

CAMELLIAS ILLAWARRA NEWSLETTER

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The 1st Camellia Show in the
Illawarra was in 1953

The Bulli Uniting Church has re-
opened 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 Brad Walker for growing the winning
Champion Bloom at our 2022 Reticulata Show in August.
This wonderful example of C. Retic 'Amy Hunt' was a
stunner and a definite favourite here at Camellias
Illawarra.

The President's Message

SEPT/OCT 2022

The Reticulata show has been held and was a success with a good number of quality blooms. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it a great display. Then there was the Berry show which was again a delight and was enjoyed by all who attended. Sadly, the Bowral show was cancelled due to parking area work not being finished. This was a pity since it was to be a comeback after Covid closures.

At the September meeting we had a visit from Paul Dipuglia from NEUTROG who gave us an insight into the company and where they are aiming in the future and to their products. He told us about the new product, POPUL8 which promises great results.

The next meeting is the AGM, and we need more members to be involved with the many jobs needed to run a group such as this. Currently some members are filling multiple positions and as a result are feeling some enthusiasm burnout. A list of positions will be available at the door along with nomination forms.

At the Rhododendron gardens we have been identifying cultivars and have listed about 60, so we still have a long way to go. We are dependent on what is flowering at the time. This year is about exhausted for blooms but we may find a few more. Thanks to William and Kevin for their expert advice.

Glad to say that the Christmas lunch will be back in the usual venue so put your names on the list so we can book the numbers.

See you all at the October meeting

Regards – Don.



MONTHLY BLOOM COMPETITION FOR 2022

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 all year....Well done!

TOP PHOTO August Judges & Members choice winner C. Jap 'Margaret Davis' grown by Les Dewhurst.

BOTTOM PHOTO Sept Judges & Members choice winner C. Ret 'Harold L Page' grown by Jim and Jenny. Congratulations to both winners

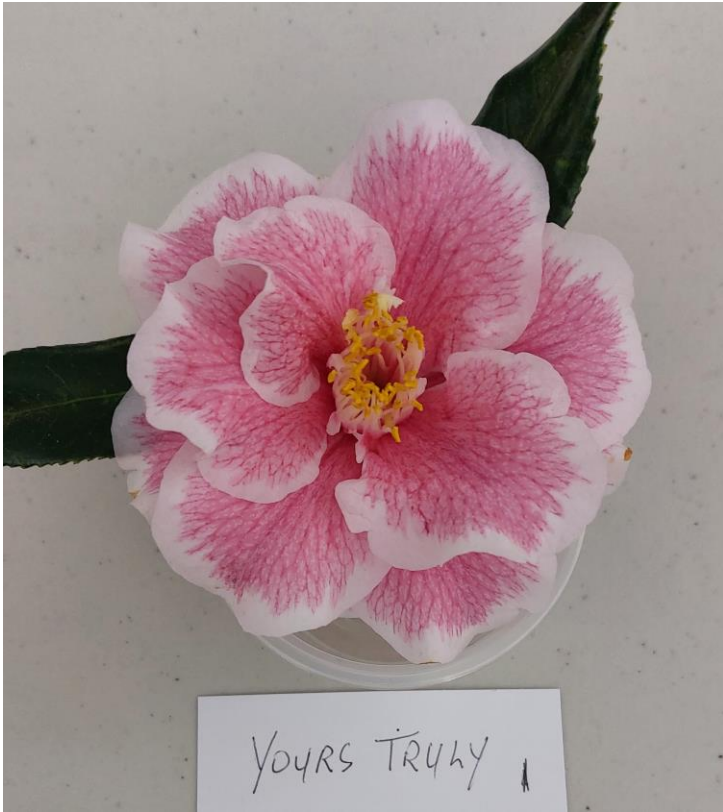
The Bloom Competition progressive point score is as follows:

1. Jim and Jenny.....	141 points
2. William and Janice.....	96
3. Stan and Lorraine.....	94
4. Tina.....	73
5. Don and Debby.....	63
6. Kevin and Sandy.....	46
7. Les.....	22
8. Andrew.....	8
9. Shandra.....	4
Christine.....	3
Carolyn.....	3
Jenny Swan.....	2
Heather Howe.....	1

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

This large unknown beauty was brought in by Heather and was later identified by Jim Powell as C. Jap 'Mrs. D W Davis Special'. She produces formal and informal doubles and is such a lovely shade of blush pink.





SEPTEMBER 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.

OCTOBER:

8th – 9th Robertson Open Garden, 10am – 3pm The Willows, Lemmons Rd.
Camellias, Bonsai displays and plants for sale, weather permitting.

22nd Monthly Meeting, Bloom comp and AGM. It is crucial that more of our members put their hands up to help run this society. Some committee members are doing 3 jobs now and at least 1 position is vacant! Please help as the alternative would mean closing Thank you to 2 members who have already stepped up.

20TH COMMITTEE MEETING 1.00pm

NOVEMBER: 19th Christmas Party 12 noon, back to the Bulli Workers Club
See you all there, cost to be worked out later. Please register your interest at the AGM or with Janice Walker 02 4284 2790 so she can book for the final numbers please.

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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 Photos and information can also be found #camelliasillawarra on Instagram and facebook.com/camelliasillawarra. You can email me, Debby at dandddewhurst@bigpond.com or text me on 0422 3744 13 if you have any contributions, comments or questions about this newsletter.

Congratulations 2022 Reticulata Show Winners



Champion Bloom of the Show A W Jessep Medal
'Amy Hunt' grown by Brad Walker



Reserve Champion J and P Wilson Memorial Medal
'Lady Pamela' grown by Kevin and Sandy Reiman



Champion Formal Double
'Ellie's Girl' variegated grown by Brad Walker



Champion Australian Raised Cultivar
'Parma Charisma' grown and raised by Andrew Gillam



**Champion Collection of Five
‘Frank Houser’ grown by Tina Hamer**



Champion Collection of Three

‘Valentine Day’ variegated grown by William and Janice Walker.

Congratulations to Stan and Lorraine for being Most Successful Exhibitor

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

The NEUTROG orders have been delivered and picked up by the Members. Thank you for your prompt pick-up.

After last month'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

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ORDERS must be emailed to Les Dewhurst

les_dewhurst@hotmail.com or ring him 9528 2728 or Don 0411 527 406

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2023

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 2023 payment is due on 1st January 2023. You must pay your 2023 membership subscription by the 30th April 2023. 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 online. If you joined at either of our shows, you are covered for the following year.

The membership subscription is \$25.00 / single and \$30.00 / family.

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



Spring into Action with Sudden Impact for Lawns + **POPUL8!**



Sudden Impact for Lawns now comes coated with Neutrog's highly anticipated advanced biological **POPUL8!**

Sudden Impact for Lawns + **POPUL8** is a dual-purpose product designed to both stimulate growth and simultaneously fight pathogenic disease on all types of lawns, hedges, and trees.

The balance of nutrients and microbes is the secret to the success of Sudden Impact for Lawns + **POPUL8**. The ratio of nitrogen and potassium is ideal for promoting growth, the levels of iron and magnesium have been boosted and the 240+ microbes in **POPUL8** help with nutrient liberation, disease suppression and growth promotion.

For more information,
head into your local
garden centre or nursery.



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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



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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