

Macarthur Rose

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Annual Subscriptions Due Now

Our annual subscription to the Rose Society is due for payment before 30 June 2022. Payment can be made in several ways:

🌹 In cash at one of our meetings.

Payments should be made to Maureen Thackeray our Subscription Secretary who will take your filled in membership form and issue you with a receipt.

🌹 Post your cheque directly to the NSW Subscription Secretary along with your completed subscription form (information about where to post is on the subscription form).

🌹 Direct bank transfer and then post or email your subscription form to the NSW State Secretary. The details for the bank transfer are on the NSW Rose Society website and on the subscription form.

🌹 I have attached a copy of the subscription form along with the newsletter in this email.

🌹 The address for the website is here:
<http://nsw.rose.org.au/become-a-member.html>

Below: Kelvin McLean with his raffle prize of Neutrog WhoFlung Dung. Some of the many informal benefits of membership are

enjoying discussions and learning more about roses and rose growing and enjoying the raffle prizes that various supporters provide including Bunnings and Neutrog.



Subscriptions are now due and payment can be made in various ways.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 11 June 2022 at 2:00pm prior to our usual monthly meeting. Last year, many of our essential positions were not filled and it was left to those who had volunteered and accepted other positions to fill these gaps. Please consider nominating for a position. Many of the roles are very small but when they need to be undertaken with other roles it puts quite a burden on those who have volunteered for multiple roles.

Our Neutrog shop is up and working and now is the time to be considering what fertilisers, mulches and conditioners you may need in the spring and over the summer. Recently Neutrog updated their shopping website and you would have received an email reminding you to login and change your password. You need to do this before you can shop again.

We have had good representation at the autumn rose shows despite the persisting wet and dismal weather, which has made it difficult for us to grow good roses. However we have had good representation at the Royal Easter Show and the National Rose Show in Kiama. Maureen and Ian Thackeray have been outstanding competitors and have once again come home as Championship winners from both shows. Pages 5-8 shows some of the displays at both events.

Our new roses will be arriving from the growers in Victoria and South Australia over the next two months. Always a time of great excitement and anticipation. It is important to ensure that your soil is in good condition to plant the new bare root roses to give them the best start. Page 3 has some information on preparing the soil and planting roses.

If you missed the opportunity to purchase bare root roses earlier in the year, you may decide to buy potted roses. On page 4 there is some information to help you understand how roses are classified and how to choose the right rose for you.

Preparations for our Bunnings Narellan BBQ fundraiser on 12 June are well underway. Many thanks to those who have volunteered for the BBQ day and are helping with preparations. I will be in touch with you all early next week to confirm your commitment. Your willingness to volunteer is warmly appreciated.

Our show bench each month is once again looking wonderful as we all make an effort to present our roses for the rose table. Your contributions are making a difference to what and how much we learn and demonstrate that we are a 'Rose Society' each month.



Yours in Roses *Judith*

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 12 June 2022 prior to our usual monthly meeting. Rosalie Vine has agreed to be our returning officer. All positions are automatically spilled at the AGM. Please consider nominating for one of the roles. You will receive the list of roles that need to be filled with the minutes from our May meeting.

The three representatives to the NSW Rose Society State Council are particularly important roles. These roles represent Macarthur Regional at the State level. No experience is necessary – just the ability to attend the meetings and put forward the Macarthur viewpoint. As always with rose meetings, there is an opportunity to meet very experienced rosarians and talk roses. The meetings for the State Council are held every quarter on a Sunday



morning starting at 11:00am. Usually they are held at the Sustainability Centre on the corner of Mount Annan Drive and Narellan Road.

Other roles that need filling include the Social Committee to assist with planning for guest speakers and events that we hold for members during the year including our Christmas event. This committee has been severely constrained during the Covid pandemic and associated restrictions. New volunteers to revitalise this important role will greatly assist the vitality of our Rose Society.

Your support in making our Rose Society vibrant and interesting for us all is appreciated.

Neutrog

The Neutrog shop is open and you can purchase anytime between now and 10 days before the due delivery date in September. You can make multiple purchases at different times to help you plan what you need for your garden. All the purchases will arrive in September.

Recently you would have received an email from Neutrog asking you to login and change your password. Go to the Neutrog shop, put in your email and then change your password. You will not be able to login unless you do this first. The shop is set up to assist you to make this change. If you have any problems logging in again, please call Neutrog on (08)8538 3500 for assistance.

The updates to the online shop have made the site much easier to use and see what products are available. The payments area is also much easier to navigate and should help to reduce the need to ring and make payments over the phone. We expect the next delivery in September 2022. Happy Shopping!

There are some Neutrog products still in stock for purchase now including:

Bush Tucker
Kahoona
Strike back for Orchids
SEamungus 1L
Seamungus 5L



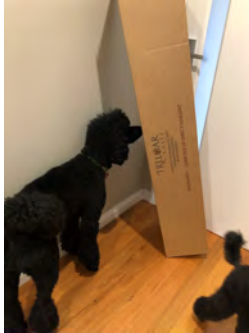
Contact:

Janet and Graham Wright on 9606 5888 or speak to them at our meetings to purchase.



Planting Bare Root Roses

Your new bare root roses will arrive in a box, tied with twine and wrapped in plastic and wet mulch or newsprint. They usually only have two to three stems that have been cut down to two nodes. Roses travel very well in this condition at this time of the year. It is important to unpack the roses immediately and place in a weak Seamungus solution. By the time they arrive they have usually been out of the ground for up to two weeks by the time they arrive at your place.



Take them to an outside area to unpack. Don't be tempted to unpack in the laundry or patio areas as the mulch **always** spills as you unwrap. Check each rose label against your original order, check for damage and carefully place them in the bucket of water. They need to be soaked from a minimum of four hours and up to 24 hours if possible before planting. This rehydrates the roses giving the best chance to establish well in your garden.

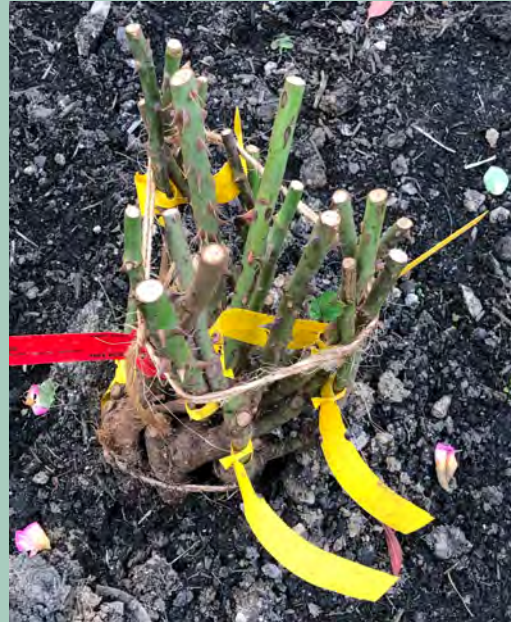
It is useful to start digging the holes for your roses once you get notification that your package of bare root roses is on the way. Dig a hole at least 30 cms deep and 30cms wide. Mound some soil up in a pile in the middle of the hole, water the hole regularly until the roses arrive so that the soil surrounding it is damp for when you plant.

Take the bare root rose, carefully trim off any damaged roots from the rose bush. Try to avoid trimming the hair roots. Place the roots over the mound. Spread the roots out around the mound. Rather than bending longer roots it is better to trim and place them without tangling. Now fill the hole with the soil and gently press the soil around the rose. Water in well. It is important to ensure that your new rose is watered well over the coming weeks as this will ensure healthy growth. Do not feed the new rose anything except a weak seaweed solution such as Seamungus. Rose food at this time will burn the new roots. Wait for Spring, the new buds, stems and blooms to appear before feeding.



Healing in bare root roses

If you have been caught unawares or if life has just gotten ahead of you and the preparation for your roses has lagged their delivery, you can 'heal' the bare root roses into the ground. To do this, keep the twine around the



roses, soak them for 24 hours in a weak solution of liquid Seamungus, dig a large hole at least 30cm deep and place all of the rose in the hole, water in and fill the dirt around the bare root roses. Keep them well watered.

The roses will keep well for

up to four weeks using this method. After this, the roots start to grow rapidly and become very difficult to untangle and the buds and stems become entwined. This causes damage as you try to untangle them all making it difficult for the rose to settle into its new place as it becomes prone to disease and insect attacks where it has been damaged.

Pruning Roses

July and August are the best months to prune your roses in the Macarthur region. This is because we can still get quite heavy frosts in August and the frost will burn any new growth that may have appeared.

We will be holding two pruning sessions for those people who want to learn to prune, try out their pruning skills under expert guidance and generally get to know the best ways to prune all types of roses.

One session will be held on 9 July 2022 at Mrs Irene Vitocco's place at Bringelly. Afternoon tea will be available. The second session will be held on a week day at the Camden RSL Club giving all members an opportunity to attend. Further details will be provided as they come to hand.



Rose Classifications

The American Rose Society is the official registrar of new roses for the entire world and it is known as the 'International Registration Authority for Roses'. They decide how new cultivars are categorised. Broadly, there are three major groups: old garden, species, and modern.

There are also additional groupings and sub classifications. They are either species (or wild), old garden roses (or antique) or modern roses. Species or old garden roses existed before 1867 when the first hybrid tea was introduced. Then there are further sub-classifications, like bourbon, China, damask, hybrid wichurana, ramblers, and large-flowered climbers.

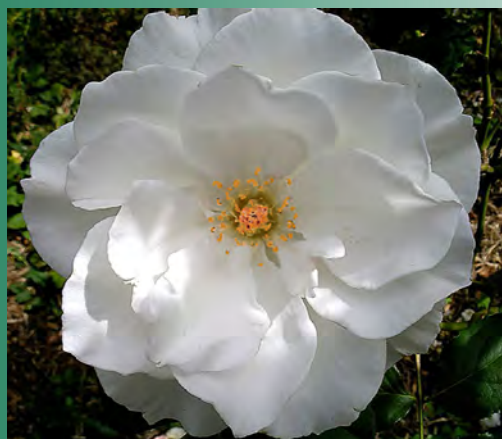
Modern roses include floribunda, grandiflora, hybrid musk, hybrid rugosa, hybrid tea, hybrid wichurana, miniature, miniflora, polyantha, and shrub roses. Species or wild roses are classified all by themselves.

There isn't any technical process for determining whether a rose is classified as a hybrid tea rather than a polyantha. For example, when a breeder creates a new hybrid, they decide how to classify it when they register it with the American Rose Society.



That means a breeder might decide to classify a hybrid that they bred from a hybrid tea and a polyantha as a polyantha. They can do this even if the plant appears to have more characteristics of a hybrid tea. But you don't even have to choose one of the parent plants when you're classifying a new plant.

Some breeders choose to classify their hybrids as whatever type is the most popular at the time to help its chances commercially, or because they aren't exactly sure of the parentage.



At Left: the semi double floribunda rose 'Margaret Merrill'. A semi double rose allows you to see the centre of the rose but has more petals than a single bloom rose such as 'For Your Eyes Only'-(above), which is a modern shrub rose.

Other breeders ignore parentage and choose to classify a plant according to its appearance, so it might technically be a grandiflora-tea hybrid, but it looks more like a floribunda, so that's how it is classified by the breeder.

There is an official classification committee at the American Rose Society, and they are working on organising better. But for now, this is how things stand.

It can be useful to know the classifications because they give you a general idea of how the rose will look and behave in the garden. However the most important thing is to read up and make inquiries about the specific cultivar you are interested in. Your Rose Society membership gives you access to this knowledge and experience.

You might think you are looking for a floribunda because you want a plant that has abundant blossoms, but you might end up picking a polyantha that is a more abundant bloomer than the typical floribunda. Or you might buy a 'shrub' as a nice little accent to your house or garden and then find it grows up to five metres tall.

When choosing your roses, it is best to talk to other rose growers in your area. Use the NSW Rose Society and rose growers websites and choose roses that are disease resistant, require less pruning, are known to be generally healthy and hardy, or aren't bothered as much by pests as other varieties. This will make them easier to keep healthy and hardy.

For example, over the last few months with the persistent rain and damp conditions, our roses have had many opportunities to develop black spot. Most of us will have denuded bushes where the leaves have been decimated. However, one new rose has stood out in my garden. The grandiflora rose 'Beautiful Girl', (at right) has managed to resist any signs of black spot despite being surrounded by other roses suffering bad infestations and being in damp conditions for many weeks.



Don't feel overwhelmed. Keep in mind that the best one for you and your garden is going to be one that was developed to grow in your conditions, and has the characteristics that you're looking for your garden.



Sydney Royal Easter Show



Congratulations to Maureen and Ian Thackeray for the five Championships they achieved at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in April 2022. In among the championships they also achieved eight firsts, nine seconds and two thirds for their roses in various classes.

Given the terrible weather we have had over the last few months, this is fantastic effort from Maureen and Ian who are worthy champions and big users of Neutrog products in their garden. Here are some of their winning entries.

Top Left: Bruce Chapman

Centre Left: Beautiful Girl - Champion Bunch of Modern Decorative Roses (three cuts or stems, same cultivar).

Bottom Left: Bonica - vase of shrub roses 1-6 cuts.

Top Right: Mandarin Ice - one bunch of floribunda, 1-6 cuts same cultivar, minimum of ten blooms.

Bottom Right: Tineke - bud to full bloom

Photos: Ian Thackeray



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Kiama National Championship



The Macarthur display at the Kiama Championships courtesy of Janet Wright



Above: Floral Design Champion - Judith Oyston, a long standing member of Macarthur Region.



One of the roses on display 'Summer of Love'

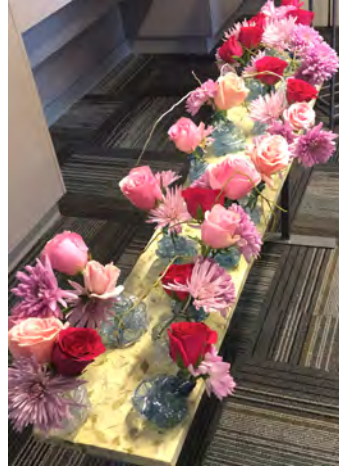


Bowl of Hybrid Tea Roses - Fairytale Queen, Marilyn Monroe, Elna, Diana Princess of Wales Meryl and Ted Morphett

Kiama Championships



Vase of floribunda roses - Ted and Meryl Morphet



Floral Art - Judith Little



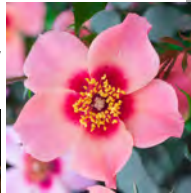
At Left: Display at entrance to the Kiama Championship reflecting the 'Roses by the Sea' theme of the Championship. This display was done by the floral artists in the Rose Society. Maureen Thackeray was one of the key workers to design and build this display.



Above: The National Championship winning roses. Gavin Woods was successful after travelling from South Australia with his winning roses.



The winning miniature rose championship display. Maureen and Ian Thackeray won this.



At left: The Alister Clark Cup winning entry. This was won by Judith Oyston a very long standing member of the Macarthur region.

Kiama Championships



Above: The rose display around the boat at the entrance. Maureen Thackeray spent many months contributing to the design and building of this striking display at the entrance to The Pavilion.



Floral Art display continuing the Roses by the Sea theme



Best Bowl won by Ted and Meryl Morphett (Sue Kingsford Award). Roses are: Baby Boomer, Ruby and Child's Play,



Floral Art that Judith Little presented as part of her lecture at the Kiama Championship. Judith Little is a highly esteemed and acknowledged national and international floral artist.

Birthdays

May Birthdays

7th Kerríe McLean
14th Penelope Wardle
24th Ross Quínn
26th Lía Cataldo



June Birthdays

7th Robyn Wríght
Debbie Caírnduff
12th Lorraine Hawke
20th Judíth Ouston
27th June Híckey



April Birthdays

5th Ian Thackeray
7th Graham Wríght
17th Judíth Carll



Other Events

Our major fundraising event to support our contribution to the International Rose Convention and Rose Show is being held on Sunday 12 October at Bunnings Narellan, Porrende Road Narellan.



Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to assist with this major fundraising event. Your willingness to support this fundraising event is greatly appreciated.

We are required to have a minimum of four people operating the BBQ at all times. As you see from the roster below, we are still in need of volunteers. Please contact me directly if you can help out. Several people have kindly volunteered for numerous times. Please help spread the load among us all. Any help is appreciated even if only for one hour.

Setup at 7.30am

Ian Thackeray
Maureen Thackeray
Janet Wright
Graham Wright
Rosalie Vine
Judith Carll

8.00am – 10.30am

Sherlye Albeck - Serving
Margaret Hudson - Serving
Kathy Mena - Cooking
Judith Carll – Whatever needed

10.30am – 1.30pm

Sharon Picken – whatever needed
Rosalie Vine
Kathy Mena - Cooking
Maureen Kennedy - Serving
Judith Carll - whatever needed

1.30pm – 4.00pm

Sheryle Shaw - supplies
Janet Wright
Graham Wright
Kelvin McLean
Judith Carll
Mark McKenzie (after 3:00pm)

Pack up – all available Hands 4:00pm

Judith Carll, Sheryl Shaw, Mark McKenzie, Kelvin Mclean and Bill Reilly (Treasurer)

FOR OUR DIARIES



Macarthur District Regional Rose Society Meeting Dates for 2022 (subject to Covid-19 restrictions)

11th June - Macarthur Regional AGM, June meeting

9th July - Macarthur Regional monthly meeting incorporating a rose pruning demonstration at Bringelly.

13th August - Macarthur Regional monthly meeting

10th September - Macarthur Regional monthly meeting

10th -30th October

International Convention Pre and Post Tours of NSW and the International Rose Convention and Rose Show in Adelaide.

12th November - Macarthur Regional monthly meeting

10th December Christmas Party

Contributions

Your contributions to this Newsletter are always welcome. If you have items of interest, including photos, that you may want to share or distribute please send them to:

Judith Carll, Chairperson at Email: macarthurrosesociety@gmail.com or Tel: 0410 444 562.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held at 2:00pm on 11 June 2022 at Elderslie Primary School, 170 Lodges Road, Elderslie.

COVID SAFE Our Rose Society operates in a COVID safe way. Hand sanitiser is available. There is sufficient space for us to be able to meet and keep the designated safe distance of two metres from each other. All Welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

