

18th February, 2022

Dear Members,

Happy New Year 2022!

We invite you to renew your membership.

Through 2021 we've been busy with house and garden maintenance, tasks (and costs) that must go on despite pandemics! The camellia rejuvenation program has progressed thanks to generous donors. The Mother's Day tea and several music programs were enjoyed by many, but most events were cancelled as pandemic waves created new public health regulations. The Trust Board has revised our strategic expectations to reflect our changed activities, reducing expenditures and successfully applying for recovery grants. Our new website (with shop) is up and running, and our social media presence is bringing new visitors and bookings.

Recognising these ups and downs, the Board resolved to extend the last membership period to 18 months and start the new membership year from this January. A two-year membership fee option has also been established (with a modest discount). These changes come into effect with Membership Renewals due now, January 2022.

The 2022 fees have been set as:

Individual for \$30 (2 years \$55)

Concession for \$25 (2 years \$45)

Family for \$50 (2 years for \$90)

Organisation for \$100 (minimum) annual membership.

The benefits of Eryldene membership include:

- Free admission to the house and garden on Open Days
- Reduced admission for special events
- 10% discount on purchases at the Eryldene on-line or pop-up gift shop
- A regular e-news and an annual Eryldene Review
- Member rates for Historic Houses Association events (book tickets through HHA website)
- Free entry to the National Trust's Sydney properties (bookings to NT by phone only)

Membership fees are deliberately kept low because we hope to encourage you to also contribute a tax-deductible donation commensurate with your enjoyment and support of Eryldene, when you pay your annual fees. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Membership renewals and purchases are made through the Eryldene website online store. Or use the attached form for snail mail.

Thank you, Eryldene members for your continued support, it's all the more important in these uncertain times. We are planning a hopeful calendar of events and open days from mid-year.

We hope to welcome you to Eryldene soon.

With best wishes

Sheridan Burke

**Chair, The Eryldene Trust**