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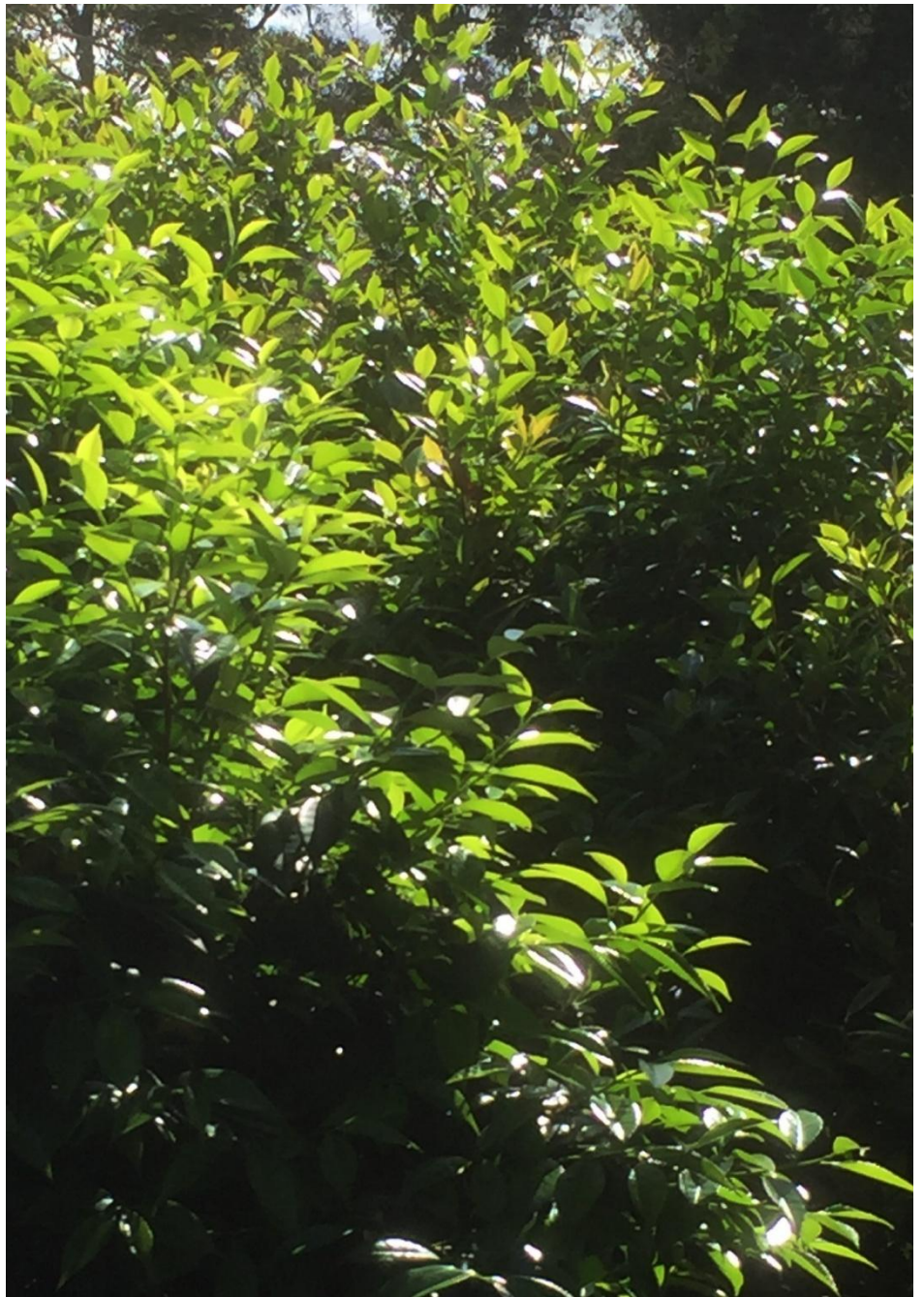
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Camellia japonica 'Li Ming' and *Camellia X williamsii* 'Margaret Waterhouse'
Competing to See Which Can Put on the Most New Growth This Spring (Photo D. Low)

The AGM
Has been held
and Subscriptions
for
2021
ARE NOW DUE



NOVEMBER EDITION

It is expected that this year's Annual Dinner will not be held due to Covid 19.

Look for the Bloom Competition Winners and your '20-'21 Committee.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For those of us who watched the Laurel and Hardy films made in the 1930's:

“Another fine mess you've gotten me into!” says Oliver Hardy.

I am not a gardener, but have watched my late wife Barbara enjoy and “slave” away in our garden in Roseville for about 26 years. I helped with “the heavy work” when asked, and was in charge of the design and maintenance of the irrigation system from rainwater tanks.



But now I have inherited the garden. I have noticed a lot more of the seasonal changes than before. In particular the new seasonal growth on the many Camellias in the garden after what appeared to me to be a bumper winter and spring blooming season. I put the profusion of blooms down to the rain in February and March, not my TLC.

So, I was amazed that I was nominated as a candidate for President of our NSWCRS at the AGM held on 19th October. After some thought, I accepted the nomination with the confession that I was not a gardener. In addition, I have a number of other interests that call on my time: occasional professional work; building a model railway; participating in a Model Railway club; racing a Laser dinghy; and social gatherings etc. Nonetheless, I will endeavour to keep NSWCRS following the successful trajectory that Daniel Low, and the Committee, kept us on during a difficult COVID year.

Not having been on the Committee before, I am not aware of the detailed schedule of activities of the Committee that keeps the Society going. I will be relying on the able support of the Committee who have all agreed that providing that support will not be an issue. I expect I will be able to delegate tasks to the Committee Members who do know the detail of what is needed. No doubt I will be on a steep learning curve. I am committed to giving the position and its responsibilities my best shot within the constraints of time and enthusiasm.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank Daniel for his role as President over the last couple of years. Also, for his enthusiasm and devotion during a difficult COVID season in keeping our members informed via very well presented and informative Newsletters. The numerous colour photos of blooms were inspiring, and showed a successful format for the Newsletter. Thank you, Daniel, and thank you for offering to continue as the Newsletter Editor. Should any of our members have any contribution for a newsletter, such as anecdotes of garden visits or triumphs in your garden, then I am sure Daniel would appreciate hearing from you.

Finally, I wish all our Members and their families a very happy festive season, and great gardening through the summer before we resume our usual meetings in 2021, hopefully with much reduced COVID constraints.

Bruce Walker,
President, NSW CRS



FROM THE EDITOR

As the AGM has been held I am now the Immediate Past President and Newsletter Editor. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Bruce Walker on being elected your new President and see Page 7 for Committee Details for 2020-2021.

This edition is the last for the year. Overall results of our online bloom competitions are included.

Congratulations go to the winners of the Major Competitions:

Open Champion—Richie Griffiths

Runner-up—Bill Fleming

Sasanqua Prize—Judith McGill

Miniatures and Sprays, Helen Simon Prize—Judith McGill

Novice Champion—Fran Hackett

At this stage, while we are still in lockdown, I would like to invite all members to participate in the On-line Competition next year as those who did so this year had great deal of enjoyment in showing off their blooms and artistic talents.

As Membership Subscriptions are now due please refer to pages 10 and 11 for details. If you joined the Society for the first time post June 2020 your membership will not need to be renewed until October 2021.

Daniel Low

Immediate Past President, NSW Camellia Research Society

N IS FOR NOVEMBER, AND...

(PHOTO CREDIT C & D LOW)



Narumigata



Nancy Bird



Nokogiriba-Tsubaki



Nuccio's Jewel



Nuccio's Gem



Nuccio's Pearl



New Day Rise



Nicky Crisp



CAMELLIAS NAMED FOR AUSTRALIA'S FIRST WOMEN PILOTS



'Nancy Bird'



'Margaret Davis'

'Nancy Bird' —Extract from "Camellias Australia Journal"

The camellia named after Nancy Bird Walton, Nancy Bird, is described as a *Camellia japonica*, large, semi-double flushed pale rose pink over white to near white at edge of petals with splashes of silvery rose. It is free flowering, midseason, strong and sun-resistant.

Nancy Bird is a sport of Jean Lyne (semi-double white with silvery rose stripes), and the sister sport of Edith Linton (semi-double silvery rose).

A 'sport' occurs when a variant flower appears, and when propagated by cuttings remains constant and fixed, and then becomes a different cultivar.

Jean Lyne was a seedling raised by Alexander Hunter. Alexander served his apprenticeship with Shepherd & Co at their Chatsworth Nursery at Rooty Hill, west of Sydney, and started his own nursery 'Camellia Grove' about 1870 in Liverpool Rd, Ashfield, in the inner west of Sydney. In 1884 Alexander became a citrus grower at Somersby, on the central coast of NSW.

He took with him a number of camellia plants and seedlings. In 1920 Alexander Hunter retired, and sold his property to G.C. Linton who arranged for the Hunter seedlings to be propagated. The Hazlewood Bros catalogue of 1941 lists Jean Lyne and Edith Linton. This historic garden and property is now 'Linton Gardens Reception and Function Centre' 611 Wisemans Ferry Rd, Somersby, and many old camellias still grow there. It is unclear when and where the sport of Nancy Bird originated – whether in her own garden or at Somersby, but it was named by Walter Hazlewood in 1952, and features in the Camellia Grove, St Ives, catalogue for 1954, and the Hazlewood Bros catalogue for 1956.

"Mr and Mrs C. F. Walton", Nancy Bird and her husband Charles, were members of the NSW Camellia Research Society for about 20 years circa 1965 to 1985, and Charles registered three camellias.

'Margaret Davis' Extract from an Article by Jerry Coleby-Williams

Australian-bred camellias showcase pretty much every shape, colour combination and form that this flower can generate. When I gardened in Sydney, I ran regular Camellia Workshops for the Friends of Sydney Botanic Gardens and in those gardens I learned that *Camellia japonica* Margaret Davis eventually reaches 5m high. It is named in honour of a very special woman gardener.

Nancy Bird Walton was the first Australian woman to gain a pilot's licence. Margaret Davis was the second. Margaret is primarily remembered for being a passionate gardener and flower arranger who wrote several gardening books.

We can also thank her initiative for launching what evolved into the Garden Clubs of Australia Inc. and being its founding President.

Margaret also helped shape our urban forests by initiating tree plantings as 'Roads of Remembrance as War Memorials'.

In 1958, Margaret joined forces with Janet Waterhouse, (partner of camellia devotee E. G. Waterhouse) and these two flower arrangers started the Sydney Chapter of Ikebana International.



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**ANNUAL BLOOM COMPETITION WINNERS AND PLACEGETTERS****Overall Open Point Score Winner and Runner-Up**

Winner	Richie Griffiths
Runner-up	Bill Fleming

Overall Novice Point Score Winner and Runner-Up

Winner	Fran and Bob Hackett
Runner-up	Melissa Low

Major Prizes

Sasanqua Prize
Judith McGill

Len Bray Trophy (Reticulatas)	Helen Simon Prize (Miniatures and Sprays)
Richie Griffiths	Judith McGill

Point Competition Results: Open Competition

Place	Name	Points
1 st	Richie Griffiths	203
3 rd	Judith McGill	154
5 th	Pam Watson	108
7 th	Liz Navin	38

Place	Name	Points
2 nd	Bill Fleming	193
4 th	Juliet Muras	117
6 th	Elizabeth Fuller	53
8 th	Wendy Sadler-Moyes	22

Point Competition Results: Novice Competition

Place	Name	Points
1 st	Fran and Bob Hackett	549
3 rd	Mary Doughty	38
Aeq 4 th	Margaret Hall	18

Place	Name	Points
2 nd	Melissa Low	84
Aeq 4 th	Lesley Saddington	18
6 th	Beth Bunyan	11



IRIS—A PERFECT COMPANION FOR CAMELLIAS

Recently Carolyn was looking for some more Iris to have as companions to our Camellias and to improve our newly renovated Japanese Garden. After much fruitless searching for a relatively close supplier, she remembered that our friend and fellow Society member, Craig Carroll grew some Iris at his nursery. I rang Craig and he said he does not grow Bearded Iris but “Iris Australis” at Bilpin, provide him with them when he needs some for a client. I looked them up and before I knew it we had packed a picnic and we were off to get there before closing on a Sunday. They only open Fri-Sun until the end of October but you can make an appointment for an out of hours visit.



Growing in the Field



Two that Carolyn Selected (photos, D. Low)



Wow!!! What a pleasant surprise, Michael Barnes has over 500 varieties of Iris growing in the field and about 100 selected ones (a number of each) potted up for sale on display benches with a quality photo of the flower if they are not yet open or have finished blooming.

Michael is a true aficionado of the genus and he willingly parts with cultural information so you can get the best out of your purchases. Speaking of which, we felt that they were very competitively priced compared to the price of a single rhizome in a packet at commercial nurseries in Sydney, considering the number of rhizomes in each pot and the healthy look of the plants.

To get in touch see below.



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Open to public

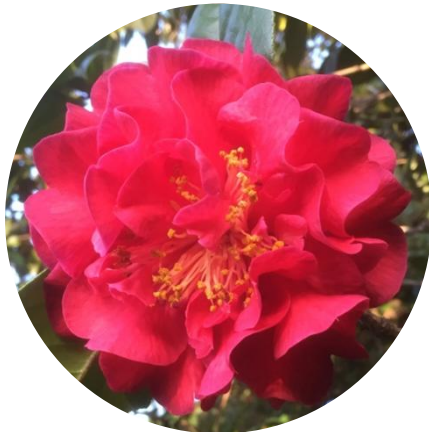
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Dr Clifford Parks



Margaret Davis

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	Judith McGill	
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Why renew your membership with the NSW Camellia Research Society?

Membership has many advantages, including:

- Newsletters - enjoy the informative monthly newsletter as well as the Camellia News (from Camellias Australia) on a quarterly basis
- Meetings - join us between February and October for guest speakers, bloom competition, trading table, library access, donation prizes and practical advice on camellia culture
- Social Events - open days, dinners and other special events
- Industry contacts - access to experts, nurseries, new and rare camellia varieties
- Bloom Competition - beautiful displays, monthly point score and annual prizes and awards
- Garden Visits - access to private gardens with amazing camellia collections
- Committee participation - get active behind the scenes and help steer the Society

**Membership Fees for the period 1 Nov 2020 to Oct 2021
are detailed over the page.**

Please renew your membership now by completing the form and following the payment instructions over the page.

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I / We would like to renew my/our membership of the NSWCRS and in doing so agree to abide by the Rules of the Society:

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Signature/s:			

*NB. NSWCRS respects your privacy and will only use or release your contact information for matters associated with fulfilling the Objects of the Society.



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Membership Fees for 1 November 2018—31 October 2019 are as follows:

Membership Type	Total Fees Due
Single—Emailed newsletter ONLY	\$30
Single—Emailed AND Printed & posted black and white newsletter	\$60
Household—Emailed newsletter ONLY	\$40
Household—Emailed AND Printed & posted black and white newsletter	\$70
Life Members—Emailed newsletter ONLY	No Fee
Life Members—Emailed AND Printed & posted black and white newsletter	\$30

Please note: Emailed newsletters are included as part of all memberships, however, if you require a printed (black and white) and posted newsletter, an additional fee of \$30 per membership is required to cover the annual cost of commercial printing.

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Household—Emailed AND Printed & posted black and white newsletter	\$70	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Members—Emailed newsletter ONLY	No Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Members—Emailed AND Printed & posted black and white newsletter	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/>

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All members are kindly requested to complete this form and email or post it to the Secretary (details above) to ensure that our membership details are kept up-to-date and accurate.



NEUTROG NEWS

Dear Members,

Neutrog Fertilisers has recently opened an online store and is offering our members the opportunity to continue to purchase a range of products at exclusive pricing up to four times per year. To enable you to participate, Neutrog has asked that we provide them with your email address which in turn they will send you a unique activation code that will take you into their online store. If you do not wish to participate, please let me know by return email by 9th November 2020 and your details won't be passed on to Neutrog. Once set up in their system they will send the activation code with further instruction. This platform allows direct payment to Neutrog so we do not have to collect money and collate the order. The order will be collated by Neutrog and sent as one order to the nominated collection point, picking tickets for each order will be provided. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me and I will discuss with the Neutrog Representative.

- Once we have all participating email addresses an email will be sent to all with an activation code. Instruction will be provided with the email as to setting up your account.
- Once your account is set up you simply place your order online and select your collection point.
- Payment is at the completion of the order, via credit card and direct to Neutrog.

Benefits to the Club and Members

- The online order process is very straight forward and provides extended product information for ease of selection.
- Order up to 4 times per year, generally in time for the start of each season, less volume at distribution time.
- Individual order detail provided at pick up for ease of distribution.
- Payment is direct to Neutrog, eliminates the need for the club to collect money and collate the order.
- A \$20 bonus voucher on initial order applies for orders over \$40.

Concerns raised

What if the member does not have an email address or is not tech savvy?

- We suggest they 'buddy up' with another member and combine their order, several in other societies do this already.