

AUGUST 2025

*Photo- fresh foliage of spring in Kristin's rose garden*



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USUALLY MEETS ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE NORTH KIAMA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, MEEHAN DRIVE – 1.30-3.30P.M. **NEXT MEETING 23 August WERRI BEACH PROGRESS HALL – (SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS) AGM and a presentation on the roses of Alister Clarke by Judith Oyston.**

## *Message from Chair:* Dear Members

The promise of spring has now arrived with the beautiful fresh foliage appearing on my rose bushes, pruned at the end of June. At least the rain has saved garden watering for a few weeks, and despite the cold, nature is busy preparing for Spring.

This is my last newsletter after six years as I hand over to a new Editor and a new executive at our AGM. Thankfully we have sufficient members able and willing to put their hands up to take on key positions and responsibilities so that our happy community can continue to enjoy coming together sharing our interest in roses and care for each other. So come to the AGM and meet our new executive and enjoy Judith's presentation on the roses of Alister Clark.

Last meeting was saved by Jill who welcomed 26 of us to her home when we were shut out of the Centre. A change in booking arrangements meant we lost our spot for July and August. However we enjoyed a most informative session on dahlias from Gerard and Olwyn Oldfield – a mine of so much information about growing dahlias and gardening in general. Some members purchased tubers from Gerard at the end of the meeting.

As I've followed up some of our members who have not yet renewed I was sad to hear of a few who have had very ill health – George Hatherly cared for by Dianne, Laurie Woolcott cared for by Jackie, and Brian Prior cared for by Lorraine who will not renew as their partners have been so unwell and seriously so. We also think of others including Max and Val Atkins, Helen Curll (recovering) and Joanne Fisher who has been caring for Reg who passed away last week. We hope to see more of Joanne in the future as a long time member of the Rose Society.

We welcome two members who have rejoined after a

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**August 23** – AGM and information session on Alister Clarke Roses)

**September 27**- visit to the garden of Esther Hernandez.

**October 16-19**- Rose information table at the Berry Garden Festival- check in with Lorraine Vost if you could give a couple of hours during the Festival at the information stand.

**November 1**- Display of Roses & information at Burnett's Nursery on Barney St Kiama. We have a display day instead of a rose show.

**November 22** – Christmas Pary to be held at the garden of Hans & Lyn Van de Haar. More information to come

**BRING ANY FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN TO AUGUST MEETING ARRANGED IN WHICH EVER WAY YOU LIKE**

few years – Greg Quaken and Michelle Miholic. We hope you enjoy and get the most out of your membership.

My thanks to Lorraine and the volunteers- Paul Walsh, Romeo and Jacqueline Chiarello, and Kathleen Gannon as well as Hans for their organisation of the recent Neutrog delivery.

I have been nominated as the Vice Chair to mentor and fill in any gaps in administrative knowledge during the settling in of the new executive. I thank all who have assisted so much over the past six years that I have been involved as Chair, and especially Jill Millburn, Robert Coady, Lorrie Zammit, Lorraine Vost, Judith Oyston and Colin Hollis who have been there in keeping the Regional functioning and giving me support on the Committee

over the past six years. There have also been many others there at meetings setting up, tidying up, helping with raffle, entry, bringing people to the meetings and assisting in many ways and to you all I say thank you.

Its time for me to step back from the computer and let the fresh blood in, and for me to respond to the call that health and ageing is asking. Please give your support to the new lot and enjoy the friendship and delight in the world's most popular flower – the rose.

*Sincerely*  
*Kristin*

## THE ROSE GARDEN IN AUGUST



The foliage is sprouting well and truly in my rose garden, and so I felt the bushes would be looking for some more food to prepare for the spring blooming. So a good sprinkling of Sudden Impact for Roses was spread around just before the rains came. I'll organise another fertilising and some dolomite in about six weeks when the rose garden is mulched again with a straw mulch to ensure the hot summer sun does not warm the soil too much.

New barerooted roses will be arriving now from the various rose nurseries and it will be time to plant them in well prepared soil. Some nurseries such as Wagners and Treloars have discounted rose bushes for sale so you may find one that appeals to you at a lower price from their sales.

[https://www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au/?omnisendContactID=5cd27b794aa4da297a0b7951&utm\\_campaign=](https://www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au/?omnisendContactID=5cd27b794aa4da297a0b7951&utm_campaign=50%+off+some+bare+rooted+roses+at+Wagners) 50% off some bare rooted roses at Wagners. These are three of the roses that are 50% off



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## COMING EVENTS

### AGM VENUE-

As explained earlier the AGM will be held at the Werri Beach Progress Hall beginning at 1.30 p.m.

Please see the map below for directions. After the AGM and general meeting we will be presented with a photo journey on the roses of Alister Clarke by Judith Oyston, followed by afternoon tea. Please bring along any flowers from your garden you would like to share with our members. We always love to see them.



**Alister Clark (1864-1949) lived and bred his roses in Bulla. The Alister Clark Memorial Rose Garden currently contains all 67 of the Alister Clark roses currently available including climbing, pillar, polyantha and hybrid tea bush roses.**

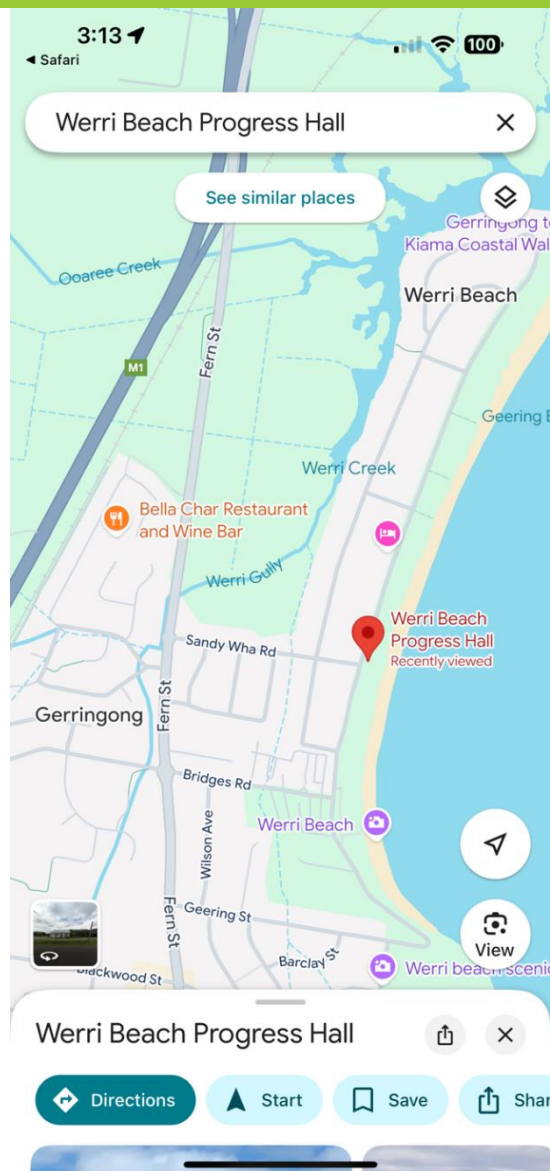
[Alister Clark Memorial Rose Garden - Hume City Council](#)

## CutAbove Tools workshop

At the workshop you will learn how to clean, sharpen and lubricate your pruning tools. Tony will demonstrate first, and then you will work on your own tools under his watchful eye. You can bring up to 3 tools including secateurs, shears & loppers. CutAbove Tools will supply all the equipment needed, so just bring yourself and your tools.



This Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August at the Loftus Community Centre beginning at 1p.m. hosted by the Southern Sydney Regional  
Note details in email sent out early this week.





## INVITATION FROM THE ROSE SOCIETY OF NSW

Dear State Council, Chairs, Secretaries and delegates,

With the Rose Society of NSW wanting to provide more day excursions for our members, President Colin Hollis and I have organised the following cruise with the Sydney Heritage Fleet to view Sydney Jacarandas in bloom from the Harbour. It will be first in, best dressed as we only have 24 places on the vessel available.

Members can contact me for tickets, which will be confirmed once they have paid via direct debit

Please find the information below

**See Jacarandas in bloom where they are most concentrated, along the shores of the Lane Cove River.**

### EVENT INFORMATION:

**Date:** Friday, 7th November 2025

**Check-In:** 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start / back onshore at around 2.30pm

**Meeting Point:** At the two anchors outside the main entrance of the Australian National Maritime Museum.

**Price:** Harman vessel: \$40 per person (max. 24 passengers)

It is a BYO cruise for food and drinks.

**Please note the Harman vessel has no toilets onboard and is not wheelchair accessible**

You will need to make your own way to and from the Australian National Maritime Museum

For a short time every spring, our heritage motor launches voyages across Sydney Harbour to cruise the lower Lane Cove River so that you can view the purple tide of Jacaranda trees blooming in the gardens of Hunters Hill and the North Shore. These gardens seen from the water give you an uninterrupted view of the shoreline as it was envisaged by some of the founding fathers of Hunters Hill, the Joubert's, who handed out trees in the 1860's for the early inhabitants to plant in their gardens to enhance the new suburb.

### Highlights:

Discover the hidden winding entrance to the Lane Cove River and the Humbug.

We pass Northwood Bay, a favourite subject of Lloyd Rees paintings.

Hear about Mary Reiby's Figtree house still standing on the bank of the river.

See where ongoing conflict between convict sawmillers and farmers and the Aboriginal resistance fighters occurred.

We visit Woolwich where the change from a heavily industrialised harbour shoreline to public parks and premier residential areas has left sites such as Mort's Dock cut into the sandstone cliffs.

### About the Harman Vessel:

Compared to the Sydney Heritage Fleet's 100-year-old grand old ladies, *Harman* is a spring chicken in her seventies! *Harman* is a Royal Australian Navy motor launch built in 1944 by the firm Storey and Keers. She has been an unobtrusive workhorse representative of many other working craft around Sydney Harbour; she has never worked in any other location.

Thank you, Stefica Bikesh Secretary,

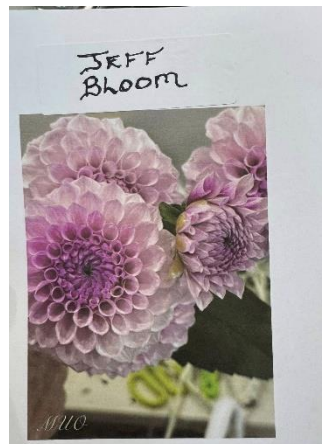
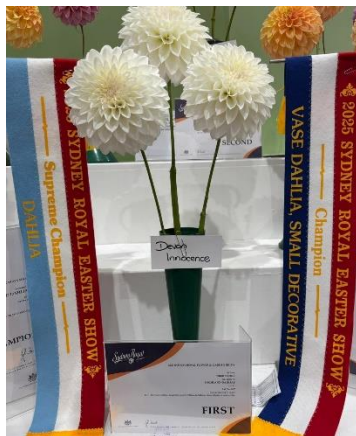
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## SOME GLIMPSES FROM OUR LAST MEETING AND OUR PARKS ACTIVITIES

We were rather busy managing the crowd at Jill's home last meeting to take photos. However, a couple of borrowed photos includes one of Gerard Oldfield with all his ribbons at a Dahlia show, of some of his prize dahlias, and a magnificent vase of roses brought to the meeting by Esther from her garden, the last before pruning. We look forward to visiting Esther's garden in September.



## PRUNING AT THE DAPTO RIBBONWOOD PEACE GARDEN IN JULY & SEAMUNGUS AT PEACE PARK



Judith Oyston pruning



Vanessa Berends pruning



Colin and Jill spreading Seamungus at Peace Park



## MINUTES OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025 MEETING OF THE ILLAWARRA ROSE SOCIETY.

1. **WELCOME** to all 25 attendees by Chair Kristin. Unfortunately the North Kiama Community Hall was double booked so the meeting was transferred nearby to Jills home
2. **APOLOGIES:** Moira Etheridge, Deidre Mcloughlin, Intan Kallus, Janet Bowden, Jenny Swan, Geraldine Shea, Shirley Coady, Joanne Fisher and Lorrie Zammit.
3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.** Moved by Jill and Seconded by Lorraine Vost.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT.** Show Account \$65.58, General , \$9,999.28, Peace Park \$901.03, Education Account \$4,535.23 and Term Deposit \$10,000. The Neutrog money has now been paid into the General Account. Moved as correct by Robert Coady and Seconded by Diane Westgate.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - a. State Secretary, Passing of Ian Spriggs
  - b. South Sydney Rose Society, Invitation to Workshop by Cut Above Tools on 16<sup>th</sup> August at 12.45
  - c. South Sydney Rose Society, request to borrow Artists Palettes for their Spring Show.
  - d. Kiama Garden Club, Spring Garden Competition.
  - e. Maureen Thackeray, Membership List.
  - f. State Secretary, Notice of AGM and Nomination Form.
  - g. " " Passing of Dorothy Snedden
  - h. Editor NSW Rose. Link to Digital Copy of Rose Journal.
  - i. Sue Cox (Kiama Show) Passing of Bruce McIntyre.
6. **BUSINESS ARISING:**
  - a. AGM next meeting and all roles have been filled, Kristin has nomination forms with her to be signed. We may have a speaker to talk on current Scams plus videos of Alistair Clarke roses.
  - b. September Meeting will be held at Esthers Home in Cordeaux Heights.
  - c. October Meeting is Berry Garden Festival, we will have a table for the 4 days.
  - d. November, Rose Display at Burnetts. Christmas Party will be held at Lyn and Hans Home, lunch and Garden visit.
  - e. Colin gave us more information on the Tool Workshop on 16<sup>th</sup> August at South Sydney Rose Society, encouraging members to go as it is excellent.
  - f. Finally Gerard Oldfield, assisted by Olwyn from Highland Dahlias gave us an excellent and very informative talk on Dahlias. Lots of questions were asked so it was quite lengthy. Kristin thanked Gerard and Olwyn on behalf of the Rose Society.

Meeting concluded at 3.00 pm followed by a lovely afternoon tea.

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