 / single and \$5.00 / family for this year ONLY.

Membership subscriptions can be paid one of two ways;

### **1. Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)**

Bank details are as follows:

Bank: IMB  
BSB: 641 - 800  
Account No.: 021112238  
Account Name: Camellias Illawarra Inc.

Please enter your surname in the information section of the EFT.

### **2. Cheque**

Make cheques payable to "Camellias Illawarra Inc" and mail to:

The Membership Secretary      Camellias Illawarra Inc  
15 Charles Place    Jannali, NSW 2226

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## **STORAGE KING NEWS**

Thank you to Storage King for continuing to sponsor Camellias Illawarra. Another benefit to our members will be a discount on **short term** hire of a locker. We appreciate your support and look forward to adding you to our Camellia family.

Phone number: 4233 3515 Address: 100 Montague St, North Wollongong, NSW 2500





PUBLIC VOTE WINNERS WERE: Sandy Reiman with a Float Bowl of 'Waterlily'



And Jean Groves with her Beautiful display of 'Tiptoe'

Thank you to Bill and Joanne  
'CAMELLIAS-R-US' for their  
Fabulous plants for sale





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