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ILLAWARRA REGIONAL  
ROSE SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER

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### **23 JULY– next meeting**

**Bring your secateurs and loppers**  
ready to be cleaned and sharpened-

Diane will show us how.....

Bring celebratory afternoon tea.

Raffle- 3 tickets for \$5 – goes  
towards venue hire and coffee/tea

**Diane will have her excellent tools  
for sale**

### **This newsletter:**

- Our rose garden this month-pruning climbers and others
- Greetings from France from Gary & Judi Bickford
- International Rose Convention in Adelaide in October-November

August meeting- fertilising the garden –  
Colin Hollis &

pest/disease – some products & tips



Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre, Meehan Drive, North Kiama 1.30-3.30 p.m.

Next meeting: SATURDAY 23 JULY 2022  
Diane Ellis – tool maintenance

Photo: Pruning at Peace Park  
SUNDAY 17 JULY at 10.00 a.m.

### *Message from the Chair*

### *Dear Illawarra Rose Friends*

It is pruning time and it has been a haphazard affair

in my garden – getting out there in between days of deluge of rain. Two years ago, we were sorting out how to manage drought in our rose garden, and now it is the saturation of soil and of our rose bushes. We have had difficulty striking the happy medium.

Our thanks to Gary and Judi Bickford for warming our winter with the second part of their letter from France. The roses certainly bloom well there and hope they will provide some inspiration to us as we prepare for a new spring season. Many of you will be planting new bare root roses this month.... I look forward to hearing about them and receiving some photos of the new blooms to share in our newsletters.

### Now to the business:

**PRUNING DATE: 17 JULY BEGINNING AT 10.00 A.M.**

Don't forget Peace Park- Demonstration of how to prune including the standards.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:**

Many thanks to those who have renewed membership and have informed either Jill or me. We still have about 20 still yet to renew and we don't want to lose you. See later in the newsletter for details.

**AGM – JULY meeting-nominations** have been called for – **we need new people** to come on to the Committee to be mentored to enable a transition in a couple of years to new caretakers of our Regional Rose Society. Robert Coady has served well as Treasurer for almost six years and deserves a break now... we need a Treasurer who can look after our funds... we don't have numerous transactions, and most are now done through electronic banking. If you know anyone who can fill this role, please encourage them to help. Colin Hollis has kindly agreed to be our Returning Officer at the meeting.

Coming events: November 8- Excursion to Merribee Gardens -details next month

**CHRISTMAS GATHERING-** TBC- any ideas for a place for a Christmas/ end of year lunch, Lorrie is organising so let him know? Proposing meeting date: Sat. 26 November.

*Kristin - Illawarra Chair*

*Time  
brings  
roses.*

*~ Portuguese  
Proverb*



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# THE ROSE GARDEN THIS MONTH

Last month we looked at pruning our bush roses – hybrid tea and floribunda... this month we will focus on other types of roses- shrubs and old fashioned, climbing roses, standards, weeping and ground covers.



## SHRUBS AND OLD-FASHIONED VARIETIES

These require little to no pruning. Remove any old or dead wood. However, for a neater look, prune as per bush roses.

For old fashioned roses that only flower in spring, winter pruning will reduce the number of flowers. For these roses, only remove the dead and very old twiggy wood. For best results, prune once the spring flowering is over. A very light trimming to keep the plant neat may be necessary, be sure to keep it light. *Lady Hillingdon Rose*



## CLIMBING ROSES



Climbing roses are slightly different to bush roses as they produce long caned stems. These form the basis of the climbing structure, supporting the growth that will produce flowers. As with bush roses, these canes will continue to appear, however they do not need to be removed as rapidly as the water shoots on bushes.

Climbing roses need to be trained to produce the desired effect. This is done by weaving or tying new canes, to a support system– which can be a fence, wall, pillar, etc.



1. Remove any dead wood, making to cut right to the base of the stem.
2. Remove old shoots that are unproductive. Look for the new canes that will replace the ones being removed.

3. Remove the side shoots off the new canes, cutting above the growth eyes, leaving the side stems no longer than about 6-8 cm and with a minimum of three growth buds.
4. On the new canes, cut the tips down to the first side shoot. *Titan*
5. Remove suckers.
6. Rearrange the remaining stems, tying them to a support. Aim for the main canes to lie horizontally along the support, as this will encourage more shoots to grow creating a thicker, bushier look. Roses do not grow downwards; therefore, do not bend them further than horizontal.

**COME TO PEACE PARK TO SEE THE CLIMBERS PRUNED- PIERRE DE RONSARD & PINKIE**

## RAMBLERS



These roses produce long climbing canes, which are supported on a frame as screening plant on a single post as a pillar or over an arch. They are of various sizes to suit wide uses in a garden. Ramblers with long pliable stems, bearing large trusses of small flowers are usually only spring or summer flowering. Ramblers rarely flower twice on the same stem. For this reason, it may be necessary to cut the stems that have recently flowered back to their base or to the next strong shoot. This is to be done immediately after flowering has finished. Be sure to train the new shoots to replace the stems that have been removed.

[How to prune a rambling rose - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1biR5w-UA5I)

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*Banksia Lutea*



### GROUND COVERS

Ground covers need little to no pruning. Remove dead heads – these are the spent flowers left on the push – and light trimming to keep them tidy.

*Summer's Evening-ground cover*

### STANDARD ROSES

Standards are pruned in the same way as bush roses. However, keep in mind that standards produce less water shoots and will not renew their stems as often. Therefore, resist the temptation to shape your standard roses.



All standards need to be staked as they cannot support their own weight, snapping in strong winds. When pruning be sure to replace the ties, this will stop the tie becoming too tight around the stem which can reduce the sap flow, stunting the growth of the rose.

*Photo of Standard roses at member- Paul Walsh's Garden in Nowra.*

### WEeping STANDARD ROSES

Most weeping standards are ramblers, climbers, or ground cover varieties. Keep in mind the rose variety when pruning (especially with ramblers or old-fashioned roses) and follow instruction mentioned above. Weepers perform their best when unpruned and therefore they require little to no pruning. Remove dead wood and old twiggy stems after flowering. Dead heading and very light trimming to keep it tidy may also be necessary on some varieties.



*Weeping Rose at Victorian State Rose Garden*

**Tip:** If plants have had black spot or mildew – or any other fungal disease – during the growing season, the fungal spores will stay in your garden. Be sure to collect all clippings after pruning and burn them. This will help stop the spread of disease around your garden.

### WHAT TO DO AFTER PRUNING WINTER SPRAYING

After completing pruning during winter, it is best to spray roses with Lime Sulphur. This helps to eliminate fungal spores and eggs from pests, giving you a fresh start come spring. This is especially important for rose gardens that have trouble with black spot and mildew during the growing season.

Follow the instruction on the packaging and spray every stem on each rose, making sure to also spray the surrounding ground.

**Note:** this spray may defoliate the rose plant if used during the growing season, hence why we suggest spraying only after pruning in winter.

### MULCHING

After pruning and spraying during winter, applying a new layer of mulch will be beneficial to your roses. Mulch works as an insulator, protecting from temperature variations helping to retain moisture in the soil, preventing damage to the roots from hot weather and drought conditions. Therefore, gardens will require less watering and weeding. Mulching your roses will also help to provide them with necessary nutrients as the matter begins to break down into the soil.

# GREETINGS FROM GARY & JUDI BICKFORD – FROM FRANCE

Welcome back to the South of France!

By Gary Bickford and Judi Hansen PART 2



Well, we hoped you enjoyed our little introductory story. Here is a little more to add to the flavour of our journey. We rose (pun intended) early from our beds to a gorgeous sunrise – the weather is truly wonderful now.

We visit our neighbours Ian and Alison who are from the UK but are now full-time residents of France. They have recently built a passive solar house which is based upon the common designs of the area, so it blends in very well. They have a very large block and are establishing the flower garden as well as vegetables and of course chickens. We were admiring her beautiful rose garden, topped by a floriferous group of salvias.

*Another of Alison's roses*



Note the mulch used on this rose and see more on this later in the story.

I remarked that I was a member of our local rose society and simply amazed at how well the roses grew in this area. Alison is very proud (and rightly so) of her roses, and she informed us that we have just missed the local rose fete at a nearby village by a couple of weeks. She suggested we should still visit the town anyway. We did this the following Saturday, and there were lots of other folks visiting as well. I guess the roses had been prepared for the fete, so some were not at their best.

Again, the size, colour, health, and vigour of the bushes was astonishing. The village is called Camon (it is here: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/09500+Camon/@43.0177169,1.9251857,13z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x12afaf9749d67d73:0x406f69c2f435f20!8m2!3d43.021881!4d1.966245>).



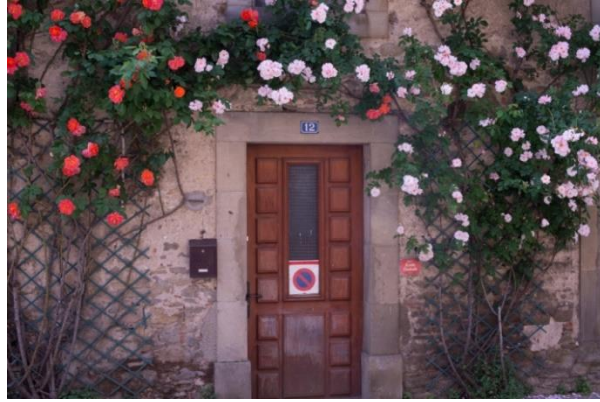
As Google states: Camon is a commune in the Ariège department in southwestern France. Nicknamed Little Carcassonne, it is one of the most beautiful villages of France, it truly is.

Here are some photos (again heaps more I didn't add to this article). This is an advertisement for the village



And these signs are placed around the walls of the village.

Some of the doorways to the houses are just stunning:



and the square and street appeal





You may have noticed something interesting where most of these roses are planted. Remember when I showed you Alison's mulch around the single rose and you may have noticed where the roses were planted in Part 1 of our adventure. Before we left for France, I was having some discussions with some of our members about mulch, how expensive it is, how short lived it is, how much work it is...well here is the solution. Concrete. You will notice that many of these roses are just growing in a square about 120mm across, simply cut out of the concrete footpath. This mulch lasts forever. Maybe it's time to concrete over the rose garden and juts leave small openings for the roses.



And here are some photos of just some of the lovely roses of Camon



Just by the river is a small section of parkland dedicated as The Rose Garden. As you can imagine it is quite an old historic village maintaining much of the old architecture and building styles.

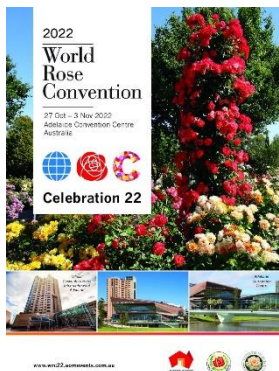
Well, that was a wonderful exposure to a small village and its beautiful roses. We hope you enjoyed the tour!

*Thank you, Gary & Judi, for sharing your experience.... It truly is magnificent. I couldn't fit in all your photos but maybe in another newsletter.... Keep enjoying your time amongst the roses.*

## THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES 19TH WORLD ROSE CONVENTION PROGRAM OF EVENTS ANNOUNCED!

The WFRS Rose Conventions come around every three years.... Just as Gary & Judi have enjoyed the roses of France, these Conventions provide a wonderful opportunity to visit rose gardens all over the world. Our next Convention is in Adelaide. There will be a magnificent Garden Expo and floral art and visits to gardens in Adelaide. You may not wish to register for the whole Convention, but it will be an opportunity to see the beautiful gardens in South Australia.... For more information go to:

The World Federation of Rose Societies World Rose Convention will be held from **27 October to 3 November 2022** in the beautiful City of Adelaide, in South Australia.



The Convention will proceed as both a "face-to-face" convention as well as offering "online" registrations to rose lovers around the world. The world-class Adelaide Convention Centre will provide a high-quality streaming service for the Opening Ceremony, 3-day Lecture Series and WFRS Gala Awards Dinner for Online Registrants.

Several exciting before and after tours offer an incredible range of holiday experiences for the international delegates and we know they are going to enjoy our iconic attractions and see many beautiful gardens. **For more information visit the website -**

[www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au](http://www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au) **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSING JULY 29**

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 OF ILLAWARRA ROSE SOCIETY

Meeting commenced at 1.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** As per sign on book.

**APOLOGIES:** Philip and Lyndal Saunders, Intan Kallus, Jill Millburn, Dian & David Westgate, Shirley Coady, Jill East, Juliann Faulks, Frans Buskermolen, Aki Nakayama.

Kristin welcomed all present, and a special welcome to new member: Michelle Sadolewski

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Accepted by Lorraine Vost, Seconded Robert Coady.

**FINANCE:** Monthly Report: Everyday Account \$ 3,247.23 Show Account \$ 6,793.51

Term Deposit \$ 8,099.56 Friends of Peace Park \$ 232.34 Total: \$ 18,372.64

Merribee Gardens- an excursion has been booked for 8<sup>th</sup> November – deposit to be made of \$295- minimum numbers to cover 10 people entry and morning tea @ \$29.95 each.

Colin congratulated the Illawarra Committee and Kristin on raising almost \$10 000 for the Rose Society of NSW in the winding up of the National Rose Championships at Kiama in April-May.

Neutrog is to deposit the handling fee and discount to the Account of approximately \$289.00

Financial Report Moved by Robert Coady, Seconded by Janet Bowden.

**GENERAL:** Merribee Garden excursion: - 8<sup>th</sup> November- to invite Friends of Peace Park, Southern Highlands etc. Minimum of 10 and up to 30 capacities. Suggest car-pooling. More information – closer to the date.

October meeting date: The World Federation Rose Convention will be held at this time. To decide whether the Merribee Excursion replaces this committee meeting. To follow up.

Christmas/end of year party - We need to decide on whether we use our November meeting date for our Christmas gathering. All ideas are welcome on where we may celebrate. Suggestion that there may be some subsidising of this gathering as a vote of thanks for the help during the National Rose Show.

Memberships for those who joined before this year expires on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Membership to be renewed... inform Kristin or Jill when renewed so we can keep a record in case any follow up is needed.

Lorrie Zammit led the sharing of the beautiful roses that are still blooming in the gardens before pruning. Michelle our new member shared photos of the roses she is growing at Wombeyan.

ALISTER CLARKE CUP- Joanne Fisher reported that another level is needed with a suggestion that a silver level in between would enhance the Cup. Kristin to check with Hans van de Haar who added to the cup previously.

**RAFFLE:** Was won by Esther Hernandez.

INFORMATION SESSION- David Pomery, Chief Weeds Officer, Illawarra District Weeds Authority, gave a most informative session on weeds management in the region. He spoke of the invasive weeds that are found in the area, the weeds that have not yet arrived but are closely monitored for, how weeds are contained and eradicated. The system of weed identification, containment and eradication can apply similarly in our own backyards and gardens. In disposing of weeds, we must be careful not to place in the green bins where they can infiltrate other areas. We received a booklet and a brochure identifying weeds in the area, and those plants grown in our gardens which can become invasive and the more native friendly plants which would be a better alternative. David was most generous in giving us a lot of time in his presentation.

Meeting closed at 3.00 pm followed by a delicious afternoon tea and lots of conversations.

## NEUTROG ORDER & DELIVERY

**NEXT ORDER- Spring order CLOSES ON 8 AUGUST AND DELIVERY ON 2 SEPTEMBER....** We do not do a delivery in winter to the Illawarra, as members usually have sufficient product over this period. **New members to let me know if you wish to be referred to Neutrog for ordering – exceptional discount on these products to all members.**

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL EXPIRED ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

EFT: BSB: 012 429 A/C: 2784 41863 Reference YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

SO, YOUR PAYMENT CAN BE IDENTIFIED – and write it on back of cheques (*Email or phone/text me, Jill, or Robert if you don't know your membership number*).

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