

# CAMELLIAS ILLAWARRA NEWSLETTER

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[www.camelliasillawarra.org.au](http://www.camelliasillawarra.org.au)

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

Our Monthly Meetings are  
held at the Bulli Uniting  
Church Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday of the month, from  
March to October Check out  
the Dates to Remember page  
for more details.



## THE 2023 CAMELLIA SEASON

This is typical of *C. sasanqua* 'Paradise Glow'. Always covered in big, beautiful blooms both in sun and shade. It's just 1 of 42 Paradise Camellias, listed in the 'Nomenclature of Camellias in Australia'. They were bred by Bob Cherry, to suit Australian conditions so they will do well in your garden too.

# The President's Message

**MAY/JUNE 2023**

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Already we are well into Camellia season with sasanquas in full bloom and japonicas and some reticulatas starting. We have had two bloom competitions and there have been some good blooms benched.

Now it is almost time for our annual show and arrangements are well under way. There is a need for many hands, (they make light work you know), especially for set up on Friday at 3pm, 14<sup>th</sup> July. This year the show is again at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre. There will also be a need for jobs to be filled on both days of the show and for clean up on the Sunday afternoon. Jean Groves will be taking names of people who can help with general duties at the show. Judging teams have been organized so ask me if you are in doubt about your job.

As well as helping at the show remember what it is all about – BLOOMS. So, everybody needs to bring some regardless of how few so that we can maintain a good-sized show. There will be someone to help if you have doubts about benching.

A BYO morning tea is planned for 17<sup>th</sup> June at the Rhododendron Gardens. BYO includes chair as we will be trying to stay near the Camellia Garden. Come and see the current state of the garden and maybe even identify some more plants. There are no plans to do work so do not be afraid. 😊

Camellias Australia have organized a week full of events starting with the Sydney Show and finishing with ours. Details on pages 6-8.

Next monthly meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> June – note that this will be the fourth Saturday in June.

See you all soon at the Rhododendron Gardens,

Regards – Don.



April Judges choice winner was C. Sas 'Early Pearly.'  
Grown by Stan and Lorraine



May Judges choice winner was C. Jap 'Mark Alan  
variegated' grown by Jim and Jenny

## MONTHLY BLOOM COMPETITION FOR 2023

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The Monthly Bloom Comp is on again from April 2023. WE WILL NEED HELPERS TO RUN IT PLEASE.

From 12 noon for table setup to stewarding and judging the sections. Then documenting the results. So please bring along your blooms and enjoy the display. If you're not confident just ask for help.

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

Point score Leaders.

Jim and Jenny 66

William and Janice 46

Kevin and Sandy 28

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April members choice was C. Jap 'Debutante' Grown by Don and Debby



May Members choice was C. Jap 'Desire' Grown by William and Janice  
Congratulations to all the place winners too.

Don't forget that the Members choice winners receive a NEUTROG prize.

## DATES TO REMEMBER and NEWS for 2023

### JUNE:

8<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting 1.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> BYO Morning Tea and Bloom Identification at the Rhododendron Gardens, Mt Pleasant 10am

24<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting.....NOTE 4<sup>TH</sup> Saturday not 3<sup>rd</sup>

### JULY:

6<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting 1.30pm

8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> NSW Show Ravenswood School, Sydney

8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 9 Day Camellia Trail details [jennydonohoe5@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jennydonohoe5@yahoo.com.au)

14<sup>th</sup> Friday Show setup day, Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto 3pm till 7pm

15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Show Sat 8 -10.30am for benching. Open 1pm – 5pm

Sun 9am – 3pm

29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Berry Camellia and flower Show

### AUGUST:

3<sup>rd</sup> Committee meeting 1.30pm

12<sup>th</sup> Reticulata Show Bulli 7.30 – 9.30am for benching Open 11am – 3.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### SEPTEMBER:

7<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting 1.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting

### OCTOBER:

5<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting 1.30pm

21<sup>st</sup> Monthly Meeting and AGM

**NOVEMBER:** 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party 12 noon

ALL YEARLY SUBS MUST NOW BE PAID BY 1<sup>ST</sup> OF JANUARY OF EACH YEAR, Most of you have already paid for this year, so thank you. The best idea is to pay at the Christmas Party for the following year. Or pay on line using these BANK DETAILS: BANK IMB, Account Name Camellias Illawarra Inc.

BSB 641 800 Account 021112238 Single \$25 Family \$30



**CAMELLIAS AUSTRALIA & CAMELLIA ARK AUSTRALIA**  
**ANNOUNCING**  
**2023 PROGRAM 9 DAY CAMELLIA TRAIL**  
**SYDNEY TO WOLLONGONG**  
**SATURDAY 8 TO SUNDAY 16 JULY 2023**

- CAMELLIAS AUSTRALIA is announcing an exciting program in conjunction with CAMELLIA ARK AUSTRALIA a new concept of a self-drive '**9 DAY CAMELLIA TRAIL**'. This program is designed to suit you. You can choose '*where and what*' you would like to see and do. No costs up front, no buses, choose your own accommodation, self-drive or car pool. Or organise your own group(s) and hire a mini-bus, lots of options for you to choose. This Camellia Trail includes lots of camellias in the 9 days at these venues & events.
- CAMELLIAS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL SHOW, GORDON, OPEN 2 DAYS
- NSW CAMELLIA RESEARCH SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW, GORDON, OPEN 2 DAYS
- ILLAWARRA CAMELLIA SOCIETY 70th ANNUAL SHOW, DAPTO, OPEN 2 DAYS
- ERYLDENE HISTORIC HOUSE, GORDON (INCLUDING CA BUSINESS MEETING & TOUR)
- WOLLONGONG BOTANIC GARDENS, KEIRAVILLE (INCLUDING CAMELLIA SPECIES SECTION)
- ICS GARDENS OF EXCELLENCE (LISGAR & E G WATERHOUSE)
- LISGAR GARDENS, ICS GARDENS OF EXCELLENCE, HORNSBY (INCLUDING HISTORIC TOUR)
- E G WATERHOUSE, ICS GARDENS OF EXCELLENCE, CARINGBAH (INCLUDING GUIDED TOUR)
- PARKERS CAMELLIA NURSERY, GLENORIE (CAMELLIA ARK RARE CAMELLIAS)
- CAMELLIA GROVE NURSERY, GLENORIE
- ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS TOUR SYDNEY, (CAMELLIA SECTION TOUR)
- ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS 200 YEAR CELEBRATIONS (SEMINAR) SYDNEY
- 'ELEGENS' PRIVATE GARDEN OF BILL FLEMINGS, GALSTON
- ILLAWARRA RHODODENDRON & CAMELLIA GARDENS, MT KEIRA

THIS PROGRAM IS SELF DRIVE AND ALL COSTS FOR TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND ENTRY FEES AT OWN EXPENSE

Register to Camellia Australia Secretary, [jennydonohoe5@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jennydonohoe5@yahoo.com.au)

## 9 DAY CAMELLIA TRAIL PROGRAM

### 8 SATURDAY:

(A) **MORNING ACTIVITY** – Setting up show/exhibitors entries benched/judging (Gordon)

**LUNCH** – (own expense)

(B) **AFTERNOON ACTIVITY** – 1.30pm Visit NSWCS Annual & National Show (Gordon) (Entry Fee)

**DINNER** – (own expense)

### 9 SUNDAY:

(A) **MORNING ACTIVITY** – 10.00am Visit Bill Flemings Garden & Morning Tea (Galston)  
(Entry Fee) (confirmed)

**LUNCH** – 1.00 Parkers Nursery (Cost tba) Glenorie

(B) **AFTERNOON ACTIVITY** – 1.30 CAA Visit Parkers Camellia Nursery – sale rare camellias

**DINNER** – (own expense)

### 10 MONDAY:

(A) **MORNING ACTIVITY OPTIONS 1 or 2**

(1) 10.30am Visit – Camellia Grove Nursery, Glenorie – Café available for food

(2) 10.30 Eryldene for CA AGM Business Meeting only available for committee and delegates.

**LUNCH** – Provided for committee and delegates (others own expense)

(B) **AFTERNOON ACTIVITY** – 1.30pm Visit Eryldene Historic House & Garden (Entry fee) Gordon

(C) **DINNER** – PRESENTATION DINNER – Greengate Hotel – Booking required own expense

### 11 TUESDAY

(A) **MORNING ACTIVITY** – 11.30am Visit Lisgar Gardens (Hornsby) ICS Gardens of Excellence 2020 with Stephen Utick of Camellia Ark Australia who will give a tour and historical talk. (Entry Fee)

**LUNCH** – (own expense)

(B) **AFTERNOON** – TBA OR FREE TIME

### 12 WEDNESDAY

(A) **MORNING ACTIVITY** – 10.00-12.00am visit to Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, tour of camellia section (tba)

**LUNCH** – Café Botanic Gardens (own expense)

(B) **AFTERNOON** – 2.00-4.30pm Seminar at Maiden Theatre RBGS already reserved, Presented by Dr Stephen Utick, program included several interesting speakers and afternoon tea.

**DINNER** – (own expense)

### 13 THURSDAY

(A) **MORNING ACTIVITY**; 11.00 Visit E G Waterhouse National Camellia Gardens – ICS Gardens of Excellence - Tour by Jim Powell (CA Registrar)

**LUNCH** – EGW Tea House (book) own expense

(B) **AFTERNOON** – Free afternoon to travel to your accommodation in Wollongong

### 14 FRIDAY

(A) **MORNING ACTIVITY**; 10.00am Illawarra Rhododendron & Camellia Gardens. (Mt Keira, Wollongong) the Friends of Gardens will be available (entry fee)

**LUNCH** – Café Wollongong Botanic Gardens (own expense)

(B) **AFTERNOON** – 1.30pm Wollongong Botanic Garden tour species camellia section

### 15 SATURDAY

(A) **MORNING** – Illawarra Show members setting up and judging only

**LUNCH** – (own expense)

(B) **AFTERNOON** – 1.30pm Visit Illawarra Camellia Society 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, Dapto (Free entry)

**DINNER** – TBA will try and book a local venue (own expense)

### 16 SUNDAY

(A) **MORNING** – Illawarra Camellia Show, Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto, open

(B) **AFTERNOON** – Illawarra Camellia Show, Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto, open – TBA

**CLOSE OF PROGRAM**

## EXCITING NEW CONCEPT FOR CAMELLIAS AUSTRALIA CONGRESS IN 2023

1. Notice of AGM and Business Meeting. Camellias Australia is giving Notice of their next meeting being held on Monday 10 July 2023 at 10.30 at Eryldene, 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon, NSW, 2072.

Please send your RSVP to receive the Agenda, also lunch will be provided for Committee and Delegate including the afternoon activities. Visitors and Observers are invited but also need to RSVP (\$30 for day activities).

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2. Presentation Dinner is being held on Monday 10 July 2023 at 6.30pm at Greengate Hotel, Cnr 655 Pacific Highway & Greengate Road, Greengate, NSW. You need to book NOW, closing date **24 JUNE 2023**.

Booking Contact:

[pamwatson770@bigpond.com](mailto:pamwatson770@bigpond.com) or 0412 616 681 also please advise dietary requirements.

3. Camellias-r-us Glenorie, Sunday 9 July 1.00pm to 4.00pm hosted by Camellia-r-us and Camellia Ark, 34 Harrison Lane, Glenorie. Luncheon and Showcase of Rare Camellias, \$25 CAA member, \$30 non-member.

Bookings taken via website: [www.camelliasrus.com.au](http://www.camelliasrus.com.au)

4. Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney - Tour and Seminar, Wednesday 12 July 2023. Book on website; What's on in the Royal Botanic Garden and Domain - The Royal Botanic Garden Sydney, nsw.gov.au

5. Seminar Maiden Theatre, at Royal Botanic Gardens - enquiries Stephen Utick

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If you have already registered, booked and sent your RSVP, thank you.

Jenny Donohoe Secretary, Camellia Australia Inc



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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.

Blooms from the April winner's table



Blooms from the May winner's table



## The Illawarra Rhododendron Gardens News

Parrish Avenue, Mt Pleasant. Open all year

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



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. This year we are hoping to identify as many Camellias as possible during the next flowering season. If you would like to help ring Don for details 0411 527 406 and don't forget your Gumboots! **The big Sasanqua hedge is flowering.**

## STORAGE KING NEWS

Thank you to Storage King for continuing to sponsor Camellias Illawarra. Another benefit for 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



## NEUTROG NEWS

**Your NEUTROG orders need to be made on-line.**

After last year's talk by Paul Dipuglia, we all know a lot more about the background of the company and the inspirational ideas behind their products.

POPUL8 is their latest and if you missed the talk about it's almost magical powers, you can check it out on their website [www.neutrog.com.au](http://www.neutrog.com.au) This year our orders will be delivered to our Storage King locker, in August and will need to be picked up from there. Small orders can be made during the year and posted at additional cost.

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ORDERS must be emailed to Don

[dandddewhurst@bigpond.com](mailto:dandddewhurst@bigpond.com) or ring or text him on 0411 527 406

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