Presentation of the Walter Hazlewood Award to Charles Lee



The Walter Hazlewood Award is for exceptional services to Camellias Australia. At the 2019 Camellias Australia Congress in Young NSW, Charles Lee was awarded this honour. He was nominated for the award by the Hume Camellia Society of which he is a member. The citation for the award from the Hume Camellia Society was as follows:

"Charles joined the Hume Camellia Society on the 13th October 1996. He was a Committee Member from 1998 to 2002. He was active in all Hume activities including our Shows in Albury.

He was Vice President of the Hume Branch from October 2002 to October 2005. He served as President of the Hume Branch from October 2005 to October 2008.

From October 2008 to March 2010, he held the position of Immediate Past President.

He has edited the Hume Camellia Society newsletter from 2007 to the present day.

He has edited and produced the national journal *Camellia News* from the Spring edition 2008 to the Winter edition 2019.

He has served as National Membership Secretary from 2007 to 2019, a position he continues to hold.

He has been involved with Friends of the Botanic Gardens Wagga Wagga, and organised the Wagga Wagga Camellia show for a number of years, after Quota Wagga relinquished the running of it.

He was a member of the Committee when Narrandera ran the National Congress in 2007, and was on the committee for the National Show in Narrandera in 2016.

He was one of the Convenors for the National Congress in 2014, and is currently the Convenor of the National Congress in Young in 2019."

The awarding of this honour to Charles was warmly received by all present at the National Congress. He has worked tirelessly and assiduously for both Hume Camellia Society and Camellias Australia, and all members pass on their heartiest congratulations to Charles for this most deserved award.

Bernie Wilkes

