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ILLAWARRA REGIONAL
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27 August– next meeting

Bring celebratory afternoon tea.

If you already have a rose to share-
bring along the first roses of Spring

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

This newsletter:

- In our Garden this month – Fertilising; Pegging Roses
- Greetings from France from Gary & Judi Bickford
- Around the Illawarra Ridges
- Wot's On
- Minutes of meetings

August meeting- fertilising the garden,
conditioning the soil – Colin Hollis &
discussion -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 27 August

Colin Hollis – fertilizing & soil conditioning.
Discussion – Pest control-spring

Photo: *Spring on its way- new foliage
And even a bud*

Dear Illawarra Rose Friends

We have enjoyed some warm sunshine over these past few weeks, as well as the cloudy, cold days of the end of winter and August winds. So, the promise of spring comes with the fresh new foliage, free of disease, and even some buds to greet us with roses again.

So now it is time to watch for the powdery mildew that can come with warm days, cool evenings, and condensation on the leaves. Also, the aphids are finding their way to new shoots, and don't be too alarmed as hopefully the ladybird will also emerge to eat them up.

Our last meeting was most enjoyable with the presentation from Diane Ellis on garden tools, and some hints on looking after them well, and some of us raised the quality of our garden tools by purchasing some more. As always, the afternoon tea-time was a happy social gathering. My thanks to those who volunteered at our AGM to keep our Region functional by staying on our committee and taking on other responsibilities. Robert Coady agreed to act as Treasurer in the interim, but we must be fair to him and find someone else who will take on the care of the Illawarra funds.

We once again have a message from our friends in France, and so lovely that Gary & Judi have taken the time to keep us up to date with the Rose growing conditions there.

As our year is moving towards the end, we have opportunities to gather in gardens and to celebrate spring outside of the hall. The September meeting will be held at Elizabeth Burnett's nursery on Barney at Kiama, and hope that Elizabeth will once again remind us about mulching. This will be needed in our summer. We plan once again to attempt a visit to our member Paul and Jeanna Walsh's Garden at Nowra for our October meeting, and then on 8 November a special excursion to the Merribee Garden – see attached invitation. NEUTROG COLLECTION – 2ND SEPTEMBER TBC – ASSISTANCE NEEDED – So pleased to see Laurie Irvine is back and available again to coordinate the delivery.

Welcome to new member: Susan Alexander

Kristin - Illawarra Chair

THE ROSE GARDEN THIS MONTH

Fertilizing Roses - Treloar Roses [Fertilizing Roses \(treloarroses.com.au\)](http://treloarroses.com.au)

Roses are heavy feeders as they put lots of energy into flower production, making large demands on the soil. If one or more of the necessary elements is deficient in the soil, we begin to see the signs of hunger. If a rose does not have adequate nutrients, it will not have the ability to successfully fight off diseases and pests and will become susceptible to damage. Therefore, it is very important that roses are fed regularly.

[Click here](#) for signs and symptoms of hungry roses.

There are many forms of rose fertilizer:

Natural fertilizers:

A regular, generous application of well-rotted animal manure or compost and blood and bone are perfect for roses. Avoid manure from animals that eat meat and use chicken manure sparingly - as these are too acidic for roses. Blood and bone give an immediate burst of nutrients but should only be used once or twice a year in winter and the manure or compost provides a continuous release as it breaks down. A quick foliar feed every so often of [Charlie Carp](#) or Seasol is a good pick me up for the plant.

Pelletized fertilizer:

Pelletized fertilizers such as [Sudden Impact](#) are applied by sprinkling around the base of the plant. Use a reputable brand and follow the manufactures instructions on the packaging.

Liquid fertilizer:

Use a reputable brand and follow the manufactures instructions on the packaging. Never apply liquid fertilizer to dry soil as this will burn the roots - water the roses first.

When to apply:

Fertilizing should be done three times a year:

1. first flush in spring,
2. start of summer,
3. start of Autumn.

DO NOT feed after the autumn flush, as this encourages fresh growth at the wrong time. New growth leading into winter is not ideal as it may become damaged from the frost. **DO NOT** fertilize in winter or at the time of planting!!

Foliar Feed:

This type of fertilizer is applied by spraying the foliage of the plant. It has the unique advantage of reaching the sap flow in the stems only hours after being applied and will help give the rose lovely, glossy green leaves. This is to be used in conjunction with other fertilizers and is **not** to replace soil fertilization.

Application: weekly or fortnightly.

[Charlie Carp](#) is a great example of this, mix with water and spray the foliage once a week for the best results. This product can also be mixed with other ecofriendly sprays such as [Eco-Oil](#) and [Eco-Fungicide](#), providing protection against pests and diseases

You CAN over feed your roses!

Do not over feed your roses. If roses are over fed, you will notice excessive growth, the plant growing larger than normal and with reduced flowers. Also note that some soils already contain sufficient nutrients for roses and may not need feeding a regularly as recommended, judge this on how the individual plant is growing.

The Treloar Roses website has lots of valuable information to help on rose care- [Fertilizing Roses \(treloarroses.com.au\)](http://FertilizingRoses(treloarroses.com.au))

PEGGING ROSES

There are times when our shrub roses form long straggly canes. I find this in my garden with David Austin roses, and



especially my bush of *Windemere*. It is possible to use the art of pegging to manage them and to encourage lateral shoots and increase the flowering potential of the rose bush. An example of this technique is described by Susanne Osmond in a rose garden at Sissinghurst in Britain. To use this technique on your shrub roses, start by tying the long flexible canes from the outside of the plant, then as you move towards the middle, attach the inner canes to the stems already tied to the benders, creating an ever-mounding web. Any lateral shoots are shortened to a couple of inches to encourage flowering close to the main framework. Instead of shortening the long canes by pruning and thereby creating woody, leggy shrubs surrounded by bare ground with all the flowers on top.

<https://www.susanneosmond.com/blog/rose-pruning-at-sissinghurst> for more information

MORE NEWS FROM OUR ROSE CORRESPONDENT IN FRANCE – GARY BICKFORD

Hi, It's SUMMER!! It's been 33C to 38C every day; lovely weather – the locals say too hot, but of course enjoyable for we Australians.

Talk about a contrast! We are on water restrictions; we have had one day of rain (about 10mm) in the past two months and hot weather every day. The sun is up at around 6:30AM and sets around 9:30PM. I am not trying to make you jealous but marvelling at the contrast. It seems more rain has fallen in the Shoalhaven recently but at least the days are now warming up. A sense of a season changing, I hope.

I assume rose pruning is either underway in earnest or just finishing. Spraying with lime sulphur and applying a good dose of Neutrog. Bring on Spring.

Here, the climbing roses are still nice and green but no flowers of course. The bush roses however are all out in bloom once again. It seems the roses in the public gardens and places receive very little attention. No real signs of pruning and not even dead heading. Unfortunately, due to the hot weather the blooms do not last very long. But still there are some spectacular displays.



This photo, with the roses and in the foreground in the more traditional circular bed and the folk in the background is taken at our local Chateau. Each of the wineries has an open day on Thursday night, with music, food, and lots of drinking. It's all very festive, and their little rose garden is looking quite nice.



The grapes are coming along well. They are now starting to ripen, and harvest won't be too far away. Many of the vines are pruned very heavily in these rectangular shapes as shown here. That's our village in the background, around 300 people live here.



Apart from that, we have been eating and drinking with the locals. We went to a lovely night market at a nearby village, lots of food and a band played music. 500 folks attended it was truly wonderful. We tried the local mussels in garlic and parsley along with some snails cooked with tomatoes. Delicious

Well, I do hope you have a much drier Spring although the forecast doesn't look very hopeful.

We are now halfway through our holiday and enjoying every day. Best wishes to you all. *Gary and Judi*

Thank you for keeping us abreast of life and roses in France.... we look forward to catching up on your return.....

WOT'S ON

2 SEPTEMBER – NEUTROG DELIVERY –will confirm once delivery is audited. – Hardware Man at Unanderra

24 SEPTEMBER – MEETING AT BURNETT'S NURSERY ON BARNEY - 1.15 FOR 1.30 START

22 OCTOBER – MEETING DATE- VISIT TO GARDEN OF PAUL AND JEANNA WALSH AT NOWRA

25 OCTOBER-4 NOVEMBER – WFRS INTERNATIONAL ROSE CONVENTION IN ADELAIDE

8 NOVEMBER – EXCURSION TO MERRIBEE GARDENS – SEE INVITATION ATTACHED (\$19.95)

26 NOVEMBER – END OF YEAR/CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT WARILLA BOWLING CLUB – INVITATION SENT NEXT MONTH. (\$30 FOR MEMBERS \$40 FOR NON-MEMBERS)

SPECIAL NOTICE-



The Illawarra Regional Rose Society celebrates its 50th year in 2024. Think about ways we could celebrate this great milestone. We will form a committee of those who are interested in planning this event...

Elina – Signature Rose of the Illawarra Region

AROUND THE RIDGES – ILLAWARRA REGIONAL

July meeting: Some special moments during the afternoon....



Diane Ellis presenting her tools



Jill's new fruit catcher



Intan's luscious rose pelargonium cake

PEACE PARK

Pruning Day: Our thanks to all who came to prune and to learn how to prune – about 20 people....



Jill instructing newbies- Michelle & Geraldine



Bruce making inroads



A well pruned garden.



Welcome to local Federal Member Fiona Phillips MP who planted Lady of Australia Rose in the Garden..... 9 August

Pictured with Friends of Peace Park

DAPTO RIBBONWOOD PEACE GARDEN



The rose bushes were pruned in June and in August fertilized as the foliage had begun to sprout. Julianne Faulks had a supply of crocus bulbs from her own garden, and we planted the bulbs around the rose bed to soften the edges and hide the timber base. We look forward to February when the crocus will bloom with a great display of white to complement the roses.

Member- Vanessa Berends pruning the rose bushes.

Below: member- Julianne Faulks working hard planting the crocus.



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ILLAWARRA ROSE SOCIETY HELD ON SATURDAY 23RD JULY 2022 AT 1.30 PM.

1. WELCOME to all attendees and special welcome to new member Deidre and Diane who is doing a demonstration on garden tools and maintenance.

2. APOLOGIES: Joanne Fisher, Geraldine Shea, Carol Ann Trist, Bev Emmett, Peter Goodger. Judith Oyston, Lorrie Zammit, Robert, and Shirley Coady.

3. MINUTES OF LAST AGM accepted as correct. Moved Colin Hollis, Seconded Lorraine Vost.

4. PRESIDENTS REPORT. Extensive report of the years activities given by Kristin, who thanked the Committee. Moved by Jenny Swan. Seconded Colin Hollis.

5. TREASURERS REPORT Given by Kristin as Robert Coady absent.

Friends of Peace Park \$232.34. Term Deposit \$8,099.56 General Account \$3,290.13 and Show Account \$6,793.51. Moved as correct Janet Bowden, Seconded Philip Saunders.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022/2023. All positions declared vacant by Returning Officer Colin Hollis. A letter of thanks to be sent to Auditor Vic East for his contribution over many years.

Incoming Officers: **CHAIR:** Kristin Dawson, **VICE CHAIR and EDUCATION OFFICER:** Lorrie Zammit,

INTERIM TREASURER: Robert Coady. Robert will continue until new treasurer is found.

SECRETARY: Jill Millburn **ASSISTANT SECRETARY:** Jenny Swan.

STATE DELEGATES: Kristin Dawson, Jill Millburn, and Marguerite Kennedy.

KITCHEN SUPERVISOR: Lorraine Vost.

LIBARIANS: Philip and Lyndal Saunders.

HISTORIAN:

NEWSLETTER: Kristin Dawson

COMMITTEE: Executive plus Julie Ann Faulks. Colin Hollis declared members elected. Meeting concluded at 1.55 pm

My thanks to all those who volunteered - we welcome others to join us.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Meeting commenced at 2.00 pm. Following on from the AGM.

2 **APOLOGIES:** As per AGM

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Accepted as correct. Moved Lorraine Vost. Seconded Philip Saunders.

4. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Given by Kristin on behalf of Robert Coady. As per AGM with monies from Neutrog coming in overnight. Moved as correct by Hans Van Der Haar, Seconded Janet Bowden.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** As presented by Jill.

6. **MATTERS ARISING:**

a. Request from Peace Park Coordinator Colin Hollis that Illawarra Rose Society purchase 4 Elina Roses for one of the beds that currently has 2 healthy bushes, 4 more will make it exclusively and Elina Bed. It was decided that the Peace Park account be maintained at \$500 and will be topped up by the Treasurer and the roses by paid for from this account. Moved Lorraine Vost and Seconded by Lyndal Saunders.

b. Christmas Party, Lorrie has booked Warilla Bowls for November 26th, 3 Courses \$40 and the club will subsidise \$10 each person as a thank you for helping at our State Championship Show. A Secret Santa to the value of \$10 will held with members each bringing a gift.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. August Meeting. Colin will give us a talk on Neutrog products and fertilising.
- b. September Meeting. To be held at Burnetts on Barney. Elizabeth to be requested to give a small talk on mulching. She has said she will provide sandwiches and cakes and we will provide the tea and coffee.
- c. October Meeting, considering holding it a week early as many people will be away. Hoping to have a visit to Paul Walsh's Garden after previous attempts failed.
- d. Visit to Merribee Gardens has been booked for 8th November at 10.00. Cost is \$29.50 for guided tour of the Rose Gardens and Morning Tea. Lorrie is preparing a flyer and other regions to be invited.
- e. Pre Tour function for international visitors for Adelaide Show will be held at Blackheath with a talk by Dr. Covell from Ukraine on roses. Also, a Rhododendron Garden Visit is planned. Contact person Rosalie Vine.
- f. Jenny advised that the Berry Camelia Show is on next weekend 30th and 31st July. \$5 entry at Berry School of Arts. Meeting concluded at 2.18 followed by a beautiful afternoon tea.

Thank you to Jill for the minutes.



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