# **NSW Camellia Research** Society **NEWSLETTER** ISSN: 2207-6883

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# JULY REPORT

July is Showtime Show Setup: 7/7, 9.00am **Entries:** 9/7, 7.00am Show Opens: 9/7, 1.30pm After Show Cleanup: 10/7,4.00pm+

It's Showtime and if you have any questions as to how you can assist in making it a resounding success just get in touch with Show Manager, Richie on 0418 200 139 and see what you can do. There will be plenty to do on Thursday

and again on Sunday afternoon

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT, MAY 2022

What?!! More rain!

In the middle of our Blooming Season!

What are the weather planners thinking? Will this rain ruin our blooms or make the plants waiting to bloom more prolific?

A big thank you to Stephen Utick for his presentation to our June Meeting. Lots of interesting photos and anecdotes about the work of Camellia Ark. There are still vacancies for Camellia Ark Australia (CAA) Two Day Discovery Garden Tour of the Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands NSW, to be held Wednesday 10 to Thursday 11 August 2022.



Our big event of the year is almost upon us: Our **Annual Show** which is being held at Ravenswood School on **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July**. That is this coming weekend!

We have a number of members who volunteered at the June Meeting to help with the many tasks/roles, but not enough to make the running of the show enjoyable for all.

#### We need more help, please, from our Members:

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am for the setting up of the show tables.

**On Saturday 9th**; benching of blooms is from 7am to 11am, so bring your blooms and help to make the Show a stunner. Help is then needed from about 12:30pm to help get ready for the paying public from 1:30pm until closing at 4:30pm.

**On Sunday 10th**; help is needed all day from 10am to 4pm, and then the packing up after 4pm.

So please, just come along when you can, and help where you can. I am sure that our Show Manager, Richie Griffiths, will be very pleased to see you and to find where your help is needed most. Even a couple of hours would help.

The following weekend, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July is the Illawarra Show and I am sure your blooms and presence would be appreciated by them.

We will be having our regular monthly meeting and Bloom competition on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at Gordon Baptist Church. Hopefully your blooms will have recovered from the rain by then and will be in top form. For the main part of the Meeting, we are having a grafting demonstration and discussion. This may be followed by a presentation on Shrink-Swell clay soils, if there is time.

Our special Castle Hill excursion is discussed later in the Newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Show,

Cheers

Bruce Walker



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#### NSW CRS SHOW 2022 IS COMING SCHEDULE IN SEPARATE EMAIL

NSW Camellia Research Society Inc Presents its

51st Annual

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At Ravenswood School for Girls, Henry Street, Gordon

Saturday 9TH July 2022 1.30pm to 4.30pm and

Sunday 10TH July 2022 10am to 4pm

#### Featuring:

Spectacular Display of Beautiful Camellias "Camellia Grove" Camellias for Sale and Camellia Plant Raffle Daily Beautiful Displays of Sogetsu Ikebana; Camellia Artifacts "Cut Above" Garden Tools for Sale

Bring Your Camellias For Identification or Help with Pests and Diseases

Admission: Adults - \$5 (includes a Lucky Door Prize) School children - Free

Ravenswood School for Girls and the Camellia Show are both COVID Safe and request all visitors to adhere to recommended NSW Health COVID Safe guidelines;

- If you are unwell, even with very mild symptoms, please stay at home and seek appropriate medical care.
- If anyone in your household or a close contact tests positive for COVID-19 do not attend.
- If anyone in your household or a close contact is being tested for COVID-19, please do not attend until a negative result has been returned.
- · You are encouraged to wash your hands regularly and use the hand sanitiser provided.

Enquirles: nswcamellias@hotmail.com

The NSW Camella Research Society meets at Gordon Baptist Church the third Monday of each month (February to October). Visitors are most welcome.

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# **SPECIAL EXCURSION: "MIRRABOOKA" CASTLE HILL**

The current owner, Robert Bishop, has kindly given us permission to visit the gardens of "Mirrabooka", at 372 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill. The house, a modernist design by architect Bruce Rickard, and gardens are listed on the Heritage Register.

The visit will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022. We will be meeting at 10:30am for a self-guided tour of the gardens. There a number of Camellias, in resplendent bloom, as well as an arboretum which has been established since construction of the house was completed in 1963. Parking in the property is limited to about 6 cars, if we park in tight: first come, first parked. There is limited parking on Old Northern Road opposite the property. There would be much merit in car pooling to ease the parking issues, so arrange your travel with other members where possible.

Bring a thermos for morning tea picnic. Wear outdoor footwear as the grass may be wet and you will be walking through garden areas that are not on formal paths. The garden area is steep in parts, and would only be suitable for limited mobility in the vicinity of the house.

It should be a most interesting garden excursion.

Ed. Note: When its over, why not follow the directions below to improve your Camellia Stock.

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#### JUNE MEETING AND BLOOM COMPETITION RESULTS



Novice Champion, Aspasia Macarthur, **Bruce Walker** 



Open Champion, Lovelight, **Bill Fleming** Seen on the Benches



Lucky Door Prize Winner, Yuletide, **Richie Griffiths** 



Making his Presentation. Secretary of the ARK **Dr Stephen Utick** 



Informal Double



Single



Collection, Elegans



Irregular Semi-Double

MONTH	MEMBER	PTS	SAS	SPR/MINS	RETICS	GRADE	TOTAL/ MNTH
June	J. Cavanagh	2	6			N	8
	M. Hall		1			N	1
	S. Marker	4		1		0	5
	C. & D. Low	11		3		0	14
	W. Fleming	15		2		0	17
	E. Fuller	6				0	6
	J. Muras	1		3		0	4
	R. Griffiths	3			6	0	9
	B. Walker	17			3	N	20
	J. McGill	9	2	3		0	14
	P. Watson	5				0	5

### **BLOOM COMPETITION AND RULES 2022**

Class	Description	Jul	Aug	Sep
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		✓	~
12	Reticulatas & their hybrids			
15	Other not listed		~	~
16	Clusters & sprays of multi-flowered species & hybrids		✓	~
17	New seedling or sport (1 to 3 blooms)		1	1
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:  $1^{st} = 3 \text{ points}; 2^{nd} = 2 \text{ points}; 3^{rd} = 1 \text{ point (if required)}$ 'Open' and 'Novice' Collections Classes C1 to C2:  $1^{st} = 6 \text{ points}; 2^{nd} = 4 \text{ points}; 3^{rd} = 1 \text{ point (if required)}$ 'Open' and 'Novice' Champion bloom (from the winning blooms) Extra 3 points. 

# MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2022 (CHANGES TO BE NOTIFIED)

July 2022			
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Show Setup from 9.00am		
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	NSW CRS Annual Show Details above		
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Illawarra Annual Show		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Deferred for Show Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30 meeting. Speaker TBA		
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lisgar Gardens Open Day Camellia Gala Day, 11.00am-3.00pm. Bring blooms for the NSWCRS Display Tables		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to "Mirrabooka" Castle Hill Details above!!!		
August 2022			
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms. Speaker TBA		
September 2022			
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> -Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	National Congress, Hobart. Details available from Bruce or Helen or Joe jneuschwanger@optusnet.com.au		
Monday 19th	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting (Always 3rd Monday of Month) Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30 meeting. Speaker TBA		
October 2022			
Monday 17th	NSWCRS AGM 7.30pm. Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon.		
November 2022			
	Annual Dinner and Presentations. Date and Location TBA		

### NSWCRS COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS 2020-2021

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	Richie Griffiths (Public Officer)	Judith McGill		
National Councillors:	Yet to be nominated			
ABN:	16 873 158 367			
Incorporation No.:	Y17693-47			

### MORE JULY BLOOMS

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Well, its happened again, The Fall Edition of the Southern California Camellia Society's Journal is out and Editor, Bradford King has featured, among others, ten varieties we have in our garden: Nuccio's Gem, Silver Waves, Nuccio's Pearl, Buttons 'N' Bows, E.G. Waterhouse, Dr Clifford Parks, Kanjiro, Egao, Hagoromo and Man Size



## WHAT'S ON AT ERYLDENE



5 August 2022 Fridays in the Garden Want to see what goes on in the Eryldene garden between open days?

7 August 2022 Music on Sundays Join us at Eryldene for live music from 1.00 till 5.00 pm.

2 September 2022 Fridays in the Garden Want to see what goes on in the Eryldene garden between open days?

4 September 2022 Art on Sundays Hear and learn from artists currently practising across the wider Sydney community.

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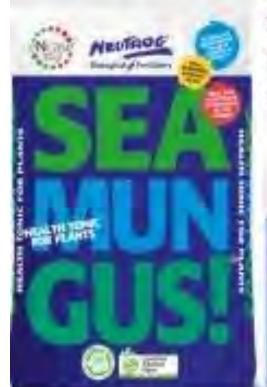


Friends of Lisgar Gardens are holding their Open Day again and our Society is helping by having Camellia Display Tables, You can assist by bringing Blooms with Labels, Volunteering to answer camellia related enquiries and promoting membership in our society.

Bruce or Richie will work out a roster for those who can make it on the day.

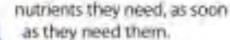
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