

Garden Highlights, July 2023



You may think that Spring and Summer are the seasons for flowers, but many plants are not deterred by the winter chill. Visit the **Camellia Walk** to see **Azaleas, Camellias and Fried Egg Plant *Gordonia axillaris*** in flower. There are more than 50 species and varieties of Camellias in these gardens. Camellias and Gordonias are in the plant family Theaceae. This family is named for its most valuable Camellia, the Tea bush. Camellias have been grown in China and Japan for millenia and tea has been drunk since 2737 BC, according to legend.

Photos: Geelong Botanic Gardens, June and July. Left: White ***Camellia japonica*** '**Henry Turnbull**'. Right: Pink ***Camellia japonica*** '**Mrs Anne Marie Hovey**'.

What's On in July 2023

Winter Online Lectures, Thursdays at 12 pm. \$15 for whole series, members and non-members:

6 July: **Liz Bennetto** '**The Wadawurrung Connection**' online.

20 July: **Stephen Ryan and Craig Lidgerwood** '**Gardens of North West France**' online.

Guided Walk 'Wadawurrung': Sunday 9 July, 2 pm. Gold coin donation.

Free Guided Walks:

Wednesdays 11 am, Sundays 2 pm.

Friends Nursery open:

Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Lord Howe Island Tour, Monday 30 October to Saturday 4 November 2023.

The **Conservatory** is open:

10 am - 4 pm every day.

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

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