

CAMELLIAS ILLAWARRA NEWSLETTER

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Our Show Schedules are now available as printable PDFs. Download them from our website, found under Shows.

www.camelliasillawarra.org.au

Good news for our Monthly Meetings.

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



THE 2022 CAMELLIA SEASON

This beautiful Sasanqua was definitely worth the wait. It flowers a bit later than it's neighbours but it's so lovely I needed to show you all. It was bought as an un-named seedling. We have taken some cuttings...so fingers crossed for a future registration.

The President's Message

MAY/JUNE 2022

The newsletter will now be bi-monthly until we find a new editor.

Most important at the moment is our annual show and arrangements are well underway but we will need everybody at set up (3pm Friday 15th July) and on the show days. Please indicate when you are available.

A list of judging teams is available and those on it will be contacted. If you are not available then contact me ASAP. For the show everybody should bring as many blooms as possible so that we maintain the level that our shows have attained in the past.

By now everyone should be aware that the show is to be held at the Dapto Ribbonwood Centre on the 16th and 17th of July.

There has now been two monthly bloom competitions and some very nice flowers have been benched. The monthly competitions are the best place for new competitors to start as there are many members who will help with all aspects of benching and we do need more blooms to keep the competition vibrant.

Hope to see you at the next Meeting

Regards, Don



TOP PHOTO April Judges and Members choice winner C. Sasanqua 'Paradise Belinda' grown by Don and Debby.

BOTTOM PHOTO May Judges choice winner C. Sasanqua 'Paradise Anne' grown by Tina. Congratulations

MONTHLY BLOOM COMPETITION FOR 2022

The Monthly Bloom Comp will be on again from April 2022

SO 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!



Our March Display

Mostly Sasanquas but a few early Japonicas too.



MAY Members choice was this beautiful C. Japonica 'Margaret Davis' grown by Stan and Lorraine. Congratulations

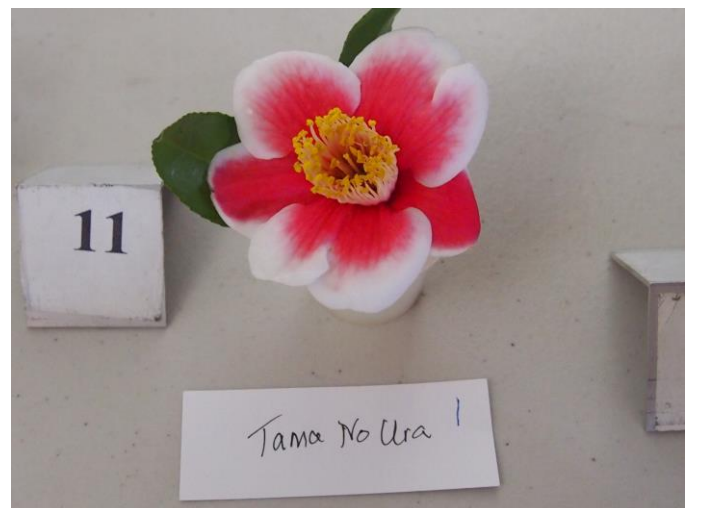
The progressive point score, after the May Bloom Competition is as follows:

- 1. Stan and Lorraine.....56 points
- 2. Jim and Jenny.....52
- 3. Tina.....36
- 4. William and Janice.....26
- 5. Don and Debby.....24
- 6. Kevin and Sandy.....15
- 7. Christine.....3

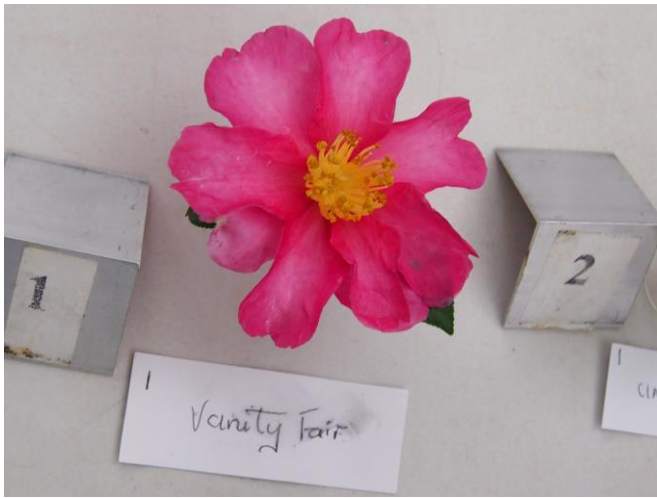
Following are a small number of random blooms, chosen from the April and May Bloom Competitions. If you would like to see more come along to our next meeting and be amazed!

We are still needing helpers for our annual show in July so If you would like to help and see how the show comes together, please let someone on the committee know and you will be welcomed with open arms.

APRIL BLOOM COMP PHOTOS



MAY 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.

JUNE: 9th and 23rd Judging School 10.30 -1.00pm

9th COMMITTEE MEETING 1.00pm

18th Monthly Meeting Bloom comp

JULY: 9th – 10th CRS Show, Sydney

14th COMMITTEE MEETING

15th Show Set Up 3.00pm Blooms can be benched after 6.00pm

16th – 17th Annual Show Ribbonwood Centre Dapto, 93/190 Princes Hwy

30th – 31st Berry Show

AUGUST: 13th Reticulata Show

11th COMMITTEE MEETING 1.00pm

20th Monthly Meeting Bloom comp

20th – 21st National Show, Victoria

SEPTEMBER: 1ST – 4TH National Congress, Tasmania

8th COMMITTEE MEETING 1.00pm

17th Monthly Meeting Bloom comp

OCTOBER: 22th Monthly Meeting Bloom comp and AGM PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF OCTOBER DATES

20TH COMMITTEE MEETING 1.00pm

NOVEMBER: 19th Christmas Party venue to be decided

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The Illawarra Rhododendron Gardens News

Parrish Avenue, Mt Pleasant. Open all year

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



The Camellia Garden has been tidied, weeded and mulched thanks to the small band of members who regularly meet on a Tuesday when the weather permits. If you would like to help ring Don for details 0411 527 406 and don't forget your Gumboots!

NEUTROG NEWS

We were all offered a free trial bottle of Neutrog's new POPUL8 soil tonic. If you ordered one it will be delivered with our main order later in the year. Orders will be delivered to our storage locker, in North Wollongong and members can pick up from there. There will be more info once we have a delivery date.

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 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 1st 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

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



Kahoona

Kahoona is an organic based, chemically boosted fertiliser, specifically developed to enhance the growth and flower development of acid loving plants such as Camellias, Gardenias, Azaleas and Rhododendrons.

The higher potassium to nitrogen ratio within Kahoona, plays a crucial role in enhancing flower development, whilst the boosted levels of iron and magnesium help maintain healthy green foliage, aiding in preventing the yellowing leaves which are often seen in late winter and early spring.

Kahoona is manufactured into a pellet form – each pellet contains the full range of macro and micro plant nutrients along with good levels of organic carbon. This organic carbon helps in retaining the water soluble nutrients within the soil, and aids in regulating their uniform uptake by plants.

Following successful trials, Kahoona has been endorsed by Camellias South Australia, the Australian Rhododendron Society (SA Branch) and Camellias Illawarra. These endorsements provide confidence to use and recommend Kahoona.



Directions for use

Apply evenly to pre-soaked soil around the drip line of the plant, avoiding contact with foliage or flowers. Water again well. Apply after signs of new season growth and thereafter every 8-10 weeks throughout the growing season – Spring to Autumn. In Winter apply Seamungus.

Established plants:

100g per plant.

Established potted plants:

15g per 150mm size pot then at 5g per 25mm pot size increase.

Planting:

Apply Neutrog's Seamungus at 100g per plant.



Analysis (dry weight basis)	%w/w
Nitrogen (N) as Organic	2.98
as Ammonia	3.42
Total Nitrogen (N)	6.4
Phosphorus (P) as Citrate Soluble	0.86
as Citrate Insoluble	0.08
as Water Soluble	1.02
Total Phosphorus (P)	1.96
Potassium (K) as Organic	0.84
as Sulphate	7.36
Total Potassium (K)	8.20
Calcium (Ca) as Organic	3.40
Magnesium (Mg) as Organic	0.30
as Sulphate	0.50
Total Magnesium (Mg)	0.80
Sulphur (S) as Organic	0.95
as Sulphate	7.62
Total Sulphur (S)	8.57
Iron (Fe) as Organic	0.09
as Sulphate	0.22
Total Iron (Fe)	0.31
Zinc (Zn) as Organic	0.0003
as Sulphate	0.0355
Total Zinc (Zn)	0.0358
Copper (Cu) as Organic	0.0003
as Sulphate	0.0252
Total Copper (Cu)	0.0255
Manganese (Mn) as Organic	0.0245
as Sulphate	0.0637
Total Manganese (Mn)	0.0882
Molybdenum (Mo) as Molybdate	0.003
Boron (B) as Borax	0.07
Humic Acid	1.0

In WA product analysis may vary



Year round fertilising for year round health

Like humans and animals, plants require regular feeding throughout the year – at least once in each season.

Happy, healthy, well nourished plants are more resistant to pests, diseases, heat stress and frost.

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