

Macarthur Rose

News

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Neutrog Orders

Thank you to everyone who arrived on time and in the rain and cold to collect their recent Neutrog orders.

The Neutrog shop is now open for Spring orders, which will be delivered in August or September providing we have a location for the delivery.

I am pursuing some leads but have had no success. Could you all think very creatively about identifying a place where we can have our orders delivered. We probably need access to a fork lift otherwise we will need to gather our volunteers to unload the truck sack by sack. Please contact me directly if you have any ideas about an alternative delivery location.

Annual General Meeting

As mentioned at our May meeting we are due to hold our AGM before the middle of August. Initially it was to be held in June, but it has been deferred to our August meeting time.

All positions will be spilled at the AGM. We desperately need nominations for all positions. It is impossible for the Rose Society to be functional with the few overworked people that currently undertake the work.

We have three big events coming up over the next 18 months. Our spring show, our 40th anniversary - lets not make it our last one - and the National Championships. Lets put our best foot forward. Be in to win.

Dear Rose Friends

Here we are with winter on our doorstep, although it has been unusually mild over the last few weeks. Our roses are still growing, albeit very slowly at this time of the year. Hold off your pruning for now even if it is oh so tempting to cut those long, messy canes.

Our best pruning time doesn't start until mid July and we will hold a pruning event then. See Page 3 for more information.

At our meeting this coming Saturday we will be showing a video on how to prune our roses.

This meeting is also the month that we find out who has done well on the show bench over the last season.

Now is the ideal time of the year to get rid of those roses that have not been performing well and to repair and replenish our soil. Bare root roses start arriving very soon. If you are like me, you would have forgotten what you ordered way back in November last year and it can be a lovely surprise when you open the box or alternatively you can think "what was I thinking when I ordered that rose".

Don't despair, another rosarian in the Rose Society may want to take it off your hands. If this has happened to you, bring it along to our buy, swap and sell table.

Gary Wootton has some exciting news about the seeds that he propagated at one or recent meetings. See Page 2 for this news.

We need a few people to contribute a small plate at each meeting to help with our afternoon tea fundraising. Over the last year this task has fallen to few people who voluntarily bring plates for us. Could you bring something small along to assist.

After being elected as Chairperson each year since 2019, it has become very obvious that our Rose Society needs to regenerate.

If we do not regenerate, reactivate and set the path for the future we will fall into an abyss.

Many of our members have contributed enormously to the Macarthur Rose Society over many years. All of their support, advice, time, energy and efforts have made and continue to make such a difference to the success of our rose community. All have served with generosity and great expertise. However they cannot continue to contribute at this level for much longer.

If we are interested in having a Rose Society, we must all contribute in some small way. Community groups such as ours are about participating, meeting new people, contributing and testing ideas, having discussions and helping each other to make the Rose Society a place we want to be.

We must regenerate, we must all help even if it is just bringing a friend along to join and participate too. Please consider how you can participate.

I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 7th June.

Judith



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The 100 leaved or centifolia rose is named for the petals on the flower. It produces full quartered flowers and has been used to create countless varieties and hybrids.

Rose Propagation

Unfortunately, the time for propagating your roses by cutting has finished for this season.

Note: You can still propagate roses in winter using hardwood cuttings taken from mature stems that have entered dormancy. However, this is the most challenging time to achieve success. Your prepared cuttings will continue to grow over winter, so maintain your visual checks and maintain where necessary.

Keep checking the rose hips that are still growing. If they are still growing, leave them to mature on the parent plant, until mid to late July. Continue the moisture checks and application on the seeds in stratification and plant them up as required.

Update on our seeds

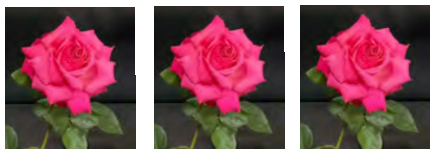
The procedure of growing roses from seed that we have been following over the last months - is starting to show results.

The rose used to demonstrate the initial talk, rose marking, grow an open pollinated Hip/Hep, which in turn grew some seeds.

The seeds were collected and placed into stratification and then placed into pots.

The seeds have now successfully germinated. It is great to see the whole procedure working from rose bush, to flower, to hip, to seed, to germination.

I will bring in the newly germinated seed to our next meeting, for the group to examine. *Gary*



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June Cultural Notes

Gary Wootton

Undoubtedly, we have entered the early stages of winter, depicted by shorter and colder days. This is the season for hearty soups and warmer clothing, and it is essential to begin preparations for the dormant phase of our roses. This period of rest must be respected, as these plants have provided us with considerable pleasure throughout the recent growing season.

Winter is the time to think about moving established roses to new locations if they are in the wrong place or too close together.

Prune well before moving and water in well with Seamungus Liquid. If your bare rooted roses have been delivered, then now is the time to plant them. Follow the instructions on the packaging, to achieve the best results.

Check and reconstitute ties on climbers, winter is the best time to reconfigure your climbing roses, with the absence of flowers, prickles and leaves. Replace any worn or broken ties and tie any new stems as required (remember, never tie any stem directly to any support or to another stem. Always use a figure eight method to restrain each stem). Ensure all ties are secure, but not too tight around stems. Don't forget any standard roses and ensure stakes supporting standard roses are still stable and the ties are still secure. Replacing any ties and stakes where

Watering over winter is still necessary. Your watering regime may change slightly but it is still an important gardening task especially for newly planted bare root roses. Ensure you are watering newly planted roses

During winter, your watering time is more important, try to water in the early morning, if your roses are watered later in the afternoon any residual water may freeze overnight (depending on where you reside).

Winter is also a great time to carry out some maintenance on your potted roses. Maintenance now will

retain the beauty and versatility of your potted roses and ensure their continual growth and health. Carry out some pot hygiene, by removing any weeds, or fallen leaves from the pot. Deadhead

and trim any wayward branches, especially those growing in the wrong direction. While major pruning can wait until later in Winter/early Spring. Check and replenish the mulch.

Good gardening

Gary



Black spot, powdery mildew and rust are all caused by different fungal pathogens. A rose variety resistant to one of these may not be resistant to the others. Black spot is more widespread and more damaging to roses than the other two.

Pruning your roses

We are fast approaching the time for pruning our roses. In the Macarthur area we should not begin pruning our roses until mid July. This will ensure that your roses have reached the maximum dormancy after the shortest day and the onset of the coldest winter temperatures for our area. This is the best best time to start pruning.

In addition, if we prune too early our roses will start to leaf up in August as the days start to get longer and warmer. However we can get frosts in late August or even early September. The frosts are likely to burn off that soft new growth. So hold the pruning for now. But make sure you prune before mid August so you have lots of roses for our show on 18 October.

Our pruning event this year will be at the Rose Garden at the RSL in Camden. It will held on a Thursday towards the end of July. The exact date will be confirmed at our Saturday meeting. All are welcome to attend and it is good opportunity to get to know other rosarians, learn some good rose pruning skills from more experienced rosarians and have refreshments at the RSL afterwards. You are all welcome. We would love to see you there.



Fire and Ice is a tough and hardy little floribunda. It does well on the show bench and in a vase. It is very disease resistant and does very well in a pot, but just as well in the garden.



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June Rose Notes

How to take rose photos that are not too dark or too bright

Taking the best rose photos

Following on from our photography presentation earlier this year, here are some simple things that you can do to improve your rose photographs.

Often we notice that a special rose in our garden is 'picture perfect'. We pull out our phone and happily snap away. But often these photos are too dark or too bright. Sometimes the roses are growing in a space where it is shady when it is apparently the right time to take a photograph. This makes it difficult because everyone knows that you must take the photo in the sun.



There are a couple of things you can do to make a better photo. The first thing is to take pictures when it is cloudy outside, either early in the morning or late in the afternoon. But in Australia the sun shines a lot and the chances of getting that perfect rose photo on a cloudy day are slim.

Just like when you go outside and can't see well in the bright light, your phone camera works the same way. Too much direct light will trick the camera into catching that light instead of the colours on the roses. To help compensate for that pure bright light we are so lucky to experience, you can use a screen filter e.g a light coloured umbrella, to make the light not so direct and bright, but still be bright enough to take good clear photographs.

As for the shade, here is what to do for those roses that are in the shade

Use a few pieces of white foam board or white paper stuck to cardboard. Even a little light is bounced off the white and back on to the roses in the shade. This helps to add some light to the area and the pictures don't look so dark. The last thing to do is use

some photo editing software to lighten or darken the photos on your phone or computer. All the big brand mobile phones have cameras and their editing software is quite sophisticated.

Taking the right picture first helps, but sometimes our schedules won't let us take pictures of the perfect rose at the right time of the day.

Remember if you are going to enlarge your photo, take the photo on the standard setting rather than the 2x, 3x, 5x, 7x options that are available. This will give you a lot more options when you come to enlarge the photo during the editing process.

As the editor of this newsletter and the biannual NSW Rose Journal, I am always on the look out for good quality rose photos.

Share your photo with me and see your photo in print. your photography skills will be acknowledged. The photos just needs to be well structured and capable of being enlarged. Just take your photo and send it to this email address:

Editor.NSW.Rose@proton.me



Grafted roses at their spectacular best



Miniature roses often do best as own root roses.



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Own Root Roses and Grafted Roses

Own Root versus Grafted Roses

Every year commercial rose growers dig up and post millions of grafted roses out to enthusiastic rose growers cross the country.

Traditionally, roses are produced through a method known as 'budding' where the bud of a variety is grafted onto a rootstock. Propagating roses by budding is a complex, multi-step process requiring a high degree of knowledge and expertise from the rose grower and expert skills of a 'budder'. The job of deftly slicing away the bud from a stem then carefully cutting and sliding it under the bark of a rootstock, is carried out by a rose budder.

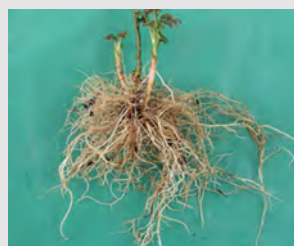
The number of buds that, once budded, grow to become saleable plants depends on many factors, including the rose grower and the quality of budwood, climatic conditions, health of the under stock, post budding care and plant maintenance. Above all, it requires the rose budder to develop a high level of skills to bud up a good strong rose that will survive the stressors and challenges we impose on them.

There are arguments for both grafted roses and own root roses. A grafted/budded rose can produce a larger plant in the first year. This makes every gardener happy. There are also some roses that do not have a great amount of vigour and do better on vigorous rootstock, which makes them seem great candidates for grafting.

For example, the ever popular Gold Bunny rose is an excellent example of how some roses can benefit from being grafted. Gold Bunny can be delicate to grow in the Sydney region but it grows vigorously as a grafted rose in our climate providing we manage its tendency to black spot.



What does growing own root roses mean? Own root roses are grown on their own roots rather than grafting the roses of another variety. So why grow own root? First of all, it's a very easy propagation method for the home rose gardener. Gary Wootton has been guiding us through the process of using seeds to grow roses but he has also been reminding us recently that it is the right time take cuttings to grow your own root roses.



Own root roses are known to grow at the same rate, catch up and sometimes surpass the grafted bush in the second or third year.

Grafted plants must have their bud union protected. In the early stages of grafting it is very easy to knock the budded rose and caring for them in a consistent temperature can be difficult for the home gardener. In the milder climates that most of Australia experiences, the bud union must remain above the level of the soil so that it is not impacted with root rot and other diseases.

Roses grown on their own roots do not have suckers or possible transplant rejection and they often live longer. An added bonus is that they often grow to form well shaped bushes with more bloom starts per season. But be aware that they can often have rampant root systems that can inhibit nearby roses.

Many of the commercial rose growers are experimenting with own root roses as sourcing the skilled workers can be difficult. This was particularly so during the Covid years when the skilled budding teams were unable to travel to Australia, leading to the years long shortage of rose varieties.

Growing roses from cuttings is something that many of us have achieved at home. It is a great way to propagate that favourite rose to give to a friend or relative or just to replace or add to your own rose collection.

Positions that are available and need assistance from the membership to keep our Rose Society active and vibrant into the future.

Chairperson

Lead and facilitate to ensure effective discussions, decision making and adherence to the agenda. Ensure the group is effective, lead and give strategic guidance. (*general dogsbody*)

Vice Chairperson

Provide support and assistance to the Chairperson and serves as a backup. (*Lets some of us have a holiday*)

Secretary

Responsible for maintaining all official records, recording meeting minutes, and that documents are distributed before meetings. The first point of contact for inquiries and help coordinate events. The secretary's role is crucial for the group's governance, information management, and overall efficiency (*does most of the essential work*).

Assistant Secretary

Provides administrative and logistical support to the main secretary. They help ensure the smooth operation of the group by supporting the secretary in their responsibilities (*helps out*)

Subscription Secretary

Manages the group's membership, handles subscriptions and ensures the smooth running of the group's administrative processes related to membership(*knows all the details*).

Rose Society Benefits



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Our Rose Society

Roles, tasks and responsibilities that our Rose Society must do to function effectively. Please consider how you can help. All volunteers welcome!

Treasurer

Manage the group's finances, and maintain financial records, organise bank accounts, and preparing financial statements. They also advise on financial matters and contribute to budgeting and fundraising. (*counts and tracks the money*)

Assistant Treasurer

Support finance management including accurate record maintenance, monitoring cash flow, preparing reports, and assisting with budgeting. They also help with ensuring compliance with relevant regulations (*counting and accountability*).

Auditor

Provides an independent, professional opinion on the group's financial statements, ensuring regulatory and accounting standards. This involves reviewing financial records, assessing internal controls, and reporting on whether the financial statements present a true and fair view of the organisation's financial position. (*preferably an independent person*)

Publicity Officer

Profiles and promote the club within the local community, increasing awareness and strengthening public interest to attract prospective members. (*social media expertise*)

Librarian

Manage the library's collection, ensuring it reflects the Rose Society interests and act as a facilitator of information. (*great reading time*)

Care Convenor

Promotes a positive and supportive environment for the members and has a crucial role in building relationships. (*looks after us all*)

Hospitality (Afternoon Tea)

Plan and manage the afternoon tea including receiving any refreshment donations. (*Many hands make light work and a delicious afternoon tea.*)

Raffle Organiser

Organise prizes, promote the raffle, organise raffle tickets, and collect money. (*a meeting highlight*)

State Council Delegate (2)

Be the proxy members for the Macarthur Rose Society at the State Council of the Rose Society of NSW (*quarterly meetings*).

Alternate Delegates (2)

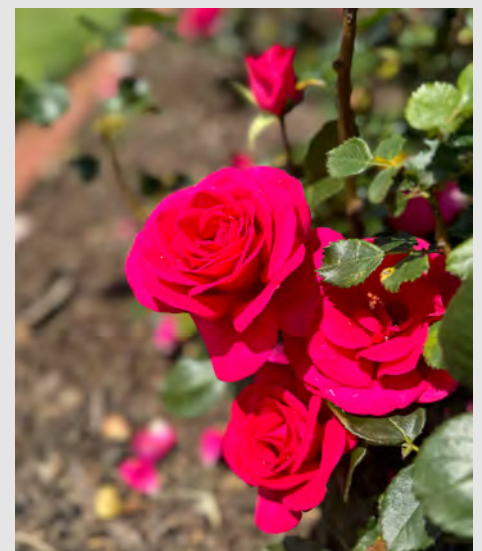
In the absence of a State Council delegate, the alternate may take on the role of the elected delegate (*helps share the load*).

Show Secretary

Assists with the organization and running of the show, provides exhibitor information ensuring proper staging of roses, managing the overall flow of the show and provide exhibitor cards to identify each rose being judged. They also work with the chief steward to ensure correct staging of the exhibits. *Must love roses!*

Show Bench Steward

Ensure the correct and proper display of exhibits, as well as assist exhibitors and judges. This includes verifying that exhibits are placed in the correct classes, adhere to the show schedule and assist exhibitors with any concerns or questions(*a great job*).



Our Meetings

7th June 2025

Pruning Video

5th July 2025

Robyn Bible - Geraniums

2nd August 2025

Daniel Webb - Orchids

6th September 2025

4th October 2025

Spring Show Readiness

25 October Spring Show 2025

1st November 2025

6th December 2025

Christmas Party



We meet at the CWA Camden Hall on the first Saturday of each month (other than January) at 2:00pm. You can access the venue via the Coles carpark. Coles Camden is at 19 Murray Street, Camden.

Alternatively, the carpark of the CWA can be accessed from the first roundabout on Cawdor Road opposite the Camden Bowling and Sports Club.

We are open from 1:30pm to give you time to arrange your roses for the meeting show bench. Oasis can be purchased at the show bench preparation area for \$1 per block. You will need time to soak the Oasis.

Our Buy, Sell and Swap table has home grown produce and other goods we may want to share. Our library of rose books is also available at our meetings.

Come along, enjoy great conversation, beautiful roses and meet new friends. All are welcome. For further information telephone: **0410 444 562**



Next meeting:
Saturday 7th June

June Birthdays



12th Lorraine Hawke
27th June Hickey

