



Newsletter

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President's Pen

Happy New Year to you all! I trust you have had an enjoyable Christmas. NSWCRS members certainly did at our annual dinner at Killara Golf Club where trophies were presented for our monthly bloom competition winners. It also gave up the opportunity to thank Bill Moyes who has diligently audited our books for over 30 years. Our new constitution has now given him reprieve of this duty, much to his relief I think. Many thanks Bill.



Last year on 20th November I am pleased to report that NSWCRS members passed a special resolution to amend our constitution addressing matters as requested by NSW Fair Trading. One of the changes means we can now use email as one of the methods of communication for official matters. This will help save on the cost of printing and postage if we desire to make further changes to our constitution.

Great news!! Last week I had confirmation from Ravenswood School for Girls that we can once again use their school hall for our Annual Camellia Show. We are indeed fortunate as this is an excellent facility and so well suited for our purposes. We thank Ravenswood's school principal, Mrs Anne Johnstone and her staff for their ongoing support. The dates have been confirmed so please keep Saturday, 14th July and Sunday, 15th July 2018 free and as well as Thursday, 12th July for setting up.

On Saturday, 17th February we kick off the year with a meeting at Bill Fleming's place at Galston from 2pm until 4pm. Bill has extended a special invitation to you and all your friends, relatives and neighbours who also might like to come and see his garden. Everyone is welcome!! And yes, bring your secateurs... with over 300 camellias to choose from, Bill has kindly agreed for us to come along and take cuttings. We will also have a cutting demonstration and a chance to pot up some of your cuttings. Please refer to our Calendar of Events for more information.

Our first meeting at the Baptist Church Hall, Gordon will be on the third Monday of March namely 19th March at 7pm.

Looking forward to see you all at Bill Fleming's place on 17th February.

~ Wendy Sadler-Moyes

Calendar of Events for 2018

February 2018	
Saturday, 17th February	Visit to Bill Fleming's 'Elegans', 21 Fishburn Road, Galston 2pm – 4pm Further details on page 4
March 2018	
Monday, 19th March	Monthly Meeting Gordon Baptist Church 6.45pm benching; 7pm start
April 2018	
Monday, 16th April	Monthly Meeting Gordon Baptist Church - TBC 6.45pm benching; 7pm start





2018 NSWCRS
ANNUAL SHOW

14th & 15th JULY

RAVENSWOOD SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS - GORDON



A Shocking Encounter!

The story so far: A 15 to 20 year-old camellia sasanqua hedge at my mother's unit underwent a very severe pruning in September 2017 which brought the over 3m high hedge to its knees.

Five months on: The warm weather over the Christmas period has seen the sasanquas put on rapid growth. It is actually hard to believe how strong and healthy these plants now look. The stumps now all have long thin branches which almost look like tendrils.



Above (L to R): One month on, two months on, five months on



Above (L to R): September 2017 and five months later, February 2018

I must say how pleased I am with how each plant is progressing.

~ Wendy Sadler-Moyes



2017/18 Membership Fees – Now Overdue

A reminder to all members that membership fees for the period 1 November 2017 – 31 October 2018 are now overdue. The fees for the 2017/18 period are as follows:

Membership Type	Fees
Single (includes full colour emailed newsletter)	\$30
Household (includes full colour emailed newsletter)	\$40

** If you would prefer a black and white printed version of the newsletter, this can be arranged for the cost of commercial printing and postage – please add \$30 to your membership fees to cover these costs

Please note that if you are a new member who joined at our 2017 Annual Camellia Show at Ravenswood in July or since then, you will not need to renew your membership until later in 2018. Fellows and Life Members are not required to pay any fees but where ever possible, it would be of great assistance if you could provide an updated membership form including email address so your newsletter can be delivered via email.

You may pay your membership fees either by direct bank transfer or via cheque, as follows:

Payment by Bank Transfer: Account Name: NSWCRS
BSB: 062247
Account Number: 00900966
Reference: Your Surname & "Subs"
Please email nswcamellias@hotmail.com to advise of your transfer and provide your completed membership renewal form

Payment by Cheque: Please send your cheque and completed membership renewal form to Richie Griffiths (Secretary).

First Meeting for 2018!

Join us for our first activity for 2018 on Saturday, 17th February at Bill Fleming's beautiful garden, 'Elegans', located at 21 Fishburn Road, Galston. Bill is kindly opening his garden for us to take cuttings from his over 300 Camellias!

What to bring:

- a pair of secateurs,
- plastic bags to collect cuttings and a water proof pen to label bags (there will be some pens available though)
- hat, sunscreen and sensible walking shoes

Tea and coffee will be provided. If you'd like to bring a plate of something to share, it would be gratefully received.



Above: A beautiful vista at 'Elegans'



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