



*Signature Rose*  
"Tablia"

## Central Coast-Lake Macquarie Rose Region

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Meetings are on the 3rd Sunday of each month .

Venue and time to be advised by Newsletter issued prior to meeting



# NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2021

FOR THE BUDDING ROSARIANS



## *Message from the Chairperson*

*Hello Rosarians,*

As everyone knows, we are still under the cloud of Covid and not able to meet as usual.

Our secretary Horst has done a great job and a lot of work to find us a venue where we can meet and chat about our roses.

We will be meeting at Alison Homestead in Wyong, in their covered outdoor area, where we can socially distance ourselves and have afternoon tea with scones and jam and cream at a cost of \$10.00 each. This includes our entry fee and our Devonshire tea. Our refreshments need to be PRE ORDERED so we will require a firm booking to be emailed to our secretary Horst. He will have to give the final numbers for catering about 3-4 days before so you will have to reconfirm your attendance.

Wagner's Roses is giving members of the Rose Society a 10% discount when you order on line and include the special promotion code 100%ROSES! .

We farewelled a member of our branch earlier this year. Barbara Snowball died after a short illness. She will be missed by all our members. A condolence card was sent on behalf of all our members here at CCLM region. Vale Barbara.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Alison Homestead Wyong, where we can all catch up.

Regards

*Karen Lucas Thong*

Chairperson CCLM



## *Message from the Secretary*

***Hello everyone and a Happy 2021!***

We will have our first meeting of the year on Sunday 21st February 2021 at the ALISON HOMESTEAD in Wyong where we will have set afternoon tea. The time is from 1.00pm till 4.00pm. The Homestead is run by volunteers and we have to pre-order our Devonshire tea, and we all have to have the same menu. We decided to have afternoon tea for all of us at the cost of \$10.00 per person.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you intend to come along.

My email: [cclmregionalrosesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cclmregionalrosesecretary@gmail.com) .

Once I have received your reply I will send you more details about the location with driving instructions. With the Covid restrictions still in place it would be nice to meet again and hope that many of you can attend, especially our new members who haven't been able to attend any meeting yet.

### **Neutrog presentation**

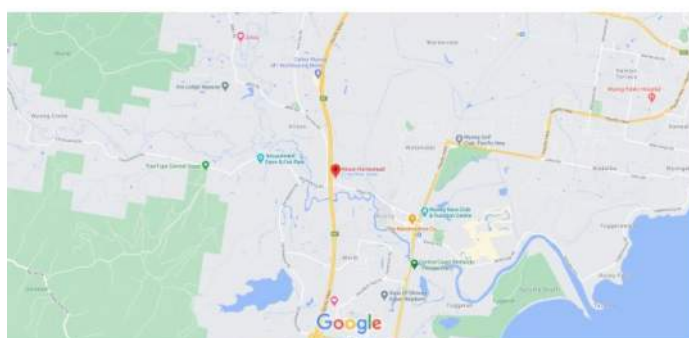
Last year we booked a Neutrog presentation for March 2021, but with COVID restrictions still in place and many uncertainties we decided to postpone the event for a later date as the presenter has to fly in from South Australia, which can change anytime.

### ***Horst Endrulat***

Secretary



Alison Homestead



## *Announcement*

### **Vale - Barbara Snowball 1931-2021**



We were sad to hear that our good friend Barbara Snowball passed away on January 1. Barbara was one of those special people you do not come across often in life, gentle, generous, hospitable, loving, loyal and strong. She loved her garden and especially her roses.

Ruth met her when she joined the Hunter Valley regional group of the Rose Society of NSW in 2001, where she became a loyal and supportive member. She and her Garden Club friends who became involved were a help to Ruth during the preparations for the 2003 NRSA AGM at Hunter Valley Gardens. She continued on and became a representative of the group at State Council. When the new regional group (Central Coast-Lake Macquarie) was formed, she joined it because of the closer proximity to her home and was an active member until recently.

Richard first met her in 2005 and appreciated the new-found acceptance and friendship. We were always made welcome at her Fishing Point home overlooking the lake with her garden beautifully terraced down to the boat house and jetty, with roses and many other plants lining the steps. Only last year did she find it too hard to manage and moved to her new retirement village home at Bonnells Bay. We were happy to have been able to plant her new rose garden there for her only last winter, including her precious **Blushing Barbara** (MinFI) named in her honour.

Barbara will be missed by her family and many friends including those in Rose Society and Garden Club. She will always be remembered as a dear friend.

*Ruth and Richard Walsh*



*"Blushing Barbara" Rose*





## What to do this week: Heat-watch and Rose Care

With severe heat this week, we need to water our gardens early morning. If your soil is very dry it becomes hydrophobic and repels water. Sprinkle a granular soil wetter, preferably one containing seaweed, Sprinkle soil wetting granules onto your garden beds before you water. These granules break the surface tension and allow water to be absorbed and soak deep down to plant roots (we love Amgrow's Soil Wetter).

Summer prune your roses to encourage a good autumn flush. This is more than dead-heading! Roses need deep watering every week in hot weather. Seaweed added to the water will make your roses stronger and more resistant to disease. Our monthly rose spray will keep your roses happy, healthy and free of disease.

**Humidity and roses are not good bedfellows at all.**

**And when roses struggle to maintain their vigour pest and disease usually follow.**

But keeping your rose happy in the heat and humidity of the sub-tropics does not have to be a complex scientific mission-impossible. It just requires a few extra steps.

Too keep chemical use at a minimum in the rose garden, use my monthly spray for roses.

It comes highly recommended and keeps my roses strong, disease and insect free with shiny glossy leaves. The trick is keeping it up throughout the summer.

You will need a battery operated power sprayer or quality pump sprayer.



## Encourage new blooms

We are in the middle of summer and we are experiencing some very hot weather, but we can still have many new flowers from our roses if we'll do the right things.

A light summer prune will help our plants to have new growth and surprise us with many new blooms for at least another 2-3 months.

By removing the old blooms it eliminates the energy being channeled into producing rosehip and instead encourages new roses to bloom.

Just deadhead the rose plants about 10-15 cm down the stems, and shape the rose back to a nice balanced plant.



## *Sandra's Monthly Rose Spray*

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### Ingredients:

1/4 cup Eco- fungicide powder

1/4 cup Eco-oil

1 teasp. Seaweed powder (eco C weed)

20 ml Eco Neem (if aphids are prevalent)

50 mls Eco-aminogrow

Mixed ingredients with 10 litres of water and pour into your sprayer. Spray your roses once a month from early spring to late autumn, wetting the leaves until it drips off.

Please find the updated code for a discount from Wagner's Roses.

The new promo code for 2021, that NSW Rose Society members can use online to receive a 10% discount on all their orders placed with us:

**100%ROSES!**

This promo code is valid for 2021 only and will change every year.



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**Next Meeting**



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held on Sunday 21st February 2021  
At the ALISON HOMESTEAD  
Located at: 1 Cape Rd, Wyong NSW 2259.  
The time is from 1.00pm till 4.00pm  
where we will have a lunch.

We are on the Web!

<http://www.nsw.rose.org.au/central-coast-lake-macquarie>