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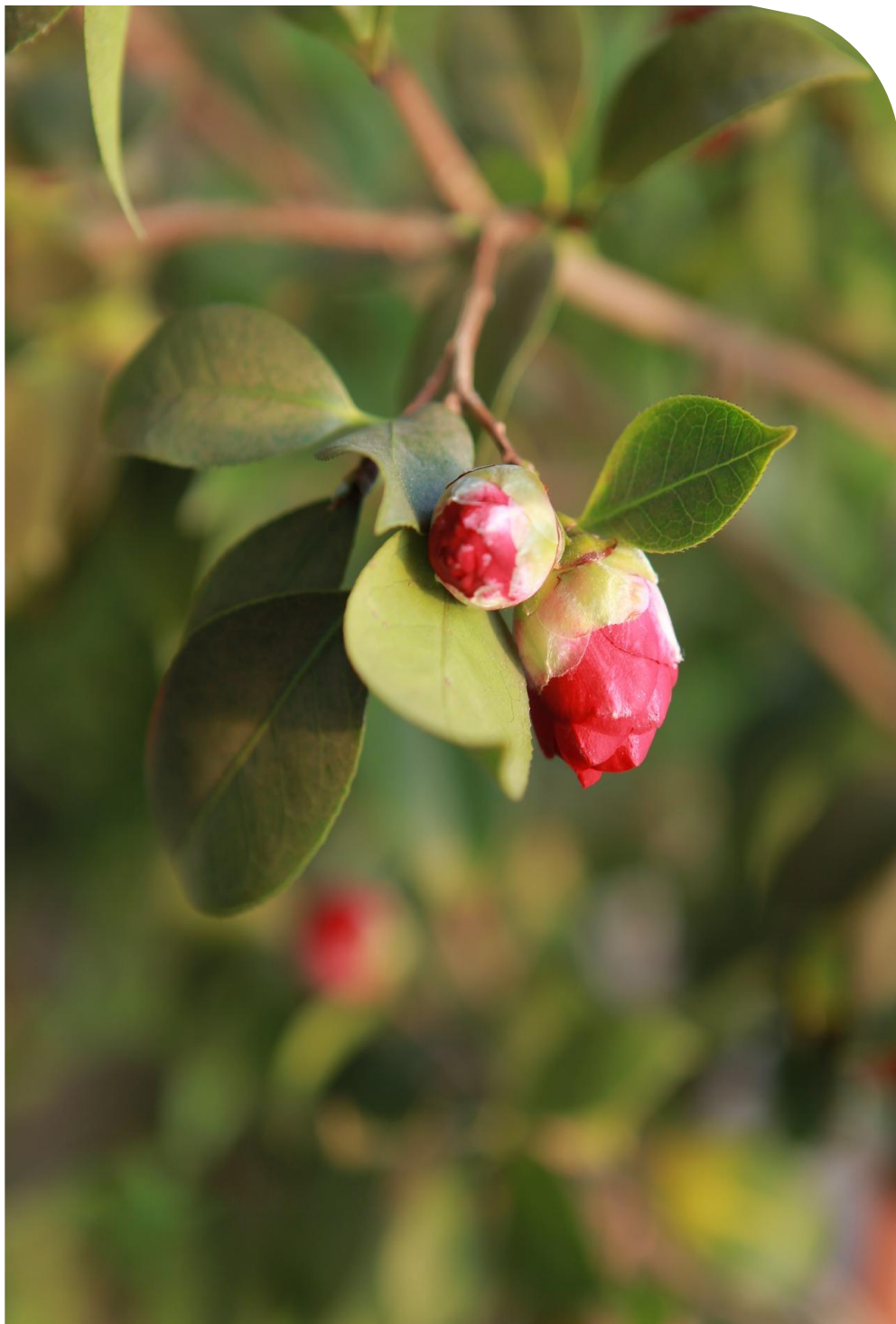
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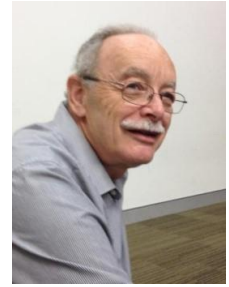
NSWCRS 50TH SHOW 2019

The committee would like to invite any interested members to join the show committee for the 50th NSW Camellia Research Society Annual Show on the 13th & 14th of July. Any other interested members who would like to assist on the show weekend would be greatly appreciated.

Please let yourself be known by contacting Daniel Low or Helen Wallace.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



February was a busy month for the Committee. We were all doing our best to sort out the Society's Bank Details. This was finally achieved after numerous visits to a number of Bank Branches.

We started work on setting up a Show Sub-committee and this was further developed after Helen and I visited Ravenswood School for Girls to find out that we were going to continue as one of their Community Partners

Our next order of business was to address the situation with the casual vacancies on the committee. Margaret Levick approached Julie Hood to see if she would stand as Treasurer of the Society. Julie agreed so after the General Meeting in February, an extraordinary meeting of the Committee was called for the 1st of March. At that meeting I handed in my resignation as Treasurer. I then called for nominations for the position of President to fill the vacancy and I was elected unanimously. Then I called for nominations for the position of Treasurer and Julie was also duly elected unanimously.

We would now like to fill the position of Vice-president and we are working on the delegates to Camellias Australia to represent us at the National Conference in Young, later this year.

Our upcoming March meeting promises to be very interesting for all lovers of plants and Camellias in particular.

The annual Bloom Competition will begin with benching starting at 6.45pm.

While judging progresses we will summarise information from the latest committee meeting.

We will then hand over to our special guest presenter, Paul Depuglia from Neutrog, who will address the meeting about the various products they produce and their benefits for our gardens.

We are expecting to have product samples on hand to give to members and visitors.

After drawing the Lucky Door Prize and viewing the Bloom Competition Display we will adjourn to have a light supper (members are reminded to bring a plate).

Daniel Low

President, NSW Camellia Research Society



MONTHLY SCHEDULE 2019

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



YOU ARE INVITED TO:

THE

MARCH NSWCRS

MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, 18th MARCH

GORDON BAPTIST CHURCH, 20-22 PARK AVE, GORDON

WITH
GUEST SPEAKER



FREE SAMPLES PROVIDED

VISITORS WELCOME
MEMBERS INVITE A GUEST

BENCHING OF BLOOMS COMMENCES AT 6.45pm



MEMBERSHIP FEES 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		
**An additional fee of \$30 covers expenses of printing & postage		

Payments Methods: Via Internet Banking OR Via Direct Deposit over the counter at a Commonwealth Bank

Account Name: NSWCRS

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Mrs D W Davis



Margaret Davis



Margaret Waterhouse



Mark Allen varigated



Mandalay Queen



Maroon and Gold



MONTHLY BLOOM COMPETITION CLASSES 2019

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR GARDEN?

CAMELLIA SINENSIS

Our first Camellias are now in bloom and as is always the case they are the different varieties of *Camellia sinensis*-the Tea Camellia.

Firstly, we need to set the scene as in was in the 19th Century. Tea came to the west when, in 1848 a Scot, Robert Fortune was sent by the British East India Company back to China “for the purpose of obtaining the finest varieties of the Tea-plant, as well as native manufacturers and implements, for the Government plantations in the Himalayas”.

Today there are many varieties and hybrids of *C. sinensis* producing teas with various properties.

In our garden we have three different form of ‘tea camellia’: the first is *Camellia sinensis* the well-known tea plant (we did have a plant of the pink-flowering variety but it succumbed to the elements many years ago.

Secondly, we have the selected variety, ‘Austea’ developed by Paradise Plants.

Finally we have, ‘Tea Time’, a specifically developed variety for home growers who wish to make; Green Tea, Oolong Tea or Black Tea the methodology of which is simply explained on the back of the label. (I believe the original stock plants are a Japanese variety).

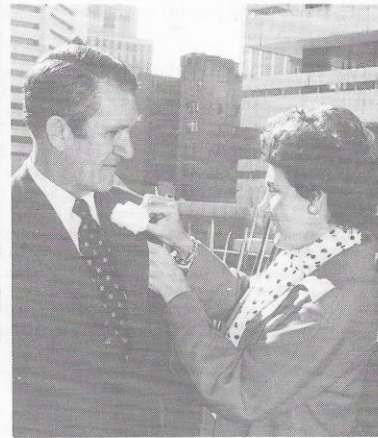
Daniel and Carolyn Low



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PRIME MINISTER OPENS AUSTRALIA'S MAJOR CAMELLIA SHOW



The annual show presented by the New South Wales Foundation Branch of the Australian Camellia Research Society has always attracted huge crowds of camellia-lovers to the Blaxland Gallery in mid-city Sydney.

The ability of the Society's members to stage an entirely different-looking spectacle each year has not only won countless new "fans" for camellias, but invariably persuades a wide news-media coverage of the Show's opening day, especially since the advent of colour television.

Having learnt of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Fraser's great personal interest in camellias (*I.C. Journal 1976 p.21*), the Prime Minister and his wife were invited to "Officially Open" the New South Wales Branch Show last year, and members were elated when Mr and Mrs Fraser accepted.

Sad to say, an unscheduled conference with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Canada and a subsequent meeting with President Ford of U.S.A. obliged the Frasers to forego their Show-opening arrangements. However, in his letter of apology upon returning to Australia, the Prime Minister asked if his services would be acceptable on another occasion.

N.S.W. Branch President Peter Levick happily issued a similar invitation for this year's Show, and this time the Frasers made it – resulting in one of the biggest public attendances on record!

The Australian Prime Minister obviously enjoyed his tour of the Blaxland Gallery camellia-benches with Peter Levick, whilst Show Manager Lynnette Mealey reported – "I was privileged to accompany Mrs Tammie Fraser. It was immediately evident that she enjoys talking about camellias, and is always looking for new ones that appeal.

"White semi-doubles are a favourite – 'Lovelight', 'Gauntlettii' and 'Ecclefield' in preference to 'White Nun'. Blush pinks are favoured, but not bright pinks such as 'Debbie'. 'Sawada's Dream' appeared to be number one, as this was the bloom Mrs Fraser chose to place in her husband's buttonhole.

"I'm told that after lunch, armed with her list of Camellia Show selections, she headed for a well-known Sydney camellia nursery to order a new consignment for 'The Lodge' – the Prime Minister's residence in Canberra."



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