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MEETING

Saturday 27th February at Kristin's
place – 6 Orpheus Close Kanahooka

1.30p.m-3.30p.m.

Need to register if coming – contact
details above - for Covid safe

*Will discuss **summer pruning**- and do
some demonstrations*

Bring: some roses to share
A light chair
A mug for tea or coffee
A plate with a few goodies
But mostly – **your self.**

A short steep driveway – so check with
me re parking entry. We have shelter
and air conditioning – so it will be
comfortable.



PATRON: MRS JILL EAST

Meets on the fourth Saturday of
each month at the
North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre,
Meehan Drive, North Kiama 1.30-
3.30 p.m. but cancelled at the Centre
until further notice due to Covid
restrictions.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday February 27th

At Kristin's place in Kanahooka.

see opposite of page for details

*Photo :CHARLES DE GAULLE – favourite
Rose of new member- Clare Harris*

Message from the Chair

Dear Members

Well at least we haven't had to water our gardens as much these days, but it's the black spot that has come to irritate us. Lots of deadheading though as the blooms keep on giving.

Still mindful of Covid restrictions, we have decided to at least meet over the next two months in the outdoors, before we venture back to the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre. The meeting next Saturday 27 February will be at my place at Kanahooka. It will be a chance to see some summer pruning demonstrated, preparing a garden to bloom in time for a special occasion, and also to learn what you don't do in a rose garden – as I have plenty of examples to show you. I'll put a map and some instructions further into the newsletter. AS WE ARE RESTRICTED TO 30 IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO LEAVE A MESSAGE EITHER ON THE PHONE OR BY EMAIL IF YOU ARE COMING. I'VE ABOUT 11 SO FAR HAVE CONFIRMED.

March 27th we will be heading to Gary and Judi Bickford's home at Tomerong and will make a day of it with bring a picnic to share for lunch. (more to follow) Hopefully we will get to meet some of our Shoalhaven members there. Thank you Gary and Judi.

NEUTROG ORDERS- a new system of ordering is being implemented by Neutrog and I'll give you an outline of this in the following pages.

Many thanks to those who sent photos of their favourite roses.

So happy rose growing – and just wait for those autumn flushes – the blooms have a much deeper colour.

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Kristin Dawson - Chair

In your garden this month...

ORDER NEW ROSES: If there are some special roses you are wanting – now is the time to look up the catalogues and get your order in. There are some excellent rose nurseries such as Treloar, Wagner's Roses, Green E, Swanes and others you will find on the NSW Rose web site where you can order your bare root rose for planting in June/July. Don't forget that Wagner's has a 10% discount for Rose Society members. Code: 100%ROSES!

DEADHEADING YOUR ROSES: By removing the old blooms it eliminates the energy being channelled 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.

Watch [Brian's video](#) to see how easy it can be.

SUMMER PRUNE: By the end of February our roses have grown exponentially

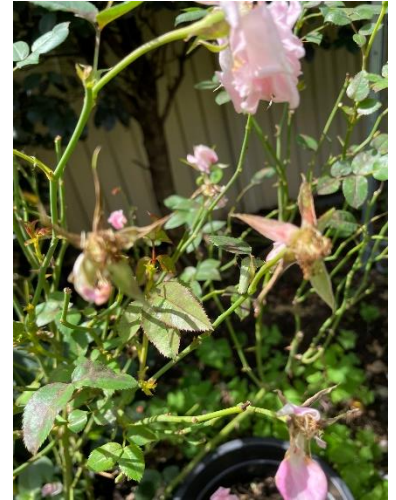
especially this year because of the rain. They will have become tall and straggly and will need to be cut back at least by a third to have that final autumn flush of roses. (you will see how straggly my roses are at Kanahooka- and time to prune for a bloom in April).

After the prune, give your garden some nourishment of Seamungus, Sudden Impact for Roses and some manure/ compost to get the rose bushes ready for the big Autumn flush of blooms.

DISEASE MANAGEMENT: It's been difficult to escape **black spot** with so much rain. It's also important to look out for **scale** as well because it will begin to show in the damp around the base of the rose bush. So when the weather allows

spray with a fungicide and then a periodic spray with GoGo Juice and Eco Seaweed will strengthen the foliage.

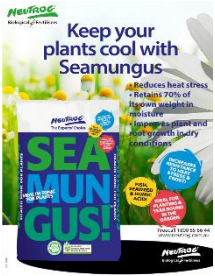
Watch out for your **potted roses** as well, because with all the rain there is a leeching out of nutrients and they will need some attention with fertilizer. (*Strike Back for Orchids*, or liquid *Sudden Impact* plus liquid *Seamungus* are excellent for nourishing those roots)



Think now about your Neutrog order – what will you need for autumn and spring.....

NEUTROG NEWS-

NEW ORDERING SYSTEM –As foreshadowed some months ago, there are changes to the ordering process for Neutrog products. For well over a decade we have derived great benefits from our relationship with Neutrog.



The quality fertilisers and royalties have been but some parts of this arrangement. However COVID 19 has forced Neutrog to rethink how they do business. As a result they are moving exclusively to online ordering for all their partner Rose Societies.

This means all ordering and payments will be online to Neutrog direct.

All of the past benefits, such as the quality fertilisers and substantial benefits will continue with added assistance to support this transition.

- ▶ The previous handling fee of 10% (approx) that Regionals charge, will be rebated back to our group and paid directly into our Regional accounts.
- ▶ As an incentive and thank you for giving the online store a go and supporting Neutrog, Illawarra members will receive a **\$20 credit in store to apply to their first order.**
- ▶ Members will have access to a limited quantity of further **discounted Who Flung Dung seconds** (the packaging is seconds not the material). This will come on a first-in-bestdressed basis.
- ▶ Hardware Man at Unanderra, through the generosity of Hans van de Haar will be the collection point as it was last time. Laurie Irvine will audit the delivery – **but HELP IS NEEDED ON DELIVERY DAY TO SORT INTO INDIVIDUAL BUNDLES FOR COLLECTION. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS.** (M. 0422157353)
- ▶ pick up will be available over a period of a week. If problem with picking up special arrangements could be made if necessary.

THE ORDERING PROCESS

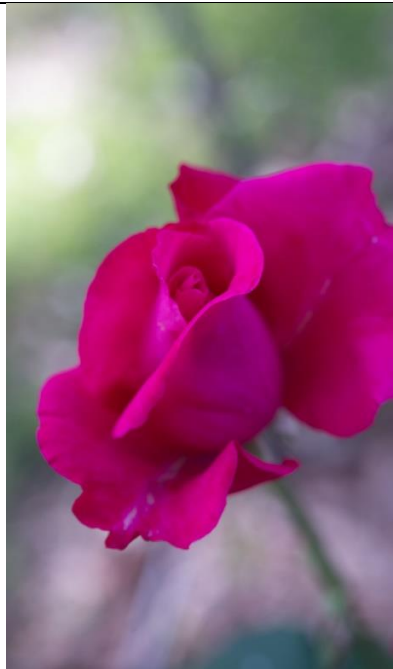
1. Our Regional sends a spreadsheet to Neutrog with details of your First and Last names, Phone Number and Email Address. We seek your permission to do this – an email will be sent soon requesting this permission.
2. Once permission is given, Neutrog will then create an individual online account for you. An email notification will advise you of this account set up.
3. If you require assistance to set up your account Neutrog are happy to help you.
4. You will then receive an email, which will include an activation button for your account.
5. Once activated you will see the full range of Neutrog products for order placement. 6. When you complete the order it will tell you how to pay.



Robert Coady (Treasurer) has agreed to be a contact for those who may have problems with this ordering process.

Once your account is set up you will be able to order online as you run out of products and then the order will be delivered on the Regional delivery date. WE HOPE TO HAVE THIS UNDERWAY TO ENABLE AN ORDER TO REACH US BY THE END OF MARCH. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE DELIVERY DATE WHEN ALL IS ORGANISED.

SOME MEMBERS' FAVOURITE ROSES



Gary & Judi Bickford's



Peter Frankenfeld



Kate Price's
The *Children's Rose* on far left
And
Summer of Love

Below: Janet Bowden's Miniatures:
1. *Magic Show* 2. *Loving Touch*
And 3. Home with beautiful rose garden
the pride of which is *Queen Elizabeth*
Rose



Thank you for sharing

Your roses

And Clare Harris on cover

AROUND THE RIDGES OF THE ILLAWARRA REGION OF THE ROSE SOCIETY



PEACE PARK at Kiama

Six to eight of the **Friends of Peace Park** continue to meet each Tuesday at 10.00 a.m. to maintain the Rose Garden. If you would like to participate please call in and speak with Colin Hollis on a Tuesday morning. Regular dead heading makes all the difference and the roses are blooming more abundantly because of this maintenance. If you wish to come on a different day to work in the Park that is also ok.

The Rose *Seduction* is blooming abundantly at Peace Park and still full of buds after deadheading.

Ribbonwood Centre at Dapto - Peace Rose Garden

On 4th February a small group of members gathered to plant six standard *Peace Roses* and an *Apache Rose*. The Council purchased the standard *Peace roses*, as the original garden included *Iceberg* and *Peace*. We are still waiting for word on an official opening. Thanks to Marian and Rex Tate, Joanne Fisher (planted the roses in the original garden), Judith Oyston, Colin Hollis. Peter who works as the handyman had a new tool for digging, and we were finished in almost an hour. *If there is anyone who would like to join kristin for at least half an hour once a month, and days can vary, and people can do different months, to deadhead and weed the garden – please let Kristin know.*



Colin planting the standard



Stopping for a talk



Rex and Peter into the digging

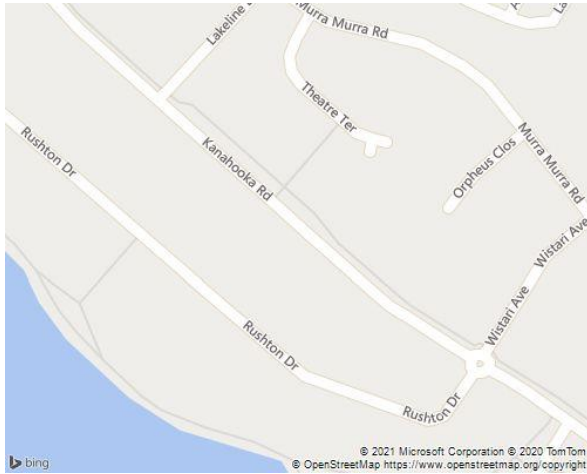


Joanne & Judith deadheading

NEXT MEETING AT 6 ORPHEUS CLOSE KANAHOOKA-27 February 1.30p.m.

Parking – not lots of room in the street and you will need to park in *Murra Murra* and walk up after dropping off anyone who may have mobility issues. *It's a cream coloured house* – walk up the lawn and along driveway in front of garage doors (easier than on the driveway). There is a gate to the right of the garage for entry.

See cover sheet re: what to bring- map on next page.... Up Kanahooka Rd., left at Wistari, left to Murra Murra then left into Orpheus. Don't forget your rose to share- and looking forward to seeing you all here.



MAP SHOWING ORPHEUS CLOSE

SOME COMMITTEE NEWS: The Committee met on Thursday evening 18th February via Zoom to report and approve the financial statements, plan our meetings, Neutrog ordering, report on Parks

FINANCIAL REPORT: General Account: \$2493.03; Show Account: \$5539.23; Friends of Peace Park: \$469.06; Term Deposit: \$7983.30 and rolled over on 14 Feb.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Miniature Rose Show at Mittagong RSL Club-17 April

Workshop on exhibiting roses- Macarthur Centre for Sustainability- Narellan Vale- 2nd May

A Message from Helen Curll

Dear Kristin and Members of the Illawarra Rose Society

I wrote to you after the presentation at Reid Park, Jamberoo but the letter did not get out of the writing pad. Thank you for the award presentation on 8th July. Robert was thrilled and very thankful as was I. Our granddaughter took a lovely photo which of course is still on the camera.

Thank you for the “Elina” planted in Peace Park. Robert loved that rose and the one in our garden which the wallaby has not visited is over 8 feet high, and had some blooms on it when I was home in October, and would have won a prize! I have been to visit Peace Park and the rose looks good. I am glad you have Friends of Peace Park started as that is something Robert and I spoke of on occasions.

Thank you for your friendship and what you have done in sending cards and text messages and phone calls. My apologies if I have not answered every one but please know they are appreciated. Keep in touch and take care. Enjoy the roses.

Helen Qirindi NSW 04/02/2021

We miss you Helen but hope you continue to enjoy your life in Quirindi with your grandchildren.

REMINDERS:

POSTAGE FOR NEWSLETTERS FROM JULY-DECEMBER DUE BY 31ST MARCH TO THE TREASURER – ROBERT COADY. \$6.00 This is for those who cannot receive by email.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – DUE BY 30TH JUNE *for those whose card shows expiry date of 30th June 2021- no renewal form used now, check your card for details- send to Subscription Secretary and please remember to use your membership number if paying electronically or on back of cheque.*

MARCH MEETING AT TOMERONG (Gary & Judi Bickford’s home) – **PICNIC DAY OUT.... BEGIN AT 11.30 WITH GARDEN STROLL, SHORT MEETING, SHARE YOUR ROSES AND**

THEN A PICNIC – SHARED- MORE INFORMATION IN MARCH NEWSLETTER

