



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

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Photo: 50TH ANNIVERSARY ARRANGEMENT

IMPORTANT DATES

***Neutrog Spring* orders will close on Friday
2nd August 2024 at 8am.**

5th October- Rose display at Burnetts on Barney

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE- 30 JUNE

Thank you to all those who have renewed to date. Financial membership is necessary to access Neutrog products. Please renew soon if you have not done so – or let me know if you do not wish to renew so I can delete you from our list. See how to renew at the end of newsletter.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE NORTH KIAMA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, MEEHAN DRIVE – 1.30-3.30P.M.

NEXT MEETING:-Sat. 27 July 2024– AGM and Japanese rose gardens video & photos of the 2025 International Rose Convention in Japan.

***Message from Chair:* Dear Members**

I do hope you are managing the chill and keeping warm.

We experienced great warmth at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Illawarra Regional Rose society at the Kiama Leagues Club on 22nd June. Many photos of the event can be found on the “Roses in the Illawarra” Facebook page, and a few will be found later in the newsletter.

Another successful event was the pruning day at Peace Park on Sunday 14th July. We were so pleased to see so many and also to welcome members of the public who came along to watch the demonstration and to learn how to prune roses. We gratefully received the morning tea provided by the Friends of Peace Park after the completion of the pruning. A few photos can be found later in the newsletter.

We will be holding the AGM at our next meeting on July 27 and we are always looking for members, old and new, to join the Committee to be involved in the Society and help create life and friendship with our common interest in the world’s favourite flower, and in gardening in general. We are a happy united mob. At our last meeting we raised the issue of finding a Treasurer, and thankfully Peter Goodger assisted by his wife Sue has put up his hand to take on this role. Thankyou so much Peter & Sue. Robert wil continue as the Assistant Treasurer in the interim until all signatories etc are completed.

We are visiting some beautiful gardens in Japan at our July meeting. There is a Rose Convention there in May next year and a most wonderful experience is being prepared by our Japanese rose friends. We will introduce you to the program and gardens to inspire and

maybe if you are able to join some of us who are planning to go. We are hoping to have a speaker on orchids for our August meeting, and will cut the large anniversary cake at that meeting.

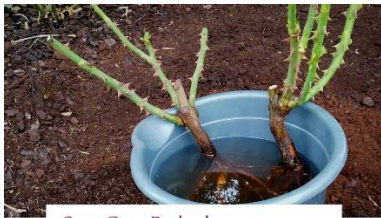
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ROSE GARDEN IN JULY

Roses are usually pruned in the Illawarra in July but many of us pruned in June in the hope of having our roses ready to bloom in time for the display on 5th October at Burnetts on Barney Kiama. See previous newsletter for pruning tips.

For many it will be time to plant any new roses that have been purchased and are ready to plant. Treloar roses have this excellent description of the way to plant your bare root rose bush. Ensure the soil is prepared first.

HOW TO PLANT A BARE ROOT BUSH ROSE



Step One: Re-hydrate your roses
Soak in plain water for 24 - 48 hours.



Step Two: Dig a hole
Dig a hole that is approx. 30cm wide and deep.
Loosen the soil in the bottom of the hole.



Step Eight: Apply Mycorrhizal Fungi
Sprinkle Mycorrhizal Fungi on the roots while holding the rose over the hole.



Step Four: Make a mound

Add some soil into the bottom of the hole, covering the Seamungus, creating a mound.



Step Three: Apply Seamungus

Sprinkle Seamungus into the bottom of the hole.



Step Five: Trim Roots

If necessary, trim thick roots. Leave fine hair roots.
Not all roses will need trimming or have fine hair roots.



Step Six: Position on mound

Position the base of the rose on top of the mound with the roots spread around and down.



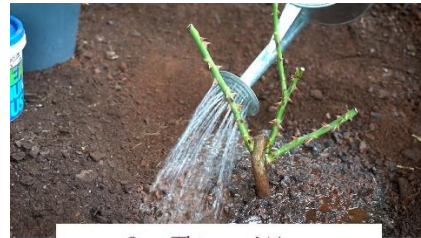
Step Seven: Check Depth

Use the stick to ensure the soil mark on the rose stem is level with the ground. The graft should sit approx. 2.5cm above the stick.



Step Nine: Arrange Roots

To prevent suckers, ensure all the roots are facing down.



Step Thirteen: Water

Give the rose another good water in.



Step Ten: Partially backfill the hole

Fill in half the hole with soil, covering the roots.
Gently firm down the soil.



Step Fourteen: Trim stems

Trim each stem down to approx. 20cm above the graft.
Trim 1cm above a growth eye.



Step Eleven: Fill hole with water

Fill the hole with water and allow it to sit until the bubbles stop coming to the surface.



Step Fifteen: Water

Give the rose another good drink.
Water is the key to a bare root roses success.



Step Twelve: Backfill the hole

Finish filling the hole with the remainder of the soil.
Gently firm down the soil.



Step Sixteen: Aftercare

For the first year water 2 - 3 times a week with 10 litres each session. Do not fertilise until the rose flowers.

WATER

Water is the key to a bare root roses success. For a detailed guide on watering roses, [click here](#).

MULCH

After planting your bare root rose, we highly recommend applying a layer of mulch around the base of the rose. Mulch helps to protect the roots from temperature variation but also helps to retain moisture in the soil.

For more information on mulching roses, [click here](#). [Planting A Bare Root Bush Rose \(treloarroses.com.au\)](http://treloarroses.com.au)

AROUND THE RIDGES- OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON 22ND JUNE AT KIAMA LEAGUES CLUB



The occasion was really memorable with the beautiful display of roses arranged by Joanne Fisher, Janet Bowden and Rosemary Singleton; magnificent celebration cake (s) organised by Jill Millburn, beautiful table decorations, Elina well represented on labels and menu, and a simple vase and rose in the table centre; a wonderful display of photos and memorabilia organised by Lorraine Vost in tandem with our foundress Judith Oyston; projected photos under technician Lorrie Zammit



Speeches – welcome by Chair, yours truly- Kristin, Judith Oyston on the story of the foundation; Colin Hollis on memories of events at the Kiama Leagues Club and a final speech from Graham Wright – NSW President at the time of the 25th Anniversary. Our Emcee- James Philpot was outstanding, and his rosey shirt exuded joy; Our youngest member, Sophia Hernandez cut the cake with Judith Oyston, and Judith handed on the little fairy given to Judith at the time of the 25th anniversary. Those present received a copy of the history booklet to take home



We were pleased to welcome so many of our members who supported and participated in this event, and our special guests- The Mayor Neil Reilly and Wendy Reilly, Deputy Mayor Imogen Draisma, Gareth Ward MP, Fiona Phillips MP, Hon Paul Scully MP, Alison Byrne MP, Curator of the Wollongong Botanic Gardens- James Beattie and horticulturalist Naomi Jeffs, and Lorraine Emerson President of Garden clubs of Australia. We also were honoured with the presence of the Executive of the rose Society of NSW including Secretary – Stefica Bikes, Treasurer Jacqueline Tweedie and vice President Graham Wright, and of course our own member and NSW President- Colin Hollis. There were representatives from most Regions of the State

Rose Society, from Sydney, Southern Sydney, Southern Highlands, Macarthur, Upper North Shore and Hills. My thanks to all who contributed to this special event.



PRUNING DAY AT PEACE PARK 14TH JULY 2024



Pruning demonstrations, 1. Romeo learning from Colin, Jacqueline on collection, all at work, Lorrie & Bruce on pickup, Kristin, Sue & Geraldine on standards, Intan planting "That Pretty Little Pink Thing", Peter giving Geraldine some tips

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL- DUE BY 30 JUNE RENEWAL IS DUE FOR ANYONE WHO WAS SUBSCRIBED BEFORE 1ST JANUARY 2024. If you subscribed between 1st January and June 2024, your renewal is not due until June 30 2025 Single membership is \$40 and joint membership is \$45

If renewing and paying online- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): BSB: 012 429 A/C: 2784 41863

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AS OUR LAST MEETING DATE WAS THE ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON- THERE ARE NO MEETING MINUTES THIS MONTH.