

# NSW Camellia Research Society Newsletter

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*Camellia sasanqua* 'Exquisite Waterhouse'



## FROM THE EDITOR

A lot has happened since the last edition went out! Juliet Muras, Stephen Utick and I, went to Tokyo for the International Camellia Congress.

What an experience! Starting with the opening and closing ceremonies which sandwiched a jam-packed few days of conference business, side trips and throughout an amazing number of extraordinary meals.

Juliet and I have put together a report on our experiences at the Congress.

On a personal note, it was so great to meet up with a number of my international friends from Nantes in 2018, especially Anke Koschitz from Frankfurt, who had also come here to judge Gardens of Historical Significance, in January 2020.

Daniel Low, Newsletter Editor

Looking forward  
to seeing  
everyone at our  
April meeting:  
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## MARCH MEETING AND THE BLOOM COMPETITION

Our special guest speaker was Brian Klepzig from Neutrog. Brian arrived after a long day travelling. Following Dale's PowerPoint, Brian began a detailed discussion regarding the benefits that several Neutrog products can provide for various types of plants that we might have in our gardens apart from Camellias.



With the aid of movies and slide shows we were able to see the real life results that can be obtained with plants from strawberries to lawn. Brian pointed out just how different soil can be on opposite sides of the country, mentioning my friend Esme Pashley from WA and what she has found to be of benefit to her garden, as well as in Brian's own garden.

Brian left several good-sized bottles of liquid Seamungus for members to take home.

Marion judged the bloom competition, with many members receiving place cards in either the novice or open competitions.



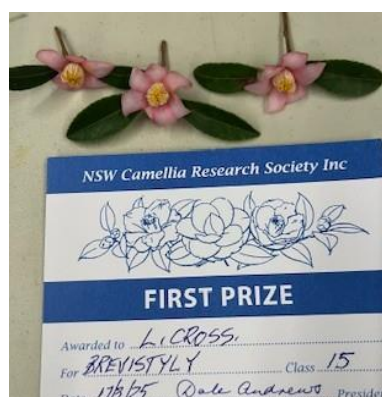
Class 1



Open Champion Bloom



Class 2 and Novice Champion



Class 15



Class 16



Collections



From Laurella Cross:

Azalea Satsuki 'Chojuho'



Lantana camara 'Chelsea Gem'



## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Signature .....

*The membership has remained the same amount, but it will only be for 11 months to bring the renewals closer to the AGM and Annual Awards Dinner and before the long break.*

### Bank deposit details

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## APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be held at Eryldene on Sunday the 13th of April at 2.00pm.

- Benching of blooms will commence at 2.00pm.
- Bring your favourite garden implements for Camellia husbandry to show and explain.
- Following the bloom competition there will be a guided tour of the *Garden Rooms of Eryldene* by Helen Wallace.



## MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2025 (CHANGES TO BE NOTIFIED)

April 2025	
Sunday 13th	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting Eryldene 2.00pm benching of blooms and bring your favourite garden "Toys" (tools for Camellia husbandry) to demonstrate before a Garden Tour guided by Helen Wallace
May 2025	
Sunday 18th	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting: 2pm at Daniel Low's: 2 Narelle Ave, Pymble for Benching and then a tour of Carolyn's Camellias. Followed by a short jaunt down to Judith McGill's: 54 Kulgoa Rd, Pymble, for a look around her garden and afternoon tea.
June 2022	
Monday 16th	Gordon Baptist Church, Meeting Room Garden Square 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. The meeting will aim to finalise preparations for the Annual Show
July 2025	
Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th	NSW CRS Annual Show. Special Guest: Judy Horton
Saturday 19th	National Camellia Show, Ribbonwood Centre, Dapto Further details later in this Newsletter
Monday 21st	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30pm meeting. Review Show
August 2025	
Date and Venue to be Announced	The August meeting format has not yet been decided
September 2025	
Monday 15th	NSWCRS Monthly Meeting Gordon Baptist Church, 20-22 Park Ave, Gordon 7pm benching of blooms for 7.30 Annual General Meeting
November 2025	
	Annual Dinner and Presentations. Date and Location TBA

## COUNTRY CORNER

FROM MY GARDEN--DENISE DI SALVIA



Barbara Woodroof



Fashionata



Great Eastern



Wilamina



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## CAMELLIAS AUSTRALIA UPDATE

J. DONOHOE

Camellias Australia Update for 2025

Secretary Report, Jenny Donohoe

The Mini Congress and AGM for 2025 is a casual event and it is all self-drive to venues. You will have to make your own accommodation bookings as well as all other costs for events and meals. Further updates will be sent out to interested parties so please contact me to register as an interested party.

- Saturday 19th July 2025, The National Show** will be held by Camellias Illawarra on Saturday 19th July at the Ribbonwood Centre in Dapto, NSW
- Sunday 20th July 2025** Camellias Australia AGM has been booked for Sunday 20th July 2025 at the **Wollongong Botanic gardens from 10.00am -2.00pm**. This will be a day event with the AGM being held in the morning and a speaker for the afternoon. **The gardens do not close until 5.00pm** so this will give you time to explore the gardens with a guide (to be arranged).
- Monday 21st July 2025** Camellias Australia is invited together with Camellia Ark to Camden Park the historic home of the Macarthurs. This event will involve a special presentation at Camden Park's historic camellia from the ICS Historic Trees Committee. More details to come.
- Saturday and Sunday evenings: dinner suggestion, we can book the Bulli Workers' Club Restaurant for anyone who might be interested to join us for a social evening. This is where Camellias Illawarra have their annual Christmas Party in a very relaxed setting.



## APRIL BLOOM COMPETITION

Class	Description	Apr
1	Sasanqua Single	✓
2	Sasanqua Formal Double & Elegans Form	✓
3	Sasanqua other forms	✓
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	✓
13	Reticulatas and their Hybrids up to 130mm	✓
14	Reticulatas and 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

Class C1: 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.





## REPORTING IN FROM JAPAN

RAPPORTEURS--JULIET MURAS AND DANIEL LOW

The International Camellia Society met for its biennial congress in Tokyo, and Juliet and I were among some 170 participants. The only countries with a larger contingent were China and Japan. Juliet went on the pre-congress tour to Oshima Island, where it had snowed the previous day (see photo of snow 60cm deep).



Sixty Centimetres of Snow



Oshima High School



One of the School's Green Houses



Juliet and her Guides

The highlight of that tour was a visit to the Oshima High School which is dedicated to the preservation of Camellias. Not only were there rare ones such as the species, *Camellia quephongensis*, but the school ground host a virtual forest of camellias earning it the Award of An International Camellia Garden of Excellence.





*Camellia quephongensis*



Presentation Badges



The School Garden



Factory Machinery

There followed a tour of a Camellia Oil Factory with all its intricacies of machinery for growing and harvesting the camellia seeds leading to the oil extraction.





*Extraction Machine*



*Camellia Oil Products*

We both arrived in Tokyo for the Congress, me on the day and Juliet back from her tour. After registration, I went on a guided tour of the Magnificent gardens which are part of the Hotel Chizanso's Precinct.



*Welcome to Tokyo*



*"It was A Cold and Windy Day"*



*The Ikebana Display in the Hotel Lobby*

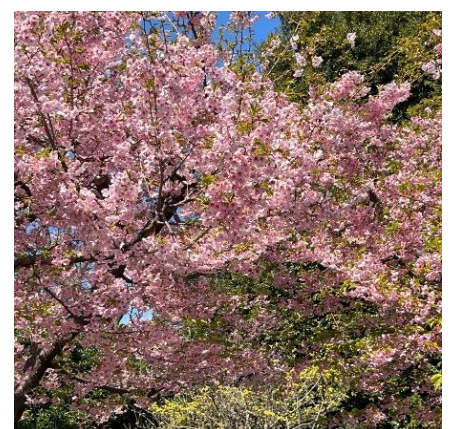
Then it was time to get ready for the Welcome Party where the Guest of Honour was, Her Imperial Highness Princess Hisako Takamado. The Dinner was a six-course degustation featuring: Amuse-bouche, Hors-d'oeuvre, Poisson, Viande, Dessert, Café ou Thé and finally Petits Fours.



*Hotel Chizanso Garden at Night*



*Camellia in the Garden*



*Cherry Blossoms Were Out*

I presented the Princess with two Camellia-wood Utensils which she accepted very graciously, and as I was speaking to my friend Gabriel from France she rose to leave and as she passed us, she offered her hand.





*Her Imperial Highness  
Princess Hisako Takamado*



*Amuse Bouche*



*Macha Mousse and Camellia Tea Ice Cream*



*Marinated Scottish Salmon With Camellia Oil Sauce*

Monday from 8.30 to 4.30 was taken up with the various sessions and presentations. Session 1 was the Scientific Session from 8.30 until 10.00 with a coffee break at 10.00, lunch at 12.00 and another coffee break at 2.30.

My presentation was at 9.30, and as was the case for everyone the time limit was 20 minutes. The topic was "Collecting and Caring for Camellias in an Australian Garden". It was a dedication to Carolyn and her Camellia Garden. I managed to get through my slides and answer several questions in the allotted time and the PowerPoint was very well received as I received many compliments from participants from all over the world over the next two or three days.





### Collecting Camellias for an Australian Garden

Presentation for the ICS Congress 2025

**Daniel Low**

Past President, *NSW Camellia Research Society*  
Member, *Australian Camellia Society*



### Which Camellias to Collect?

First and foremost, Carolyn wanted "Real Red" Camellias such as these:



*C. j* 'Wild fire'



*C. j* 'Imperial Splendour'



*C. j* 'Dolly Dyer'



*C. j* 'Firefalls'



*C. j* 'Roger Hall'



*C. j* 'Susie Fortson'

Sports abound in the camellia world, but we were mainly collecting those from Australia and New Zealand, with the exception of a number from Nuccio's Nursery in California. These are all varieties of *Camellia japonica*.



'Otahuhu Beauty'



'Can Can'



'Lady Loch'



'Edith Linton' (L) and  
Parent 'Jean Lyne' (R)  
Original painting  
by Paul Jones



'Roger Hall Variegated'



'Paul Jones Supreme'



'Tama Beauty'

Camellias with **unusual leaves** were a highlight of Macoboy's book and Carolyn also found them of great interest. Some virus-infected Camellias have varying degrees of yellow in the leaf. However, a small number available from friends and nurseries naturally have unusual colour or shape.



*C. j* 'Nokogiriba Tsubaki'



*C. j* 'Kifukuren-benikarako'



*C. j* 'Hakuhaku-kujaku'

### A selection of our winning blooms



*C. j* 'Drama Girl'



*C. j* 'Grape Soda'



*C. j* 'Buttons 'N' Bows'



*C. reticulata* 'Red Crystal'

*C. j* 'Tama-No-Ura'

A selection from the twenty-four slides

To be continued in the next edition