



# Newsletter

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## President's Pen

The year is fast drawing to a close as we start to look forward to the Christmas season.

By now all members should have received, via post, a copy of the proposed constitution on which we will be voting to accept or reject on 20th November at 7pm. Twelve financial members constitute a quorum so I encourage your attendance on the night.

Thank you to all who attended our AGM and congratulations to those who have been elected to the NSWCRS Committee for 2018. An especially warm welcome to our new Committee members Sue Marshall, our Treasurer, and her husband Georgio Skondrianos who is one of our four Committee Members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Stanley and Marion Moyes who both stepped down from the Committee at our recent AGM.

Paul has been our treasurer for the last 3 years and has always applied himself to the task with efficiency and diligence. Job well done Paul and sincere thanks!!

As a valued Committee Member, Marion has also been one of our Camellias Australia Councillors and we have appreciated her commitment in attending National Congresses representing NSWCRS members. Marion also organized the camellia judging at our Annual Show, and the judging of our monthly bloom competitions in conjunction with Chris Chapman. Many thanks to both Marion and Chris.

In line with recommendations of Fair Trading's new model rules, we have now combined the Membership Secretary's role with that of the Secretary's. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Margaret Levick for all her hard work and support as the Membership Secretary over the past year.





Many thanks to Daniel for being a fantastic Vice President and Show Manager this year. I'd also like to thank Richie Griffiths (as Immediate Past President and Secretary) for making my transition to the role of President so much easier than it would have been otherwise. Many thanks also to Juliet who has shown a strong commitment to each of our Committee meetings which has been greatly appreciated.

Richie Griffiths retains the role of Secretary and I have been re-elected as President. At our first Committee meeting we will appoint an Editor. I am pleased to say that Hannah Griffiths has indicated her willingness to continue on in that role; we all greatly appreciate the excellent job that she does each month. If however, anyone else would like to be considered for the role of Editor please let me know. Our Camellia Society Governors appointed to the Eryldene Trust Board are Juliet Muras and myself. Although Richie steps down, the Eryldene garden will benefit greatly from his continued involvement with the Eryldene Garden Committee.

I must make special mention of our honorary auditor, Bill Moyes. For **over 30 years** Bill has diligently audited the books of account for NSWCRS. What dedication!! I suspect that Bill is quietly relieved that as a Tier 2 organization there is no longer a requirement of Fair Trading for NSWCRS to have the books audited. (We will however continue to have the books reviewed by a suitable non-committee member). On behalf of NSWCRS I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Bill for years of dedication.

Bill and his wife Cathy have been invited to be guests of honour at our Annual Dinner and Awards Night at Killara Golf Club on 29<sup>th</sup> November. I am thrilled to report that Bill and Cathy have accepted our invitation and we look forward to thanking Bill personally on the night.

Have you always wanted to grow Queen Diana? I have. Well thanks to the generosity of Bill Fleming our first activity for 2018 will afford us the opportunity to avail ourselves of over 300 of Bill's camellia trees from which to take cuttings. Thank you, Bill Fleming!! For more details, please page 4.

This is the last newsletter for the year so a very big thank you to Hannah Griffiths for our wonderful collection of 2017 newsletters.

I wish you and your family and friends a very merry and safe Christmas.

~ Wendy Sadler-Moyes

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## NSWCRS Committee for 2017/18

Our AGM was held on 16 October 2017 at the Gordon Baptist Church Hall - many thanks to all those who attended and participated. All positions were declared vacant and elections were held with the following results:

President – Wendy Sadler-Moyes (re-elected)

Vice President – Vacant

Secretary – Richie Griffiths (re-elected)

Treasurer – Sue Marshall

Juliet Muras (re-elected)

Margaret Levick

Daniel Low

Giorgio Skondrianos

The incoming Committee would like to extend a warm thanks to Paul Stanley, outgoing Treasurer and Marion Moyes, outgoing Committee member for their valued contribution to the Committee and the Society in general.

~ Incoming NSWCRS Committee



## Calendar of Events for 2017/18

November 2017	
Monday, 20th	<p><b>Special General Meeting</b> - Special resolution to adopt a new Constitution</p> <p>Gordon Baptist Church 6.45pm for a prompt 7pm start. Followed by supper.</p>
Saturday, 25th & Sunday 26th	<p>Christmas Fair at Eryldene 17 McIntosh St, Gordon 10am – 4pm</p>
Wednesday, 29th	<p><b>End of Year Dinner</b></p> <p>Killara Golf Club – 7pm <u>RSVP to Wendy Sadler-Moyes by Monday, 20 November</u> Further details on page 4</p>
February 2018	
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<p>Visit to Bill Fleming's 'Elegans', 21 Fishburn Road, Galston 2pm – 4pm Further details on page 4</p>



### Special General Meeting – 20 November 2017

A Special General Meeting of NSWCRS will be held on Monday, 20 November 2017 commencing sharply at 7pm at the Gordon Baptist Church Hall, 20 – 22 Park Avenue, Gordon, NSW 2072. There will be supper provided after the meeting.

The special resolution to be put before the Special General Meeting is as follows:

*“That the amendments to the Statement of Objects and Rules of The NSW Camellia Research Society Incorporated, as contained in the document circulated with the Notice of Special General Meeting and tabled at the Special General Meeting, be accepted.”*

A quorum of 12 members is required to vote on the new constitution so after all the work that has gone into it I would like to strongly encourage your support of this important meeting. After the meeting, we will have supper, finishing by 8pm.

Please remember that members must be financial to be eligible to vote. Membership renewals were due on 1st November so if you still need to pay your fees (refer to page 5) then you can do so on the night from 6:45pm.



## End of Year Dinner



NSW CAMELLIA RESEARCH SOCIETY

**END OF YEAR DINNER & PRESENTATION NIGHT**

7pm | 29 November 2017 | Killara Golf Club

Presentation of 2017 Bloom Competition Awards

\$55 per person (includes a two-course meal; pre-dinner drink; one red + one white bottles wine + non-alcoholic drinks per table; tea/coffee)

Dress: No denim of any kind  
Men – jacket and collared shirt | Ladies – ‘Elegant’ attire

RSVP by 20 November to Wendy Sadler-Moyes on 0406 985 295

Payment by direct bank transfer:  
NSWCRS | 062247-00900966 | Ref ‘Surname’ & ‘Golf’

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## First Meeting for 2018!

Join us for our first activity for 2018 on Saturday, 17 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’*





## 2017 Annual Bloom Competition Results

### Major Prizes

#### *Open Competition*

Winner: Richie Griffiths  
Runner Up: Daniel Low

#### *Novice Competition*

Winner: Katherine Pederson

#### *Lucy Payens Trophy (Sasanquas)*

Helen Wallace

#### *Len Bray Trophy (Reticulatas)*

Richie Griffiths

#### *Helen Simon Prize (Miniatures & Sprays)*

Daniel Low

### Points Competition Results

#### *Open Competition*

Place	Exhibitor Name	Points
1st	Richie Griffiths	91
2nd	Daniel Low	84
3rd	Bill Fleming	82
4th	Kate Stanley	29
5th	Juliet Muras	20
6th	Elizabeth Fuller	19
7th	R & G O'Connor	16
8th	Pam Watson	11
9th	Helen Wallace	9
10th	Dale Andrews	4

#### *Novice Competition*

Place	Exhibitor Name	Points
1st	Katherine Pederson	27
2nd	Erin Foulsham	20
3rd	Nicholas Little	12
4th	Jan Primrose	4
5th	Gill Scott	4





## 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.

Two months on, slowly but surely we are starting to see small red buds breaking through the bark...

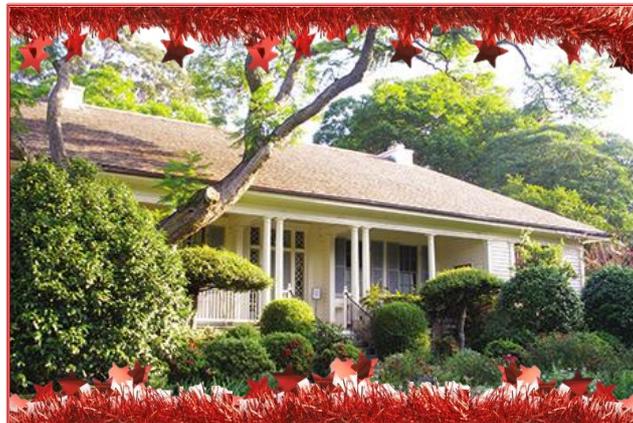


**Above:** Photo 1 shows growth emerging after one month, compared with photo 2 showing two months growth on the sasanquas. Similarly, photo 3 shows one month of growth compared with photo 4 showing vigorous growth two months on.

Perhaps the sasanqua will achieve a more dense covering of foliage in months to come?

~ Wendy Sadler-Moyes

## Eryldene Christmas Fair



**When:** 10am – 4pm, Saturday, 25th & Sunday, 26th November

**Where:** 'Eryldene', 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon

**Entry Fee:** \$5 Adult / Concession; Children free

**Free off-street parking at railway end of McIntosh Street**

As the Jacarandas flower, experience the personal attention of over 50 stallholders showcasing their Christmas gift products, amongst the beauty of Eryldene and its late spring garden.

With stalls offering a wide variety of unusual gifts and treats - from garden and kitchen wares to Christmas puddings and hampers, you are sure to find a unique and special Christmas gift for even the hardest to buy for!

Special offer: Complimentary tea / coffee and a Christmas treat for entry from 1pm on Sunday.



## 'Our Granddaughters' – The Story Behind the Bloom

*Lifetime members of NSWCRS, Colleen and Geoff Sherrington, share the story behind the camellia they registered and share how they became interested in camellias...*

### The Bloom

In about 1992, Dr Bob Withers crossed *C. nitidissima* with *C.* hybrid 'Suzanne Withers' and gained a nondescript white-flowered hybrid named C2. Colleen put pollen from C2 onto *C. reticulata* hybrid 'Wild Form' as then grown by Cec Blumenthal and us. The seed pod had 2 or more big strong seeds in the pod, so we grew 2 plants. They flowered here in Melbourne in year 2000. We started to name the white bloom 'Our Granddaughters'.

But then in 2004, friends from Camellias Victoria noted that the next International Camellia Congress was due to be held in Melbourne in 2006 and it was suggested that our bloom be used as the new theme bloom – it was Australian and had a yellow flower in its breeding. They preferred to use the white one for the advertising for the Convention, encouraging us to instead name it 'Golden Glimmer'.

It was then that we named the other, a pink bloom, 'Our Granddaughters' and started the registration procedure. The pink bloom showed itself the better of the 2 over the years and was named for two lovely Queensland ladies, Sophie and Bria, now in their early 20s. The bloom's raspberry pink colour is quite distinctive and easy to spot among a show bench of *C. reticulata* blooms.



**Above:** "Our Granddaughters", grown by Colleen and Geoff Sherrington

Both camellias have the drawback of 'Suzanne Withers' parentage in that the pollen turns dark too rapidly, maybe because of some *C. pitardii* in Suzanne. However, in its most recent showing, 'Our Granddaughters' was considered for best bloom of the Annual Camellias Victoria Show.

This *reticulata* hybrid plant is easy to grow by grafting. It is strong, with large, dark green leaves and floriferous, with many blooms at a time being good quality. In 2017 we grew several whose blooms were 190 mm side to side, or 7 1/2 inches, but 2017 was a good growing year here. Apart from its colour, the bloom has no sign of yellow – nor is there any extra yellow in 'Golden Glimmer'.



## Our Background

We were transferred to Perth for work for years 1984-5 and it being lonely for 'Eastern Staters', Colleen joined the local Camellia Society. In 1986, on transfer back to Sydney, we both joined the NSW Foundation Branch of the ACRS and among other things, went on international trips to Japan, Jersey (where I gave a lecture to the ICS), USA & China for a yellow camellia conference. I made 5 trips to China, Colleen 1, in the mid 1990s. The camellia hobby benefitted from Bob Cherry's introduction to the folk at Kunming Institute of Botany and I was able legally to import some of the rare yellow-flowered camellias such as *Pingguoensis*, *Tunghinensis*, *Impressinervis*, *Euphlebia* (Yunnan form). In 2006 I gave another lecture to the ICS in Melbourne. One year, Eric Craig nominated me for the vice-Presidency of the ICS but I was voted second to Mayda Reynolds.

We were both involved in Science and some of the early work was in soil science and plant nutrition, so this helped the hobby greatly. All the while Colleen was doing a little pollination most years and so our first registration was 'Colleen Sherrington', a cross between *C. hybrid* 'Donation' and *C. reticulata* hybrid 'Valley Knudsen'. In a park near Wahroonga one afternoon with too much liquor, I climbed under a plant of 'Shiro Chan' and dug out a tiny seedling with a plastic BBQ spoon. This became 'Paul Sherrington'. There were a few other registrations.

We did various camellia activities like helping Tom Savige compile the Registrar. We took Dr Withers to nurseries like Rhodo Glen many times for his breeding programmes giving among others 'Lady Pamela' and 'Butterfly Girl'. We donated camellias to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne and helped with nomenclature where labels were lost.



*Above: Another photo of the beautiful bloom, "Our Granddaughters"*

Work took us from Sydney to Melbourne in 1990 and hence to Camellias Victoria, where we came to know a whole new gang. Like a number of other people we know, membership of the various camellia groups from international to local changed our lives and led us to travels and new friends that we had never envisaged. As they say these days, camellias were a game changer. We enjoyed every bit of it.

These days with age and health challenges, we will be starting to divest our modest but rare library of camellia topics and a few of the rare plants originally imported. We have no systematic plan, but ask interested people to contact us if they think we have items of interest. Email at [sherro1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sherro1@optusnet.com.au)

*~ Colleen & Geoff Sherrington*



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