

# Hunter Valley Rose News



The Rose Society of NSW Inc

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## *Keeping you up to date – September 2018*

### **Meetings of Members in August & HVRS news**

Our roses will be showing lots of lovely fresh foliage now, and some buds appearing despite the cold, but slow to open.

It will be time to begin our fertilisation of the roses, and mulching and soil conditioning. Geoff would have given you some good advice in the preparation of your soil for Spring.

It is therefore time to put in an order for Neutrog so we can get our products as soon as possible. Though Geoff usually keeps a supply of Seamungus, Sudden Impact for Roses and Gogo Juice, there are some new products on the market and products for other plants that members may wish to order.

PLEASE SEE THE ORDER FORM ATTACHED & RETURN BY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.



### **Other news:**

Unfortunately, our rose friend Fred Brownlowe has been unwell after a fall. Fred has the most wonderful prize roses in his garden, and to help Fred have his roses ready for spring, some of the Hunter members met and gave his roses a great prune. This is what a Rose Society is about – care of each other and true friendship with the love of roses.



*Some of the many back roses pruned.*

*(Thank you to Ian Mead for the photos and to Ian, Bruce, Geoff and Diane for pruning)*



*Governor Macquarie Rose – Signature Rose of the Hunter Valley Regional Rose Society*

**Members of the Hunter Valley now meet on the second Saturday of the month at 1.30 p.m. at: The Community Hall – Green Hills Retirement Village – turn left from Mitchell Drive into Stronach Avenue to the hall**

**Next meeting-8<sup>TH</sup> September**

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*More than 30 roses at the front*

We look forward to Fred getting back on his feet and bringing in those beautiful roses to share with us.

**Welcome to new member-**  
*Anthony Blackie*

*Kristin Dawson (Editor)*

### **News from the State:**

The State Council of The Rose Society of NSW Inc. met on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Those who know Ted Annabelle who was a pioneer in the Rose Society celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Rosalie Vine who represents NSW on the 2021 Convention Committee is organising the pre-tour for NSW for international visitors with a trip to the Hunter Valley Gardens.

A day is planned for another social gathering in Sydney in November like last year- this time to the Art Gallery where an artist the late John Russel has an exhibition of his art. John Russel returned from Europe in the

1930s and spent his time tending a rose garden on the harbour at Watson’s Bay. A novel is being written about him.

Central Coast-Lake Macquarie Regional members are visiting Richard & Ruth Walsh’s garden on 21<sup>st</sup> October- Plans are underway for the establishment of a rose trial garden on the Central Coast.

A propagating workshop will be held at the Walsh’s November 24<sup>th</sup> and a budding workshop at Green E Roses on November 18<sup>th</sup>

September *NSW Rose* journal is about to be printed and posted

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE ROSE SOCIETY OF NSW INC./HUNTER VALLEY REGIONAL TO BE HELD ON Saturday: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018 BEGINNING AT 1.30 p.m. At: Green Hills Retirement Centre, Community Hall East Maitland**

**Executive Positions called for:**  
Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Minute Secretary and Treasurer  
**Nomination forms are to be signed by two nominating members and the nominee (both must be financial members at the time of signing, and the nominated person must also be a financial member) and to be returned to the Returning Officer - Colin Hollis**

*Colin Hollis will attend this meeting*

### ***Spring Rose Shows***

***Nepean –13- 14<sup>th</sup> October at St Dominics College Kingswood***

***Sydney –20<sup>th</sup> October at Dural Country Club***

***Macarthur – 21<sup>st</sup> October at Mater Dei Camden***

***Illawarra – 27-28 October at Jamberoo School of Arts Hall***

### **HUNTER VALLEY ROSE GROUP**

Looking towards a rose display at Church Hall during ‘Smell the Roses’ Festival – October 27-28

Andrew Williams will talk on exhibiting roses at the September meeting following the AGM.

Many good ideas flagged in the minutes of last meeting-



Miniature Rose – Irresistible at Royal Easter Show 2018