

Mr Peter Levick received the Walter Hazlewood Award of Honour at the National Congress 1989.

Peter Levick's greatest service to the cause of camellias and the ACRS was that when President of NSW Foundation Branch he initiated The Eryldene Trust, in conjunction with the Mayor of Kuring-gai Alderman Richard Lennon, to preserve the house and garden of the late Professor E. G. Waterhouse, one of the founders of the Society. The Trust was incorporated in 1979 and shortly afterwards the funds were raised to enable the purchase of the property and the important contents.

As he was an initiator of the Trust it followed that Eryldene was linked to the ACRS, the nearest Branch having the right to nominate two governors to the Board. The object for which the Trust was formed are written into the Articles of Association and amongst others are: the preservation of the garden and camellias; the promulgation of knowledge of camellias; to establish a camellia research library (the E. G. Waterhouse Library has now been established, mainly with books given to the NSW Foundation Branch by the Waterhouse family, Walter Hazlewood and others and has been well housed by the Trust who allotted a room in the Professors garden study for the purpose) to foster the work of the ACRS and to use Eryldene in like pursuits.

Peter has been involved in the administration of the National body of the Society for many years. He served as National Secretary from 1982 – 1984 inclusive and was a Councillor for 14 years. He has been an active member of the ACRS for 27 years including three years as Branch president.

As an initiator of the Erydene Trust he became the foundation Vice-President which was confirmed at the first meeting of members and he continued in this position until this year, ten years in all, retiring in May. He remains a member of the Property Council and the Garden Council which guide the maintenance of Eryldene. Much of the credit for the bias towards the Society at Eryldene can be attributed to Peter's efforts on behalf of the Society and his active fund raising (ably assisted by his wife Margaret) which enabled the Trust to purchase Eryldene.

Peter has been a frequent Australian representative at the biennial congresses of the ICS and continues to promote camellias everywhere.