# ILLAWARRA REGIONAL ROSE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

#### OCTOBER 2024



#### ILLAWARRA REGIONAL ROSE SOCIETY IS 50 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR: LET'S CELEBRATE 1974-2024

Photo – some of rose display at Rose Display Burnett's Nursery 5 October 2024

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### LOTS HAPPENING AROUND THE RIDGES IN OCTOBER

17-20 October - Berry Garden Festival

19 October - Macarthur-Sydney Rose Show @Camden

26 October - Rose Show Southern Sydney @Loftus

<u>Wed 30 October</u>- Visit Heritage Rose Garden at Rookwood Necropolis (see details in newsletter)

30th November - Christmas Party @Warilla Bowling Club

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MEETS ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE NORTH KIAMA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, MEEHAN DRIVE – 1.30-3.30P.M. NEXT MEETING: at Kiama Centre February 22, 2025 Rose Shows, Garden visits etc in October, and Christmas/end of year celebration November 30

### Message from Chair: Dear Members

We enjoyed a great day at our Rose Display at Burnett's on Barney Kiama on Saturday <u>5 October</u>. It was amazing how many roses were brought in by members and some from the public to the display. A full table of vibrant colour and beauty, including a beautiful David Austin display by Esther. Lorraine's photos were also so informative and lovely to view. Colin was the rose doctor available all day, and Illawarra members very generously shared their knowledge and expertise with other members and those from the public who attended. We have so many talented and well informed rose growers in our membership.

On September 14 some members met at Grevillia Park at Bulli for a lovely experience of our native bush surrounded by the colourful flowers of Grevillea and other natives. We shared a picnic of the usual high standard of delicious food, and many of us took home some equally delicious compost from Frans Buskermolen's compost heap at the Men's Shed at Bulli. We don't have a meeting until February as there are so many other activities to enjoy around the ridges in October. We do encourage as many as can come to our Christmas/ end of year celebratory lunch at Warilla Bowling Club on 30<sup>th</sup> November. See inside for details. Our thanks to Lorraine, Paul Walsh, Bruce Robertson and Hans for the Neutrog organisation. It has been a bit of a trial this delivery as Neutrog had difficulty getting trucks & drivers to deliver from the Sydney depot.

A very <u>special welcome</u> to Veronica McGuire who has joined the Illawarra from Maroochydore QLD. Veronica is a regular visitor to our Illawarra Rose Facebook page. Say hello and welcome on FB

Our thoughts are with Peter Goodger who is still having health issues. We miss you and want you to get well soon.

<u>Check details for events coming up and how to join in.</u> Happy Spring roses- **Krístín** 

#### **ROSE GARDEN IN OCTOBER**



*Spring time* - Your roses will be opening now and putting on a beautiful display.

• It is time now to ensure that the roses are well watered, fertilised at least every two months, the soil given some conditioner such as compost, manure, Seamungus and

spent roses are

deadheaded to encourage the next lot of blooms.

- Keep an eye out for any dieback on stems or canes and cut to the green place just above a bud. This will help to stop the dieback going further down the stem or cane.
- Stake the taller canes and especially new ones to support them on windy days. If the cane breaks off at the bud union, a new one will not grow from there and the cane carries the new blooms.
- Mulch the garden especially now as the winds and the sun dry out the soil and moisture is lost.

Weeds can spring up so coverage helps to keep them down.

- Keep an eye out for pests and diseases. Warm days and cool nights can be the right conditions for powdery mildew on some roses, as well as on a couple of roses- rust and blackspot can emerge.
- Watch for aphids, though I understand that Sudden Impact for Roses can be a good deterrent. I have very few aphids and maybe it is because of the regular fertilisation with Sudden Impact.
- When fertilising don't forget to water before and after fertilising .
- A boost with Popul8 or GoGo Juice can be helpful for the ailing rose bush, and
- check the pH if a bush doesn't appear to be taking in the nutrients. 6.5-7.00 is the best for roses.



Enjoy your blooms and make someone's day happy by sharing them around.

#### **AROUND THE RIDGES- EXCURSIONS & DISPLAY DAY AT BURNETT'S ON BARNEY**

#### SEPTEMBER 7 - ROSE STALL AT THE BUNNINGS SPRING EVENT

Jill, Geraldine and Kristin spent a few hours at Bunnings promoting the rose and the society on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Whilst there was not a lot of interest other than a couple of people, we enjoyed the time together and the entertainment on the floor.



#### ROSE DISPLAY- SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER AT BURNETT'S ON BARNEY - KIAMA



We were greeted with a beautiful sunny day as we set up the display with a full table of roses from our gardens at Burnett's Rose Nursery. Jill and Esther took charge of the table, and Esther brought in a beautiful statue holding David Austin roses that added to the beauty of the arrangements.

Lorraine's photographic display was a great educational tool and added to the surrounding beauty of the display.







Colin was available all day as the Rose

Doctor to answer any queries that people brought to the event about rose growing and membership.

Information sessions were led by our very generous and talented members. Frans began a session on propagating roses from cuttings and had about ten visitors to his first session. Intan and Frans were a joint act on the art of budding roses, and some very interested members of the



public joined this session. Next, they demonstrated how to breed your own rose by cross pollination, and finally Intan gave a last session for the day on Heritage Roses and brought in a

from her garden. There were some of these beauties on sale at the Nursery.



Lorrie Zammit presented to a group on growing roses in pots, Kristin presented on general rose care, pests and diseases, and another session in the afternoon on Caring for Gardens in Summer. Judith had some wonderful props as she presented on Companion Planting for roses.

beautiful vase of heritage roses





And our very talented floral artists-Janet Bowden and Rosemary Singleton demonstrated the art of various displays -topiary, A table setting, a posey and roses in a teapot.

THANK YOU TO ALL AND TO ELIZABETH BURNETT FOR ALLOWING US TO CONDUCT THIS EVENT AT THE NURSERY.

AND GOOD ROSES FOR SALE PLEASE SUPPORT THE NURSERY AND BUY A GOOD ROSE FROM BURNETTS.

#### OUR EXCURSION AND PICNIC DAY AT GREVILLIA PARK AT BULLI - SOME PHOTOS



## EXCURSION TO THE HERITAGE GARDEN AT ROOKWOOD NECROPOLIS WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2024

#### PLEASE LET JILL OR KRISTIN KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TRANSPORT TO VISIT THIS AMAZING GARDEN AT ROOKWOOD ON 30 OCTOBER. JUDITH HAS A COUPLE OF SEATS AVAILABLE IN HER CAR, AND THERE MAY BE OTHER SPACES IN OTHER CARS.

- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024 participants to arrive between 9:30am and 10:00am
- Meeting Point on the Village Green opposite All Souls Chapel, behind the car park in Hawthorne Ave. Tables, chairs and purple sun canopies will be set up so you cannot miss us!
- Park in the carpark opposite All Souls Chapel. Bus may be better parking in Hawthorne Ave. The bus can turn into Hawthorne go past the office and around the roundabout then come back along Hawthorne and park next to the lawn area.
- All participants to bring their own picnic morning tea and lunch. Sun hat, sunscreen and good walking shoes will be necessary.
- > On arrival Rose Society members to meet with Heritage Roses members and enjoy their morning tea.
- 10:20am progress into the All Souls Chapel and we will have 2 presentations, the first being by Mark Bundy who is the Rookwood historian and he will give a talk on the history of Rookwood. Following Mark's presentation Glennis will tell the story of Barbara's Garden. We have been given access to the chapel from 10:00am until 12:00 midday.
- Following the presentations in the chapel, Heritage Roses members will guide the Rose Society members around Barbara's Garden.
- Picnic lunch.
- Following lunch we will drive around to the old heritage Anglican section and be guided through this romantic old Victorian area where roses are still growing on graves and also walk down to the serpentine. The ground in this area is a little rough so sturdy shoes are necessary.
- > Once we have completed the walk through this old area of the cemetery the tour is completed.

#### CHRISTMAS/END OF YEAR CELEBRATION- 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT WARRILA BOWLING CLUB.

#### We need to know numbers by 4<sup>th</sup> November, and payment by 20<sup>th</sup> November for our celebration of the year

It will be a 12.00 for 12.30p.m. lunch- Christmas menu; Cost is \$40 for a three course meal. Please contact Jill to RSVP on jillmillburn@yahoo.com-Payment by Nov 20 in cash or EFT to the Bendigo Bank Account:- BSB 633 000 Account 208 755 066



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19<sup>™</sup>OCTOBER-

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#### FIRST SOUTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL ROSE SHOW- 26 OCTOBER



The Rose Society of NSW Inc O Southern Sydney Regional Rose Society

# Spring Rose Show 2024 Schedule

Loftus Community Hall, 119-129 Loftus Ave, Loftus Saturday 26th October 12pm to 4pm

Free entry to the Rose Show

Hall open to exhibitors from 6am Saturday 26th October

Vases will be supplied

Judging will commence at 10am under RSNSW judging guidelines

Copies of the schedule & rules can be obtained from the Chief Steward Braidan Swan on 0487 439 573

Entries Close 9pm Thursday 24th October Show Secretary Denise Butcher 0407 588 630 or rosesocietynswsouthern@outlook.com Competitive and general public roses on display

Public competition entries accepted from 9am until 2pm

Public competition winner announced at 2.30pm

Free rose growing advice & tips from consulting rosarian

Major raffle drawn at 3.30pm

Refreshments available

Sale of roses at 4.15pm

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