

# *"Illawarra Regional Rose Society"*

Edition: September 2025

## *Elina Newsletter*



Photo: "Double Delight Hybrid Tea Rose"



### CHAIR PERSONS REPORT:

Message from Chair: Dear Members

Hello to all, and welcome to my fellow executive committee members; Janet Bowden Secretary (Minutes) and Trevor Phillis Treasurer. Both Janet and Trevor have been members of Illawarra Rose Society for the past 20 years. And bring valuable experience to their roles.

I am honored to serve as Chairperson for the first time, having been a member for 10 years and spent 6 years on the committee. I look forward to working alongside Janet and Trevor to continue fostering the welcoming community our members cherish.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Kristin Dawson for her dedication and hard work over the past 6 years. Her passion for roses and her knowledge has been invaluable to all. I would also like to recognize Jill Millburn, who has worked tirelessly alongside Kristin

during these years, forming a talented and committed team.

Thank you to Robert Coady for serving as assistant Treasurer over the past year after Peter Goodgyer was unable to continue due to illness. Robert has provided support and knowledge to the Rose Society.

Kristin will serve as Vice Chair and mentor, while Jill continues to manage the Show bench and train Lawrence Zammit.

After the AGM the General meeting took place. Colin Hollis gave an informative talk about the Tool session in Southern Sydney.

Rose Historian Judith Oyston gave a presentation on the history of Alister Clark roses. Alister Clark (1864 – 1949) most famous Australian rose breeder. Name many of his roses after women.

During afternoon tea we celebrated Frans Buskermolen's up and coming birthday as usual a great variety of food was served by members. Pat Bleuel is recovering from a broken wrist; Pat and Horst have consistently volunteered to help when needed.

Peace Park update: Colin, Jill and volunteers have been feeding the roses with Sudden Impact. In the next couple of weeks mulching will start with Who Flung Dung.

Most have pruned their roses, with new growth or even early blooms in some gardens. Due to cold, wet coastal weather, ensure your roses do not get waterlogged.

Looking forward to visiting Esther Hernandez's Garden at the end of the month, where she specialises in roses and enjoys citrus and flowering plants.

*Sincerely Lorraine*

**CONTACT DETAILS: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- **CHAIR:** Lorraine Vost: Mobile No. 0411 241 421 Email - illawarrarosechair@gmail.com
- **Secretary (Minutes):** Janet Bowden
- **Treasurer:** Trevor Phillis - illawarrarosestreasurer@gmail.com

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**Important dates:**

- ☐ **September 27** – visit to the garden of Esther Hernandez - Details in Newsletter
- ☐ **October 16 – 19** - Rose information table at the Berry Garden Festival Garden 2 Oke's Camellia Garden  
Volunteers needed. Details in Newsletter
- ☐ **November 1**- Display of Roses & information at Burnett's Nursery on Barney St Kiama. We have a display. Day instead of a rose show.
- ☐ **November 22** - Christmas Luncheon at the garden of Hans & Lyn Van de Haar .More information to come.

**\* Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre**

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**MEMBERS' GARDEN DISPLAY**



\*Members' garden flowers display table for the AGM meeting August 25<sup>th</sup>

2025

Star Magnolia	Camellia Reticulata Japonica	Haemanthus Coccineas
Gerberas	Dr Clifford Parks ( Red)	Paint Brush Lily
Lavender	Ida Cosson (Pink)	
Lorraine	Jenny Swan	Lyn & Hans Van de Haar

## Promotion of Up-and-Coming Events

- **September 27th, 2025, members have been invited to visit the garden of Esther Hernandez 23 Ridgecrest, Cordeaux Heights. Arrival 1. 00 pm - 1.30pm**



Photos Esther Hernandez



### History of establishing the garden

Esther began her rose gardening journey in May 2020 with six roses, though she lost one. In February 2021, she joined the IRS to further expand her knowledge of rose cultivation. By September 2021, she had mapped out her garden and successfully cultivated 30 roses. Like many dedicated rose growers, her collection has continued to flourish, reaching a total of 92 rose bushes. Come along and enjoy Esthers beautiful garden. **Bring a plate to share.**

### “Note from Esther”: Re parking at 23 Ridgecrest Cordeaux Heights

Marked areas with pink rectangles to indicate where people can park, although you’ll see it’s quite limited. There is off-street parking, but not along the private driveway I share with my immediate three neighbours. The neighbour directly across has kindly said we can park up to their gate, which I’ve also marked with a pink rectangle.

If people need to park further down the street, it will mean a bit of a walk (and a climb!) up to my place. It might be best to drop off anyone with mobility issues at the top and then park down the street or consider carpooling if possible.

**Wear comfortable shoes or boots as it gets very muddy at my place especially after rains so gumboots or shoes that is ok to get muddy with is a must!**



## Illawarra Regional Rose Society



- Will host an information table at The Berry Garden Festival Garden 2 of Graeme Oke 116 Broughton Vale Road, Broughton Vale.
- Members will share tips on growing, maintaining, pruning, and fertilizing roses. Fresh rose display, photo display, and informational handouts will be available for visitors.

\*Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 daily from 11.00 am until 3.00pm

Photos Lorraine Vost



Graeme has been a plant collector over the past 45 years and has an interesting 4-acre garden that you can wander through.

If you would be available to help and bring some roses, please contact Lorraine [illawarrarosechair@gmail.com](mailto:illawarrarosechair@gmail.com) Mobile 0411 241 421 to be added to the roster.

Roster times 11.00 am – 1.00 pm – 1.00 pm – 3.00pm

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### Rose Growing Tips for September – (By Lawrence Zammit) –

As we approach the spring and summer months, we need to begin feeding with a balanced rose fertilizer as new growth appears, also applying mulch and watering deeply and regularly. Prune repeat-flowering roses in late winter before spring growth, and prune spring-flowering types after their first flush of blooms, always removing any weak, crossing, or spindly branches.

The application of the following Neutrog products will ensure that we attain a bountiful crop of beautiful roses!

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### Promotes healthy growth:

Seamungus encourages both above-ground and root development, leading to overall plant vitality.

### Enhances drought and heat tolerance:

It helps plants withstand harsh weather conditions, reducing the impact of heat stress and drought.

### Boosts pest and disease resistance:

The conditioner strengthens plants, making them less susceptible to common garden pests and diseases.

### Improves nutrient uptake:

By conditioning the soil, it helps plants access nutrients more effectively.

### Suitable for various plants:

#### Benefits for Soil:

##### Improves soil structure:

The combination of ingredients helps create a better environment for plant roots.

##### Enhances moisture retention:

Seamungus can help the soil hold onto moisture, reducing the need for frequent watering.

##### Supports beneficial microbes:

The organic matter in Seamungus provides food for beneficial soil microorganisms, which play a crucial role in plant health. Further details can be obtained by visiting the Neutrog website at this address [neutrog seamungus - Google Search](#)



## POPUL8

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It helps protect plants from stress and diseases by occupying space that pathogens might otherwise inhabit, leading to revitalized, resilient crops.

### Improves nutrient cycling:

It helps release locked-up nutrients, such as phosphorus, potassium, and calcium.

### Fixes nitrogen:

Specific microbes in the formula can fix nitrogen from the atmosphere, contributing to plant nutrition.



### Boosts soil health:

It populates the soil with beneficial organisms, improving its overall biological activity and nutrient availability.

### Provides pathogen protection:

By occupying biological niches on plant roots and in the soil, POPUL8 helps suppress and prevent disease-causing organisms from establishing.

### Increases resilience:

It helps plants better withstand stress from heat, drought, and other environmental factors.

Further details can be obtained by visiting the Neutrog website at this address

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### **Feature Rose - Double Delight Hybrid Tea:**



Rosa 'Double Delight', is a multiple award-winning, red blend hybrid tea rose cultivar bred in the United States by Swim & Ellis and introduced in 1977. Its parents were two hybrid tea cultivars, the red and yellow 'Granada' and the ivory 'Garden Party'. Wikipedia

**Scientific name:** Rosa 'Double Delight'

**Awards:** All-America Rose Selections

**Breeder:** Swim & Ellis

**Cultivar:** ANDeli

**Hybrid parentage:** Rosa 'Granada' × Rosa 'Garden Party'

**Origin:** United States, 1976

[://www.google.com/search?q=double+delight+rose](https://www.google.com/search?q=double+delight+rose)

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### **MINUTES OF THE 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST, 2025 MEETING OF THE ILLAWARRA ROSE SOCIETY.**

**OPENED:** at 2.10 by the incoming Chair, Lorraine Vost who welcomed everyone to the meeting which was being held in the Werri Beach Progress Hall due to the double booking of the Kiama Neighbourhood Centre. Lorraine welcomed Janet Bowden as Minute Secretary and Trevor Phillis as Treasurer. 19 Members attended the meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** Deidre Mcloughlin, Intan Kallus, Pat & Horst Bleuel, Joanne Fisher, Esther Hernandez, Debra Keller.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.** Moved by Jill and Seconded by Kristin Dawson.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** General, \$9,694.65, Peace Park \$837.29, Education \$4,538.89, Term Deposit \$10,000. Total Balance \$25,070.83

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

- September Meeting to be held at Esthers Home in Cordeaux Heights. Relevant information in the next edition of Elina  
Colin Hollis spoke about the upcoming River Cruise along the shores of the Lane Cove River viewing the spectacular Jacaranda's  
**Date: Friday, 7th November 2025 - Check-In:12.30pm for a 1.00pm start / back onshore at around 2.30pm**  
**Meeting Point:** At the two anchors outside the main entrance of the Australian National Maritime Museum.  
**Price:** Harman vessel: \$40 per person (max. 24 passengers) - It is a BYO cruise for food and drinks. – Contact: Stefica Bikesh Secretary, The Rose Society of NSW E: [nswrosesec@gmail.com](mailto:nswrosesec@gmail.com)
- Southern Sydney branch held a workshop on “Caring For Your Tools”. Tony from “Cut above Tools” presented the workshop, Colin advised that it was a great success and could be a possible speaker for Illawarra Meeting.
- **ACTION REQUIRED:** October meeting is the Berry Garden Festival – Rose Society will have a table at Oke's Camellia Garden at Broughton Vale for the 4 days of the festival, Thurs, Fri, Sat, & Sun. 11 am – 3 pm : Contact Lorraine [illawarrarosechair@gmail.com](mailto:illawarrarosechair@gmail.com) or Mobile 0411 241 421 if you are interested in doing a shift.
- November 1 - Rose Display at Burnetts on Barney Nursery, Kiama.
- November 22nd - Illawarra Rose Society Christmas Party. Venue – Hans & Lyn Van De Haar's garden. More information at the September meeting.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Passing of Joanne Fisher's husband Reg. Sincerest condolences to Joanne and family.
- Judith Oyston presented to the meeting a power point on “Alister Clark” This was extremely interesting and created discussion as to what will happen with the “Alister Clark” trophy which is in the hands of the Illawarra Society.
- The meeting was followed by afternoon tea and general chat

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