

Garden Highlights, September 2021



Photo: **Rhododendron racemosum** is a native plant of high altitudes in southern China. It copes with frost to -20°C and prefers dappled shade. In the Camellia Walk, Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Camellias flower from winter into spring. These plants, mainly from Asia, all prefer rich, acid soil. The horticultural staff have enriched the original alkaline soil with compost and taken care to ensure the gravel path is slightly acidic, to suit these plants. The wonderful display of so many different types is a credit to the staff. Worldwide, there are about 3,000 hybrid Camellias and 100 to 300 species. There are 1,024 species of Rhododendrons, one of which is native to Queensland. 103 species are referred to as Azaleas.

What's On in September 2021

Covid restrictions: Some activities are cancelled. (All Friends activities are cancelled during lockdowns.)

Free Guided Walks: Wednesdays 11:00 am, Sundays 2:00 pm.

Friends Nursery open:
Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

The Conservatory is open:
Weekdays 10 am - 4 pm.

The Curiosity Cabinet displays plants from arid areas.

The Tea House is open every day (Bookings for groups, etc. phone 0413 706 535).

(For details about What's On: Friends website or phone.)

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Over page: Map showing plant locations



