CLASSIFICATION OF CAMELLIA FLOWERS

At the 2007 National Council Meeting of the Australian Camellia Research Society (Now named *Camellias Australia Inc.*) it was voted to adopt the International Camellia Register as the official standard authority for classification of camellia blooms in Australia for national shows.

Most Affiliates have agreed to use these classifications for their shows to help to bring about uniformity of classification.

There are now six classifications, which are usually only used for Japonica camellias. Other blooms are shown by their species, eg. Sasanquas, Reticulatas, Hybrids or Species classes.

Blooms may also be described or classed by size:

Miniature Diameter not to exceed 70mm

Small Diameter 70—90mm.
Large Diameter 90—110mm.
Very Large Diameter Over 110mm.

Single



Michael Spry-Vic



J. Fiona Capp -Vic



Mattie Cole-Vic

A flower having one row of not more than eight petals, which can be regular, irregular or loosely arranged about a central, conspicuous stamen cluster, with or without petaloids. Note: not more than eight petals but petaloids allowed.

Semi-Double



Laurie Bray-NSW



Courtesan-Vic



Jean Lyne-NSW

A flower having in excess of eight petals in two or more rows, with a conspicuous stamen cluster, with or without petaloids. Note: petaloids allowed but must have a conspicuous stamen cluster.

Elegans Form







Brushfield's Yellow

Peach Blush-Vic

Dolly Dyer-NSW

A flower having one or more outer rows of large petals, while the stamens have become almost totally petaloid and form a convex mass in the centre.

Informal Double (Peony Form)

A flower having either of two forms as follows:

(a) Loose or Incomplete Informal Double, with loosely arranged petals, usually irregular or wavy, becoming smaller to the centre where they are divided by stamens. Sometimes the centre is a mixture of small petals, petaloids and stamens.



Belair-NSW



Just Sue-SA



Kitty Bawden-WA

(b) Full or Complete Informal Double, usually a convex mass of a mixture of irregular, twisted petals and petaloids, with stamens, if any, obscured.



J. Lemon Drop



Margaret Davis-NSW

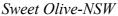


J. White Deb

Formal Double

A flower having many rows of regular, overlapping petals and no visible stamens, the petals being arranged in one of four different ways, viz. fully imbricated, tiered, spiral or bud centred.







Kurrajong-NSW



J. Roger Hall-SA