

Mr William Walker of Camellias Illawarra was the recipient of The Walter Hazlewood Award of Honour 2012.

William joined the Society as a member of Camellias Illawarra in 1986.

Within four years, he was a member of our Committee and had accepted the role of Editor of our Newsletter; He still carries out both duties twenty-two years later.

We frequently receive favourable comments regarding the sincerity, instructive and enjoyable contents of his publications.



In 1996 William was elected National Vice President and occupied the position of National President for the term commencing 1999.

Over the years William has been Vice President and President of our Affiliate for three terms. Our membership continues to increase and we believe that his influence has been a major force.

The following additional factors are considered important:

- William is an experienced Show Judge and his postings include Hume affiliate Albury Camellia Show for the last ten years.
- His selection as a National Camellia Show Judge.
- William is recognised by us as the instigator and driving force behind our introduction of an annual Reticulata Camellia Show which will be staged for the fourteenth time this year.
- William has possessed grafting skills over a long period and willingly instructs our members.
- For many years William has shared his sound knowledge of camellias with members through his well-prepared and informative judging school classes.

William will always be an ambassador for the Genus camellia. His selection for such a prestigious award would be a fitting acknowledgement of his extraordinary dedication and the selfless allocation of his time and skills.

It is our sincere hope that his extensive input over such a lengthy period will be recognised in a tangible way through the bestowal of the Walter Hazlewood Award.