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### **Chair's Report**

Hello everyone,

As we welcome in a new year for the society, I hope all are in good health and fully recovered from the festive season. As far as our garden, and probably yours goes, the extreme heat is not doing anything that grows a favour. Today's rain is welcome but we could use a solid week of good steady rain to penetrate the very dry soil.

Over the past few years we have seen a number of unusual camellias, sometimes in our friends' gardens and at other times in gardens of significance to Australia.

In that light, Carolyn and I had the pleasure of wandering Linton Gardens last year and we have summarised our visit later in this newsletter.

Following the AGM the Committee held a meeting at our place. and the following decisions were made:

- President at present no appointment.
- Vice-President at present no appointment.
- Secretary Helen Wallace will take this position for one vear.
- Treasurer Sue Marshall has offered to continue until an appointment made. However, because of her inability to access a computer, a printed copy of the bank statement must be sent to her each month. Hannah has been asked to print the statement at the end of October, and Richie will send it to Sue. Also signatories to the bank account need to be updated. Daniel Low to contact Bank about this.
  - Daniel Appointed Treasurer by the Committee
- Newsletter editor Erin Foulsham agreed to do take this position. Hannah Griffith will train Erin to do this and provide her with the necessary templates etc.
- Librarian Bill Fleming prepared to continue in this position.



- Margaret Levick will once again look after Membership.
- Richie Griffith will continue as Public Officer.
- Marion Moyes will continue to judge at the monthly meetings and Coordinate Judging for the Show.
- Carolyn Low nominated and appointed to the Committee.
- Committee Chair to rotate each month and meetings will now be held on the second Monday of the month i.e. a week before the normal

meeting so that a report on activities can be given to the membership.

The banking has been sorted with Secretary, Treasurer and Public Officer as Signatories.

At this stage we are looking for a President, Vice-President and Two Delegates to the National Body.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Eryldene.

Daniel Low November 2018 Chair

#### Ravenswood 50th Annual Show 2019

Today, Helen Wallace and I had a very fruitful meeting with Deanne O'Shea, Anna Hyde and Jane Selig at Ravenswood School.

They will be hosting our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Show at the School on Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> and Sun 14<sup>th</sup> July.

They have agreed to support the Society in the usual ways with donations in kind and in materiel including artwork for the special invitations we will need.

We will also be receiving more coverage through the school newsletter and possibly in the "North Shore Living" magazine.

We, as a Society appreciate the continued support of the Principal, staff and school community at Ravenswood.

Daniel Low

Chair

13/2/2019

### Membership fees for 2019

Membership fees for 2019 were **due on 1st November 2018**. If you have not already done so, kindly make arrangements to renew your annual membership. The following table outlines membership fees:

Membership type	Emailed newsletter*	Black & white posted newsletter**			
Single	\$30	\$60			
Household	\$40	\$70			
Life members	Free	\$30			
*Included as part of all memberships					

<sup>\*\*</sup>An additional fee of \$30 covers expenses of printing & postage

### Payments Methods:

Via Internet Banking: Account Name: NSWCRS

BSB: 062247 Account Number: 0090 0966 Put as a Reference: "RenewalYourSurname"

Via Direct Deposit over the counter at a Commonwealth Bank:

Bank Account Name: NSWCRS

BSB: 062247 Account Number: 0090 0966 Put as a Reference: "RenewalYourSurname"





# **Calendar of Events for 2019**

February 2019						
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting **NB Saturday meeting Eryldene, 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon 1.30pm					
March 2019						
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 6.45pm benching for bloom competition; 7.30pm meeting start Guest Speaker: NEUTROG *FREE SAMPLES					
April 2019						
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month)  TBC – Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 6.45pm benching for bloom competition; 7.30pm meeting start					
May 2019						
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month)  TBC – Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 6.45pm benching for bloom competition; 7.30pm meeting start					
June 2019						
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month)  TBC – Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 6.45pm benching for bloom competition; 7.30pm meeting start					
July 2019						
July 13 <sup>th</sup> -14th	NSWCRS 50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Show Ravenswood School Hall, Henry Street, Gordon					
July 20 <sup>th</sup> -21st	Camellias Illawarra Annual Show (TIGS)					



#### A Special Garden on the Central Coast

One of the real pleasures of our interest in Camellias is that we can go to places of interest to the camellia fancy. Whether your interest is to have a more beautiful and interesting garden; to discover additions to your camellia collection; or to see what you may be able to show in open competition that others may not have seen before visits to other unusual gardens may facilitate your desires.









Linton Gardens and Some of the Camellias to be Found There

On the Central Coast there are a number of gardens with rare camellias but one of the most outstanding would be: the garden of the house originally called "Kewita", that passed through the hands of; Alexander Hunter, G. C. Linton, Keith Brushfield and eventually would become "Linton Gardens" a wedding reception venue at Somersby.









Edith Linton and Nancy Bird and a Number of Other Blooms

A simple phone call at the right time enabled Carolyn and I to visit Linton Gardens. It was a bright and sunny day and there were a number of camellias in bloom. We were able to see some of the original camellias brought from Hunter's nurseries at Ashfield and St Ives, as well as those that were developed on site by a number of residents.

The grounds are substantial by our garden's standard but not so big compared to Bill Fleming's. Open lawn areas are broken up by stands of plantings and the old and mature camellias have now become trees with understory plants, many of which are varieties of ginger which were all dormant at the time of our visit. However, other trees and tall palms were to be seen especially a very tall puce-coloured rhododendron.



A Selection of the Camellia Blooms, an Unusual Prostrate Norfolk Island Pine and the Rhrododendron



# **Monthly Bloom Competition Classes for 2019**

Class	ss Description		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1	Sasanqua Single		✓					
2	2 Sasanqua Formal Double & Elegans Form		✓					
3	Sasanqua other forms	✓	✓					
4	Sasanqua any form			✓	✓			
5	Japonica/Hybrid Single		✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓
6	Japonica/Hybrid Semi-double		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6A	Japonica / Hybrid Irregular Semi-Double		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Japonica/Hybrid Elegans Form		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Japonica/Hybrid Informal Double		✓	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	✓
9	Japonica/Hybrid Formal Double		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
10	Japonica/Hybrid Miniature		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Japonica/Hybrid any form	✓						
12	Reticulatas & their hybrids		✓	✓	✓			
13	13 Reticulatas & their hybrids up to 130mm					✓	✓	✓
14	Reticulatas & their hybrids over 130mm					✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
15	15 Other not listed		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	6 Clusters & sprays of multi-flowered species & hybrids		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
17	7 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

## 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:  $1^{st} = 3 \text{ points}; \quad 2^{nd} = 2 \text{ points}; \quad 3^{rd} = 1 \text{ point (if required)}$ 

'Open' and 'Novice' Collections Classes C1 to C2: 1st = 6 points; 2nd = 4 points; 3rd = 1 point (if required)

'Open' and 'Novice' Champion bloom (from the winning blooms) Extra 3 points.



# **NSWCRS Committee Contact Details**

Patron:	Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO				
President:	Vacant	M:			
President:	Vacant	E:			
Vice President:	Vacant	H:			
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