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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: Penny Girl – bred by Allan Read
and photographed by Kristin Dawson*

Message from the Chair

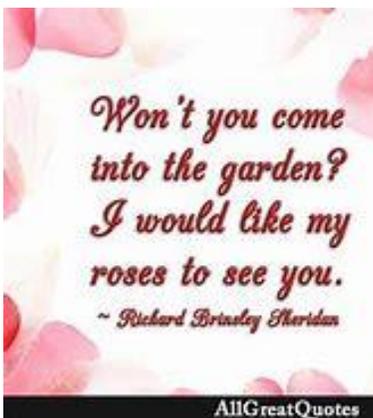
Dear Members – Another new year has dawned, and hopefully it will bring us more opportunities for spontaneous gatherings and less anxiety.

Unfortunately, our Agricultural Shows have had to be cancelled for the second year in a row, and we have not been able to show our roses as in the past. However, we look towards the future and the State Committee is continuing to plan for the National Rose Championships to be held in Kiama October 16-17 this year. We will need to call on you for help as we in the Illawarra are hosting this special rose event for members of Rose Societies across Australia. We wish to show all the warmth of the people of the Illawarra and the beauty of our surroundings.

During the holiday period, our wonderful volunteers, lead by Colin Hollis have continued to work each Tuesday morning in maintaining the roses at Peace Park in Kiama. Colin is looking for a few more members who might like to join them for maybe a morning a month. The roses are blooming beautifully and there are great plans ahead for the garden.

The next meeting is to be in my garden – perhaps in March we could look for a garden in the Shoalhaven area, so those living that way could easily attend.

I also would like to acknowledge the contribution of Jenny Swan as our Secretary. Jenny was committing herself only for one year, but stayed on an extra six months. Our thanks to Jenny for her service to the members of the Illawarra Rose Society. Jill is interim until July, but we are looking for a Secretary to join our enthusiastic and friendly committee. I welcome our new members: Gary Bickford (Tomerong) Rhys Williams (Woonona), Bill Montgomery and Clair Cook (Kiama), Michelle Miholic (Warilla) We hope to share with them the joy and challenges of growing beautiful roses and meet our new members soon. *Kristin Dawson Chair*



In your garden this month...

Thank you to Lorrie Zammit for his contribution for this month's rose growing:

SUMMER ROSE CARE

Summer can bring heat, hot dry winds and high humidity, which all affect the health and appearance of roses. And if your roses have developed leggy or sparse growth and spindly stems it's a sign that your roses need a summer prune.

Summer pruning roses refreshes and reinvigorates the plants and they will respond in a matter of weeks, putting on new growth, ready for another flush of flowers. In fact, you can time rose re-blooming if you have a special event coming up, as they'll flower again around 6 – 7 weeks after pruning. Perhaps time your rose pruning so you'll have beautiful home-grown blooms to give your Valentine on February 14th!

Rose pruning is not difficult, just trim off around 30% of the overall growth and also remove any dead or thin stems. Make sure you use hedge shears or a good sharp pair of secateurs. Don't forget to protect your hands, arms (and face!) from rose thorns with sturdy gloves, long sleeves and glasses.

After pruning, collect up all the fallen leaves and stems, which helps to reduce the incidence of disease, and apply some Neutrog "Sudden Impact for Roses" Next, spread a layer of mulch, such as Neutrog "Whoflungdung" around the root zone, which will help keep the soil moist and protect the top soil from baking sun. Reapply Sudden impact for roses every couple of weeks to encourage healthy new foliage growth and lots of gorgeous flowers.

Tender new stem and leaf growth, together with fresh flower buds, are susceptible to attack by pests like aphids and caterpillars. Mites can also wreak havoc, as they love summer's hot and dry conditions. Spray plants every 2 weeks with a good quality pesticide such as Yates Rose Shield" to help keep plants healthy and protected. For larger gardens, or people with lots of roses, Yates Rose Shield Black Spot & Insect Pest Killer is a concentrated rose spray that is diluted in water and applied via a sprayer.

You can obtain further details on Rose Summer Care at this website address <https://www.yates.com.au/ideas-plans/project-guides-articles/all/summer-rose-care/>

Or visit our great RSNSW website at this website address <http://nsw.rose.org.au/rose-care-calendar.html> to obtain further tips on Summer Rose care.

(If you prefer not to use chemicals that might kill bees, there are organic methods such as diluted sunlight soap to spray on blooms. Or use Wettable Sulphur on Blackspot or Rust. Keep your roses healthy with Seamungus or a foliar spray of liquid Seaweed mixture. Seamungus, and GoGo Juice – Do it regularly as either foliar and/or drench and your roses will flourish)



SOME NEWS FROM OUR ROSE GROWERS & NURSERIES

NEW RELEASE ROSES & DISCOUNT FROM WAGNER'S ROSES

Brian Wagner has released new roses for 2021 which are able to be ordered now for delivery from July to September 2021. Go to the website to see the new releases:

[2021 New Releases | Wagner's Rose Nursery](#)

There is a discount of 10% for Rose Society members and the code for this year is:

100%ROSES!

This promo code is valid for 2021 only and will change every year.

Videos from Brian Wagner for you to view this summer:

<https://youtu.be/wKWS9b9wcTg> - How to Deadhead your Roses

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnRWOJGylXw&feature=emb_rel_end – Brian's favourite roses

(Click on these links to view the videos)

Photos of three of Brian's favourite roses I have in my garden:



Honey Dijon



Pope John Paul II



Soul Sister

DON'T FORGET TO POP IN TO OUR LOCAL NURSERY – BURNETTS ON BARNEY AT KIAMA WHERE YOU CAN FIND SOME OF THESE FAVOURITE ROSES ALREADY POTTED.

NEWS FROM TRELOAR ROSES: treloarroses.com.au

The iconic catalogues many of us have received over the years will no longer be printed – the website at Treloar Roses is always kept up to date and is very comprehensive. (I'll attach their media release about this change) - When you wish to order your bareroot roses check out the website and you will find their new releases and catalogue of roses. It is wise to begin ordering by March so you don't miss out on the most popular roses.



AROUND THE RIDGES OF THE ILLAWARRA REGION OF THE ROSE SOCIETY CHRISTMAS/END OF YEAR CELEBRATION ON 28TH NOVEMBER AT BOTANIC GARDEN WOLLONGONG

It was a **very, very hot day** but 21 of us came together to celebrate the year that was so very different. It was delightful to catch up in a very informal way to chat and share our stories. The venue is beautiful with the surrounding trees and wide verandahs, and the food brought along was most delicious. The advantage was that we could get up and move around easily, unlike in a restaurant, so in the photos you will see spaces at tables - people are moving around to gather another plate of food or to chat with someone on the way, or just to cool down.



Lorraine's mince tarts - yum



Kerrie & Bart with Lorrie opposite



Shirley & Roslyn trying to keep cool



Janet with first year members- Horst & Patricia from Jasper's Brush



Barb, Judith and Lesley



Jill & Robert & Marg at end



Colin & Gordon's inside



A special visitor- brush turkey



Joanne checking in



Bart – enjoying the crowd

PEACE PARK KIAMA – HOW ARE THE ROSES GROWING & VOLUNTEERS DOING?

The volunteers led by Colin Hollis meet as rostered every Tuesday morning at about 10a.m. for a couple of hours. The garden is looking the best ever, as watering, deadheading, fertilising and weeding is happening. They are gradually removing dead or dying rose bushes, and planning to plant beds with new bushes. An account has been set up by the Illawarra Region for Friends of Peace Park, to enable ongoing expenses to be covered. They are liaising with Kiama Council to implement various ideas that will make the Park even more inviting to the general public. Colin is looking for a few more people to assist the enthusiastic group already there: **WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE A COUPLE OF HOURS A MONTH, AND IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ON A TUESDAY. PLEASE CONTACT COLIN IF YOU CAN ASSIST.**



An end of year gathering of volunteers before Christmas



The Children's Rose



Elina planted in memory of Robert Curll before Christmas and today Deadheading needed for more blooms – come and help deadhead

Shirley using her Christmas present to remove weeds

ROSES ARE GROWING IN THE PEACE GARDEN AT RIBBONWOOD CENTRE-DAPTO



I've continued to visit the Ribbonwood Peace Garden to deadhead the roses, remove weeds and fertilise. Thankfully the Centre's staff member keeps it watered. The growth of the roses has been phenomenal, the seat and plaque is complete, and I've just heard the Centre is considering purchasing some Peace Roses for the garden. Peace with Iceberg were the roses in the original garden. Judith Oyston and Joanne Fisher (original rose garden planter) provided some information for a noticeboard to go with the garden to tell its history. I hope that the Council will purchase standard Peace roses so they can have some height in the midst of the bushes. It is flourishing. If anyone would like to join me in caring for these roses – it only takes about half an hour every couple of weeks – you would be most welcome.



Blushing Pink Iceberg



Seafoam & Apache (red rose)



The new seat

SOME COMMITTEE NEWS: The Committee met on Thursday evening 14th January via Zoom to report and approve the financial statements, to follow up any issues around our planning for future meetings, reviewing our Christmas gatherings, reporting on our special projects such as Peace Park and Peace Garden; and, to note that we are now searching for a Secretary to take Jenny's place. I just need someone who can join our friendly and happy team to take minutes and to send out welcome letters etc. Shirley Coady looks after the Pastoral care of members where a card is needed to be sent. So if you are willing to put up your hand please contact me – I need you. Kristin

FINANCIAL REPORT: General Account: \$2512.23; Show Account: \$5539.23; Friends of Peace Park: \$500; Term Deposit: \$7983.30 (There is little activity at the moment – The Christmas gathering covered all costs exactly)

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