

## **Mr Barry Johnson of Camellias Victoria was the recipient of The Walter Hazlewood Award of Honour 2013**

Camellias Victoria would like to nominate Barry Johnson for the Walter Hazlewood award for Services to Camellias.

Barry joined the ACRS Victorian Branch in 1986 and has served the cause of camellias in Australia since then with his considerable efforts as listed below.

Barry has served on our Committee for 20 years and in that time he has been President for three years and Vice-President for many more and continues to serve with his writing and photography for our newsletter, looking after our website and liaising with the public on their camellia queries, judging and giving talks to garden clubs and groups in the community.



Barry was a councillor for Victoria for quite a few years and has attended council meetings and congresses.

In 2005, after much work behind the scenes, Barry got the first websites up and running for Camellias Australia and Victoria and continued to work and update the sites from that time. When it was first established websites were not easy to put together without professional help and Barry spent a lot of time over the next few years learning about them, setting it up and then writing and putting in a lot of the content that was useful to members of the public who used the site. He still answers queries today on the old site. Without Barry's considerable input we are sure Camellias Australia would not have had a website for many more years.

We feel Barry would be a worthy recipient of this prestigious award.