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Dedicated: Leonie Hogue, Tony Knight and Rhonda Daniels celebrate the win.

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Reserve is a show-stopper

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JANNALI resident Leonie Hogue has been volunteering at the Joseph Banks Native Plant Reserve at Kareela for 15 years.

Her hard work paid off after plants from the garden won four awards at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Ms Hogue, along with a team of hard-working volunteers and Sutherland Shire Council gardeners, was last week celebrating the win, which recognised the many hours of work put into the garden.

Ms Hogue, who is the president of the Sutherland branch of the Australian Plant Society, and council head gardener Tony Knight, selected the specimens which were used in six show entries.

They were rewarded with three first places and one second place. "I was delighted with the win," Ms Hogue said.

"We entered a number of grevilleas and banksias which were strong and beautiful flowers."

Sutherland Shire Mayor Lorraine Kelly said the reserve, located in Manooka Place, had some of the region's best native plant specimens.