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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

June 28 -Illawarra Rose Meeting guest speaker- Mark Massey  
from Mother Earth Nurseries

#### **PRUNING DATE: 13 JULY BEGINNING AT 10.00 A.M.**

July 26 Gerard Oldfield (TBC) on growing dahlias

August 23 – AGM and information session on Scams(TBC)

August 23 AGM

BRING YOUR LAST ROSE(S) OF SUMMER TO THE MEETING ON  
SATURDAY

**MEETS ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT  
THE NORTH KIAMA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, MEEHAN  
DRIVE – 1.30-3.30P.M. **NEXT MEETING 28 June-** KIAMA  
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE- SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER- Mark  
Massey – owner of Mother Earth Nurseries- roses & plants**

***Message from Chair:*** Dear Members Thank  
goodness we have had some warmer sunny days despite  
the extremely cold mornings after the high freezing cold  
winds of early June. This wintry weather is now  
reminding us that it is pruning time, and the roses are  
going into dormancy as the foliage begins to fall and just  
a few blooms remain on the bush.

We have a custom in the Illawarra to hold a pruning  
demonstration in July at Peace Park and rely on  
volunteers and those learning to come and prune the  
roses and demonstrate the art to those in the public  
wanting to do their own.

We very much enjoyed our June meeting with a very  
informative session from Gary Wootton on Green  
Manure. It is a great idea for renewing garden beds in  
preparation for new roses and other plants. It helps to  
not only nourish the soil but eradicate weeds at the same  
time. I sent information with the May newsletter on how  
to implement this strategy. Gary is also a master rose  
breeder and has produced some very impressive roses.

At the June meeting we will welcome Mark Massey from  
Mother Earth Nurseries who will bring along some of his  
plants and speak about roses. Mark has a vast  
experience in the florist rose growing industry, holds  
some of the rarer Australian Bred Roses and is an expert  
in the horticultural sphere. Please come along for a very  
good session and to ensure Illawarra's support of his  
long-distance travel to our meeting.

Our thanks to Lorraine Vost, Paul Walsh and Bruce  
Robertson for their organisation of the Neutrog orders  
two weeks ago, and to Hans for his generous giving of the  
use of his space at UTJ Interiors. I've ordered Chock-a  
Blok this time and look forward to seeing how well it  
performs as a compost in the garden bed. *Kristin*

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL EXPIRES ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

## ROSE GARDEN IN JUNE

*Thank You to Lorrie Zammit for putting together this article for us on our June in the garden*

### WINTER CARE FOR ROSES IN POTS: (By Lawrence Zammit)

In locations that experience snow and/or heavy frosts, potted roses are moved to a protected location like a greenhouse, garage, or unheated space. In the Illawarra where the winter is milder, the pots can be insulated with materials like burlap or bubble wrap but don't necessitate moving indoors. (this is also a great idea for insulating pots amid a hot summer).



Here's a more detailed breakdown:

#### 1. Find a Suitable Overwintering Spot:

**Greenhouse or Garage:** A greenhouse or move the pots closer to your house or find a sheltered spot outdoors.

**Sheltered Location:** Look for a spot shielded from wind and extreme temperatures, like against a wall.

#### 2. Prepare the Roses:

**Pruning:** Remove any dead or damaged leaves and flowerheads.

**Mulch and Soil:** Add a layer of mulch to the top of the soil to insulate the roots. You can also mound some soil

around the base of the pot for extra protection.

**Decorative Greens:** Consider adding decorative greenery between the shoots for added aesthetics. Bulbs can also be one way of showing off some flowers in winter – daffodils or hyacinths and other bulbs that will give a display

#### 3. Insulate the Pots

**Wrap with Insulation:** Wrap the pots with materials like burlap, bubble wrap, or old blankets.

**Crown Protection:** If necessary, attach crown cushioning to protect the rose crown from frost. (This is particularly for those who experience heavy frosts.

#### 4. Maintain moisture:

**Maintain Soil Moisture:** Keep the soil slightly moist, but avoid overwatering, as the rose won't be actively growing.

#### 5. Watering:

**Reduce Watering:** Reduce watering frequency during dormancy as the rose won't need as much water.

**Ensure Drainage:** Make sure the pot has good drainage to prevent root rot.

#### 6. Fertilizing:

**Winter Fertilizer:** Consider using a slow-release fertilizer formulated for container plants, or apply a liquid fertilizer diluted as per the instructions on the packaging.

#### 7. Additional Tips:

**Protect from Wind:** Wrap the pot with burlap or other insulation to protect it from wind.

**Lift Pots off the Ground:** Keep pots a few inches off the ground to prevent root rot.



## PRUNING TIME - Kristin

To refresh our memories- some tips on pruning our roses, now due between June and July in the Illawarra unless in a very frost prone area, then it is after the last frost most likely in august.

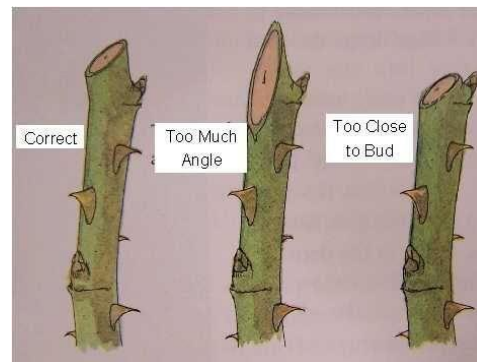
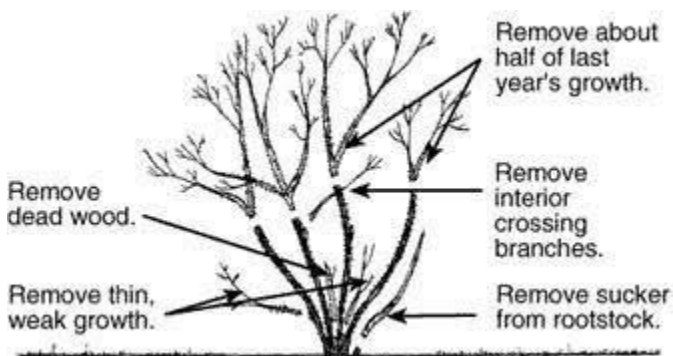
So in the garden this month:

- Keep making sure your roses don't dry out and have enough water
- Dead head your roses and use white oil to kill off any scale that can get on to the roses at this time
- Prepare the soil for any new roses you have ordered – don't forget the Seamungus
- The roses will be getting tall and straggly; don't worry they will be pruned soon; and you will find a lot more blackspot because of the cool damp weather. Don't worry pruning will happen soon and those leaves will be cleared.
- Begin to clean and sharpen your tools ready for the winter pruning.
- Check to see you have lime sulphur to spray on the roses after pruning
- Enjoy the last of your blooms before they are pruned off. – **Bring some to share at our next meeting.**

**NOW TO PRUNING – IF YOU WANT A DEMONSTRATION- COME TO PEACE PARK ON 13 JULY. BRING YOUR SECATEURS WITH YOU AND YOU WILL SOON LEARN THE ART.**

Procedure: Ensure you have sharpened tools- secateurs, loppers and pruning saws, methylated spirits or some other anti-bacterial substance such as tea tree oil for cleaning secateurs and other tools between bushes and after cutting diseased canes; plastic bag to place diseased leaves into; a bag for cuttings for compost bins; gloves, preferably elbow length for your own protection; a brush and some Eco Oil for cleaning off scale from trunk and canes; lime sulphur for spraying onto completed pruned rose.

PRUNE: **Remember 4 D's - DISEASED DEAD DAMAGED DIDDLY BITS AND CROSSING CANES**



Begin by cutting off the tops of the rose bush with the leaves etc., and remove leaves, place diseased leaves in a bag. Have a good look at the structure of the bush before moving on further. Suckers come from the roots under the bud union usually at an angle in the soil beneath the rose. Don't cut but pull the sucker out. Dig down if need be. Pick up leaves from under the bush and spray bush and soil around it with lime sulphur.

## PRUNING OTHER THAN BUSH ROSES-

### Standard Roses

We call "Standard" a rose grafted on a straight stem, so it looks like a ball-shape on top of a stick that can be 60, 90 or 120cm high.

1. Remove one half – two third of the plant
2. Cut out any dead and old wood: it's your new season's wood that will produce flowers
3. Prune to the shape you like
4. Use a wire brush to remove old bark around the crown, to promote new growth. [Watch the Video.](#)

### Climbing Roses

The general pruning rule of thumb mentioned for bushes and standards can have serious consequences for a climber and the approach needs to be quite different; it's more about training and shaping the plant, than cutting and reducing its size.

1. Encourage the central canes to grow towards the trellis or the support you want to use
2. Cut out any dead or old wood, as well as spindly and crossing over canes
3. Don't touch the new growth, as this will give you flowers the following spring
4. Remember that the main canes form the structure of the plant and the lateral canes produce the blooms. So, the main canes should be trained from the base to the top, allowing the lateral canes to grow horizontally from the base
5. Space the lateral canes 30-40cm apart, and secure them on the support with a soft tie or any material that won't cut into the rose cane
6. Look at the number of the main canes, decide which ones can be removed and leave as many as required to fill in the area (normally around 5 or 6)
7. Cut out the surplus lateral canes

For all kind of roses, always remember these **two important tips**:

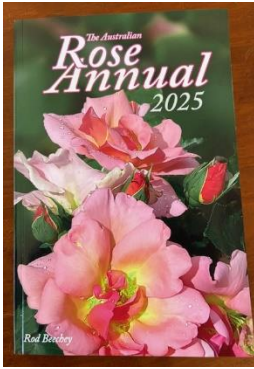
- Do not prune roses on a wet or rainy day, as the cut area won't have that protective layer of woody cells that normally form in dry conditions and use a fungal spray after pruning.
- Be sure to clean up all the cut wood from beneath the rose you've just pruned, to avoid any potential disease during the growing season.

On [www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au](http://www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au) you'll find some [tutorial videos](#) of Brian pruning his roses

## AROUND THE RIDGES- OTHER NEWS

Unfortunately, we were so mesmerized by the information session from Gary Wootton at our last meeting we forgot to take some photos. However, we will look at some roses blooming in Peace Park and Kathleen Gannon's rose.

**ROSES TO GIVE AWAY:** I will need to cull some of my roses this year and next year as I can no longer look after them. They will be pruned next week, and if anyone is interested in coming to dig up some of the roses, I will have to say goodbye to, please let me know and we can sort out what you might like to take. Some are in pots also – Roses Include: Apricot Nectar, Mother's Love, Fairytale Queen, Good Samaritan, The Fairy, City of Newcastle, Novalis, and a couple of others. *Kristin*



## ARRIVED IN POST BOXES THIS WEEK FOR ILLAWARRA MEMBERS- THE NATIONAL ROSE ANNUAL 2025

**Let us know if you didn't receive one. Ensure your address was corrected if changed.**

There is an article on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Illawarra Regional Rose Society, as well as lots of information about roses and rose growing. The Rose Society of NSW is a member of the National Rose Society of Australia.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE BY 30 JUNE FOR ALL THOSE WHO WERE MEMBERS PRIOR TO 1/1/25

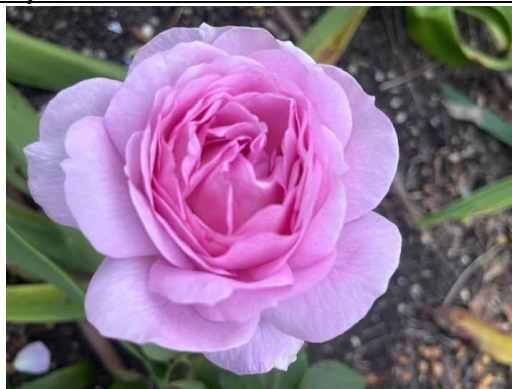
**NOTE THAT THE SUBSCRIPTION SECRETARY, MAUREEN THACKERAY HAS ASKED FOR RENEWAL FORMS TO BE COMPLETED AND SENT TO HER AFTER PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE.** This is to help her keep track of renewed members if you are having difficulty completing and sending the form- please meet with Lorrie Zammit half an hour before the meeting and he will assist you. Please note your number and write IRS with your name when electronically banking. Contact Kristin or Jill for number if forgotten.

EFT: The Rose Society of NSW BSB: 012-429 Account No: 2784 41863. Reference with: Your Last Name, Initial and Rose Society Region. Cash payments can only be made at your regional meeting. To ensure finalisation of your membership, after completing this membership form, either post or email this form to the NSW Rose Society Subscription Secretary at: Mrs Maureen Thackeray, 31 Tallow-Wood Avenue, NARELLAN VALE NSW 2567 Email: mth37405@bigpond.net.au or Phone: 0417 699 846 **(Note membership form is attached with the email. You can fill out on a computer)**

**ROSES AT PEACE PARK -St Patrick & My Hero**



**Kathleen Gannon's Pierre de Ronsard**



### NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM IS SOUGHT FOR AGM- AND THE NEXT YEAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE IRS

A few of us are meeting at the Kiama Leagues Club on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 1.00 p.m. (over lunch) to discuss the sharing of some of the tasks that keep our Illawarra Rose Group going. If you are interested in joining in, we hope a couple more are- to take on one or two of the jobs that need to be done. I no longer have the health to maintain all the many tasks I carry out as the Chair. There is some interest, and we can be innovative in how we work together. Kristin

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- e. underplant the roses, Colin and Jill have planted them already.
- f. Passing of Alan Reid was acknowledged and the contribution he has made to the Rose Society as well as being a breeder of many Mini and Miniflora Roses including Sara Ann, Lilac Festival and Shining Bride, Sara Ann was the first Mini Flora acknowledged in Australia.
- g. Happy Birthday to our State President Colin Hollis.
- h. Kristin spoke on the news of Bruce Walters passing away recently.
- i. Kristin has been using her own printer for Rose Society work but it has broken, It has been swapped with the Rose Society's printer which is identical but unfortunately it doesn't work properly either, will probably need to be looked at by a technician.
- j. Wollongong Botanic Gardens has some information session at the Rose Garden Sunday afternoon.
- k. There have been some nasty scams around lately, Lorrie has lost some money because of them. We may need a session on information to avoid scams.
- l. Kris, Gary, Kathleen and Jill brought in the last of their roses for display.
- m. Gary Wootton gave us a very informative talk on Green Manure or Cover Cropping as its known and everyone enjoyed it, lots of questions were asked at the end.

Meeting concluded at 2.40 followed by a delicious afternoon tea, as usual.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 HELD AT NORTH KIAMA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE.

1. The meeting commenced at 1.35 pm and Chair Kristin welcomed all members that attended and Gary Wootton our guest speaker.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Judith Oyston, Intan Kallus, Deidre McLoughlin, Bruce Robertson and Frans Buskermolen.
3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Moved as correct by Jill and seconded Geraldine.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** As presented by Robert Coady. Show Account \$3.24, General Account \$9,839.44, Peace Park \$970.05, Education Account \$4,527.20 and Term Deposit \$10,000.  
The Show Account will probably be closed by the end of May. Moved as correct by Robert Coady and seconded by Moira Etheridge.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - a. Several emails to and from Bendigo about Bank about closing of show account, 2 signatures needed. B.Trevor Phillis enquiring about Treasurers position and requesting more information.
  - c.Judith Oyston, apology for May Meeting.d.Intan Kallus, apology for May Meeting. E.Kristin Dawson, Passing of Bruce Walters. Moved as correct by Jill, Seconded by Diane Westgate>
6. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**
  - a. For our June Meeting, Mark Massey will be speaking.
  - b. The AGM for 2024/2025 will be in August, the Financial Report will be presented to the Committee before then as it has to go to the State Treasurer before August.
  - c. Still looking for members to take on positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, Lorraine and Intan are happy to share occasional newsletter.
  - d. Colin reported that Peace Park now has its own Green Bin, and the Council donated several trays of annuals to