



THE CAMELLIA  
COLLECTION  
& LOOP WALK





Around the perimeter of the Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden, within the Esplanade, there is a world class collection of camellias.

**There are over 1100 plants in total. The majority were planted between 1968 and the present day, and many are now mature trees.**

### Accessibility

There are various entrances to access the Camellia Collection, including an entrance from a large, sealed carpark located behind the Esplanade café.

A wide concrete path circumnavigating the collection is known as 'The Camellia Loop Walk'.

Over 200 plants that are easily visible to the public from the path have in-ground name plates, for easy identification.

Along the walk there are 9 information boards that were designed and installed at a height that enables them to be easily read by children and visitors in wheelchairs.

The area is accessible every day, all year. Vehicle access is restricted to the Victoria Esplanade opening hours.

Entry is free.

### A delight for all Seasons

Camellias in the collection bloom from March until November.

Even when the camellias are not in bloom, the information boards contain many colourful photos of *Camellia* flowers taken of the Esplanade collection.

Topics covered on the boards include: the different species of camellias, fragrant camellias, camellias for tea, different flower forms, and *Camellia* reproduction.



## The Camellia Collection

There are about 300 different cultivars or species, from all around the world. Seventy five of these were bred in New Zealand, with 5 having been bred locally in the Manawatu.

There is a fine collection of mature reticulata camellias that are planted alongside the path in one area. The large flowers provide a spectacular display over a long period of time.



A notable *Camellia* is named after suffragist Kate Sheppard. Kate's image and the flower feature on the New Zealand \$10 note.





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