

At the 2005 A.G.M. the National Council approved the appointment of Ken Tate as a Fellow of Australian Camellia Research Society Inc. (now called Camellias Australia Inc.).

Ken Tate joined the St. George and Sutherland Branch of the A.C.R.S. In 1975 and served as Branch President from 1980 -1983. Since joining St. George he has acted as National Councillor, camellia lecturer, show steward, committee member and librarian.



In 1992 he was awarded the Esme Pennington Award for outstanding service to the St. George and Sutherland branch.

In 1987 Ken was elected National Editor of '*Camellia News*' and also appointed National Slide Librarian. He held the position of National Editor for 16 years (1988-2004) and continues to promote camellias as National Slide Librarian. He received the Walter Hazlewood Award in 1993 in recognition of his exceptional service to the society. As a long-time member of the International Camellia Society, Ken has frequently travelled overseas and has made friends with many overseas camellia people, several of whom have become overseas members of Camellia Australia as a result of his friendship.

Ken has made an outstanding contribution to the ACRS through his splendid work as editor of "Camellia News" for some 17 years, the magazine moving from a black & white publication to one which contains many high quality coloured photographs - a magazine, the content of which generally equals that of any Camellia Society in the world.

Ken has also contributed as a member of the National Council and by speaking at Congress seminars, and well deserves the honour of being a Fellow of the Society. This award would also ensure that Ken's expertise would not be lost by the ACRS, as he would be an ex-officio member of the Council.