

**Dr Terence E Pierson was made a Fellow of the ACRS at the 2001 National Congress.**



Dr Terry Pierson joined St George and Sutherland Branch of the ACRS in 1973. He was Branch President from 1978–1980 and then went on to become National President in 1984–1987. Terry was a Branch National Councillor for St George and Sutherland and then later for Shoalhaven Branch. During this time he has worked to further the knowledge and appreciation of the genus camellia and to improve and clarify many aspects of Branch and national administration.

In recognition of this work he was awarded the Walter Hazlewood Medal in 1982, and the E. G.

Waterhouse Medal in 1992. He was also given the title of President Emeritus of the ACRS in 1992.

Terry has lectured at ACRS National Congress Seminars, Joint Australian–New Zealand Seminars, and at the ICS Congress at Kyoto (Japan) in 1990. As an ACRS accredited judge of many years experience he has judged at National Shows in both Australia and New Zealand.

He has had papers published in Australia, New Zealand and USA on future directions of camellia hybridising, grafting techniques and plant immunology with particular reference to camellias. In recent years his main aim has been to hybridise camellia cultivars suited to Australian climate (heat and drought tolerant).

Since moving to his property 'Mildorrie' at Jasper's Brush NSW in 1987, he has centred his camellia activities in the Shoalhaven region. He was the main instigator in the formation of the Shoalhaven Branch in 1983 and was Patron of that branch for many years. He was also largely instrumental in establishing the Shoalhaven Camellia Garden at Bomaderry in 1987, and in recent years has been chairman of its management committee. This Camellia Garden is a joint venture project by the Shoalhaven Branch and Shoalhaven City Council.

Terry has contributed to the knowledge, research and development of the genus Camellia since he first joined the ACRS in 1973. His organization of public shows and displays, exhibition of camellias, and general promotion of the genus have all reflected his love of camellias and his desire to further their recognition by the public.