

The members of the Hume Camellia Society nominate STEPHEN UTICK to receive the Hazlewood Award of Honour during the 2014 National Congress.

Stephen has contributed immensely to the achievement of these aims through his work with the Sutherland Shire Council and “The Camellia Ark” and also in “The E. G. Waterhouse National Camellia Gardens”.



Through the Camellia Ark, some cultivars which were no longer readily available from nurseries have had their future assured. As time continues other less common cultivars will be included so they also are more readily available. Stephen has always been the driving force of this project, spending much time and energy project along. Now that the Council is less involved Stephen is still continuing the project because of the value he sees in preserving the diversity we currently have.

Stephen’s remarkable efforts over a number of years in identifying, photographing and labelling the camellias in the E. G. Waterhouse Garden, then producing the plan and “virtual tour” which is on the Camellias Australia website, led to the International Camellia Society declaring the garden as an “International Camellia Garden of Excellence”. Stephen is still working on improving the collection and keeping the labelling and plans current.

We believe that Stephen more than satisfies the requirements for this award.

Barry Di Salvia,
President