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ILLAWARRA REGIONAL
ROSE SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

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MEETING – 26th March

Our meetings will continue to be fairly simple- a get together with afternoon tea seated as we did last meeting- wear masks. Raffle: 3 for \$5- pays for the venue so we ask you to help out

Bring roses for showbench or to share

FLORAL ART -Roses in a bowl

FOCUS IN MEETING: Preparing our roses for the National Rose Show- C Grade Classes & Illawarra Championship

All present will receive a booklet on Tips for The novice exhibitor.

NEUTROG: Order is due online by: 28th MARCH- DELIVERY- 22ND APRIL

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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: 26th MARCH 2022

*Photo: Ali Baba (climbing rose)
Diane Westgate's best on the bench
Meeting: February 2022*

Message from the Chair

Dear Illawarra Rose Friends

Will this rain ever stop? My last newsletter looked at how dry our garden might be even though it rains- however, the week you received the newsletter, the deluge began and has rarely stopped for long all throughout March. I've completed most pruning for the Kiama National Rose Show, but the roses are quite drenched, and time is needed to fertilise, and condition the soil which will need boosting. At least weeds are easier to pull out when the soil is so damp.

It is now full pelt along towards the National Rose Show & Conference at Kiama 29th April-1st May. We are delighted that Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley will officially open the Show on 30th April, accompanied by His Excellency Governor General David Hurley. The Lord Mayor, newly elected Neil Reilly and the Lady Mayoress will welcome all visitors to Kiama during the Cocktail Welcome at 6.30 p.m. on 29th April at the Pavilion.

We need you to complete **registration by 31st March** for this special event and encourage your presence at the Lecture series – which I will include at the end of the newsletter. There will be no meeting in April, so this will take place. There will be luscious food at each of the formal functions – and the formal dinner includes entertainment.

We will very much depend on volunteers from the Illawarra, as we are hosting this event on behalf of the Rose Society of NSW and the National Society, and we are here closest to the venue. The various tasks will be included in the newsletter. So please give some of your time and enjoy the teamwork this can bring. The other is the Show itself – bring some roses to the Show- whatever you have that fits – the weather has made it more difficult to have huge numbers so every rose counts..... As the photo opposite says: *Those who dare not grasp the thorns should never crave the rose – so be brave....* We will help you to put up your rose- even if it is just one or two

Kristin - Illawarra Chair

In your garden this month...

MANAGING FLOODED, SODDEN SOILS

We sure have had our fair share of rain this month. Last month, despite some drizzly rain, our soil was beginning to dry out. Fortunately, there was not as much inundation of property in the Illawarra as in other parts of Sydney, the Southern Highlands, and the North Coast. With inundation caused by floods there is the risk of contamination from sewerage and all other types of contaminants, as well as coverage of the soil and plants by mud and silt. This is far more serious in vegetable gardens where food becomes contaminated.

For we who were fortunate enough only to have soggy backyards, there may be only waterlogging especially if the drainage is not so good. Healthy soil provides plants with anchorage, nutrients, oxygen, and water. If waterlogged for too long the root hair zone at the tip of the roots, begins to die, leaving plants vulnerable to a range of diseases.

IMPACT FROM WATERLOGGING IN THE SOIL- what happens is that the water replaces the oxygen, and the pores of the soil basically get no oxygen, or the oxygen gets forced out. This affects the root growth in the plants, and plants in waterlogged soil for prolonged periods start to show symptoms, they will start to wilt.

SIGNS OF DAMAGE TO THE PLANT: yellowing or browning of leaves; leaf curling and pointing downward; leaf wilting; reduced new leaf size; early autumn colours, defoliation, dieback and gradual plant decline and death.

RESTORATION OF THE SOIL: i. Let the soil drain naturally at first if it is waterlogged. Clay soils take longer; ii. Add lots of coarse organic material to the soil. Compost and mulch are good for this, and coarse materials allow air back into the soil. Some Seamungus pellets will also assist root healing and development as well as some GoGo Juice at this stage. Mix in with the compost and mulch; iii. Waterlogged soils can become acidic, so add a handful of lime per square metre on the surface. iv. Apply blood & bone, and a handful of Sudden Impact for Roses and minerals after the composting and mulching to bring the soil back into life. We will also have to be aware of fungal diseases such as blackspot, rust and powdery mildew resulting from the damp, and some spraying to prevent these diseases will be in order.

Hopefully with some extra care and some light pruning, some sunshine and warm days we may have roses blooming in time for the Kiama National Rose Show & Conference.

TIME TO ORDER NEW BARERoot ROSES FOR PLANTING IN JULY Time now to think of how your roses have been performing over the last few seasons. The nurseries now have new offerings for plantings this winter and it is wise to order early as many popular varieties sell out very quickly.

I know, like my rose garden, there is limited space. It may be difficult, but it is not such good sense to keep an underperforming rose when a better variety can be grown in its space. It could be that this rose has not been placed in the best conditions for flourishing, or else, as in the case of many roses, some are not good performers, and a reason why over time many roses have been discarded by nurseries. Some nurseries below:

NEW ROSES: On-line orders: Wagner's: <https://www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au/>

Treloar Roses: [Treloar Roses - Australia's Largest Rose Production Nursery](#)

GreenE Roses: [Green E Roses Home](#)

Swanes: [Swane's Nurseries | Garden Centre \(swanes.com\)](#)

Our own local nursery: Burnetts on Barney: [Home \(burnettsonbarney.com.au\)](http://burnettsonbarney.com.au) where it is also possible to pick up potted roses. **TIME NOW ALSO TO PREPARE THE SOIL FOR THE NEWLY ORDERED ROSES.**

SOME NEW & OLDER RELEASES:



Lady of Australia – Wagner’s



Spirit of Community-Wagner’s



Cayenne -both Wagner’s & Treloar’s



Bordeaux – Treloar Roses



Dwarf Fairy – Treloar Roses



Afrikaans – Treloar Roses

Around the ridges of the Illawarra/Shoalhaven

MILTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW – 5th March 2022

No doubt about him, but Max Atkins shined once again with his roses at the Milton Show. Thank you to Lorraine Vost for the photos of some of Max’s winning roses:



Illawarra's February meeting – 26th February – a very wet day

Some of us tried our hand at *Roses in a Teacup* and *Roses in a Seashell*



Janet Bowden

Shirley Coady

Janet's special teacup

Kristin's shell

Jill's shell



Show bench

Penny Girl – Miniflora

Bud to Full Bloom Pope JP2

Diane Westgate's Ali Baba climber

Peace Park news-

There is the ongoing maintenance of the garden amid rainy weather this month.

March 17 – a meeting of volunteers with the newly elected Kiama Council at the Park to discuss the future and needs of the park and Rose Garden. Colin Hollis has a few items to discuss such as the future development of the park, Council involvement; drainage; trimming of trees; fundraising – bricks; Tap at Taylor Street entrance etc..... we look forward to the report on the outcome of the meeting.

April 5, 11 a.m. – Media Launch - There will be a media launch involving the new Mayor and members of the media to launch the promotion across the Illawarra and Shoalhaven of: *Roses by the Seaside – Kiama (National Rose Championships & Conference) you are welcome to come.*

NEUTROG ORDER AND DELIVERY Don't forget to complete your order online by **28th March** It will be delivered on **22nd April** at Hardware Man - our thanks to Paul Walsh and Lorraine Vost who will oversee this as Laurie Irvine has undergone surgery recently and unable to follow up this order. Thanks also to Hans van de Haar for his great generosity in allowing our delivery to his business. **HAZEL FROM NEUTROG SAYS SOME ONLINE MEMBERS HAVE UNSUBSCRIBED FROM ONLINE NEUTROG ORDERS – THIS WILL PREVENT YOUR ORDERING NEUTROG IN THE FUTURE.** LET ME KNOW IF THAT HAS HAPPENED INADVERTANTLY AND I WILL RECONNECT YOU WITH NEUTROG.



TIME TO REGISTER BY – 31ST MARCH

You are invited to attend and participate in this event to be held at the **Kiama Pavilion. National Rose Show** With the best of our autumn roses from NSW and interstate exhibited (30 April-1 May) Spectacular **Floral Display** and floral art exhibits.

Social: Cocktail Welcome (6.30-9.00 p.m. Friday 29 April 2022) **Formal Dinner + Entertainment** (7.00p.m. Saturday April 30) **Farewell Buffet** (6.30 p.m. Sunday May 1) - luscious food & good company

Excursions Sunday 1 May Nan Tien Temple (lunch), Botanic Garden (afternoon tea) and Pioneer Park in Wollongong. Monday 2nd May to Bradman Museum in Bowral

LECTURE SERIES - **Please book ASAP- See attached registration form**

Saturday 30 April:

Graham Sargeant on environmentally friendly approaches to managing pests and diseases - 10.00 a.m.
 Diana Sargeant on choosing health roses and caring for them - in changing climate - 11.00 a.m.
 Dr Uwe Stroehrer - microbiologists- maintaining our soil and garden with impact of climate change - 2P.M.

Sunday 1stMay: Judith Little - floral art demonstration - 6 pieces with roses predominating - 11.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m.

Please encourage family and friends to register for these – Our guests are coming from interstate and we want to have more than a handful of people registered for each lecture. Dr Uwe is well known as a guest with Graham Ross each week on the Garden Clinic on 2GB.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are very dependent on our Illawarra members
AT FOYER OF THE PAVILION:

<u>Entry Table:</u>		<u>Raffle</u>		<u>Entry Table</u>		<u>Raffle</u>	
<u>Saturday 30 April –</u>				<u>Sunday 1May-</u>			
11.30-1.30	x2 people	11.30-1.30	x 2 people	9.00-11.00	x 2 people	9.00-11.00	x 2 people
9.00-11.00	x 2 people	9.00-11.00	x 2 people	11.00-1.00	x 2 people	11.00-1.00	x 2 people
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1.00-3.00	x 2 people	1.00x 3.00	x 2 people	3.00-4.00	x 2 people	3.00-4.00	x 2 people
3.00-5.00	X 2 people	3.00-5.00	x 2 people				

Membership table throughout the weekend - 1 person to take turns for two hours at a time

Judith Oyston will be managing the roster - Please contact Judith on judithoyston@gmail.com or phone: 0405 216 603

SETTING UP OF HALL FOR THE ROSE SHOW

Friday 29th April – between times of 8.30 a.m.-1.00pm x 12 people

SALE OF ROSES AFTER THE ROSE SHOW AT 4P.M. and dismantling of show Sunday 1st May 4.00-5. 00p.m- help to tie up bunches of roses, and empty vases of water, fold up black cloths.

CLEARING UP OF HALL AFTER THE ROSE SHOW

4.20 – 6.00 P.M. SUNDAY 1st May – UP TO 15 PEOPLE WILL ASSIST GREATLY TO BE FINISHED IN TIME FOR THE BUFFET FAREWELL AT 6.30 P.M.

There will be **a shuttle bus** for those who need a lift between the Motel and the Pavilion. Roger Millburn will be driving this but may need some **relief** time so if anyone would like to volunteer as a relief driver, it will be helpful.... the bus will be provided on request from participants.

Lorraine Vost is coordinating catering in the Pavilion with Culinarius caterers. She may need an assistant.

PLEASE CONTACT KRISTIN USING CONTACT DETAILS ON NEWSLETTER IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP

NEXT MEETING: 26TH MARCH AT 1.30 P.M.

This will focus on our preparation for the National Rose Show –

- How to prepare your roses to exhibit - Kristin Dawson with visuals from Lorrie Zammit
- What Judges look for in roses on the show bench – Colin Hollis
- How to prepare a bowl of roses – Janet Bowden
- All present will receive the booklet: Tips for the Novice Exhibitor.

AFTERNOON TEA – BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE – AND RAFFLE \$5 FOR 3 TICKETS WHICH PAYS FOR VENUE.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ILLAWARRA ROSE SOCIETY HELD AT THE NORTH KIAMA COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT 1.30 PM

WELCOME from Chair Kristin

APOLOGIES were received from Ian and Jan Roxby, Judith Oyston, Colin Hollis, and Barbara Bartczuk Acceptance of apologies: moved Janet Bowden and seconded Shirley Coady

FINANCIAL REPORT WAS MOVED FOR ACCEPTANCE BY Robert Coady and seconded by Phillip Sanders. Donations towards the cost of the National Conference have been received from other branches.

NEUTROG orders should be lodged by 28th March for delivery 22nd April. On arrival they will be sorted by Lorraine Vost, Paul Walsh and perhaps Laurie Irvine, Peter, and Bruce.

Welfare Patroness Jill East is now home after a medical procedure in hospital.

National Rose Show Kristin gave a comprehensive report. Members were encouraged to register, especially for the Friday night cocktail party, the Saturday night dinner and the Sunday night Farewell Buffet. Registration brochure on website. Volunteers will be needed to set up the hall on the Friday, man the entry desk, sell raffle tickets and dismantle on Sunday. Members were also encouraged to enter blooms and advice was given on how to care for them so they will be at their best for the Show.

Judith Oyston is preparing the roster. There will be 3 raffle prizes including \$500 Bunnings Vouchers, \$100 Voucher for Wagners and Treloars, 1 Handmade Quilt, Tapestry, and other items. Macarthur will be looking after the sale of the roses following the show. Each Region will be doing a floral arrangement in a frame. Anyone can enter the Miscellaneous classes, not just Rose Society members. Diane and David Sergeant will be the Consulting Rosarians on the Saturday and Jim Cunningham on Sunday. Shirley Coady will talk to the Compost Heap radio program.

The Show bench was judged by Joanne Fisher with Kristin and Diane Westgate each winning best on bench with their beautiful roses. Meeting concluded at 2.30 followed by afternoon tea.

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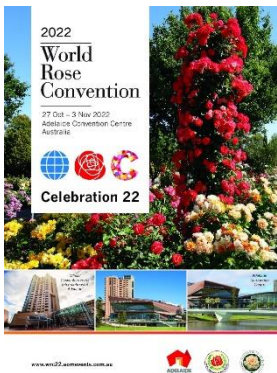
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The World Federation of Rose Societies World Rose Convention will be held from 27 October to 3 November 2022 in the beautiful City of Adelaide, in South Australia.

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