

Mr Bob Cherry was the recipient of the E. G. Waterhouse Award, for his "outstanding achievement in regard to knowledge of the genus Camellia in scientific and botanical fields", and his "practical research into culture and care" at the National Congress 2002.

Some years ago Bob was awarded the Hazlewood Award of Honour for (amongst other things) his exceptional work in raising the community awareness of sasanqua and hybrid camellias as splendid garden plants.

Bob has continued to breed new varieties of sasanqua and hybrid camellias and has also done a tremendous amount of research into many of the camellia species - including a number of overseas trips to discover and examine new species in their natural habitats.



During these explorations Bob has worked successfully on ways to bring wood (rather than cuttings) into Australia so that they might survive quarantine inspections and treatments. We are extremely grateful for the work that Bob has done in this regard.

The "Open Days" at Bob's "Paradise Nursery" continue to inspire growers - not only as to the huge variety of camellias available, but particularly because of the newer developments which Bob has been able to bring to the range of camellias because of his research and breeding experiments.