

Macarthur Rose

Macarthur Regional Rose Society Newsletter

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'Hilton Edward' signature rose of Macarthur Rose Society bred by Robert Stibbard a Macarthur founding member. Highly fragrant.

Chairperson's Report

Dear Rose Friends

This is my first letter to you all as the new Chairperson of the Macarthur Rose Society. Thank you all for your vote of confidence in my ability to undertake this challenging and busy role. Our previous Chairperson, Rosalie Vine, has set a very high standard to follow, but I am looking forward to working with you all over the following year as I learn the this new role and endeavor to keep the Macarthur Rose Society as vibrant and vigorous as it has been under Rosalie's stewardship. A big thank you to Rosalie for her outstanding leadership of the Society over the last six years.

My first month in this new role begins with a particularly busy month for the Macarthur Rose Society. On 6th July we are holding our annual 'Bunnings BBQ' and cake stall at Narellan Bunnings. These two events are important fundraisers for Macarthur and it is good to see so many Macarthur rosarians have volunteered to contribute to the cake stall and to working on the day. Let's hope the cold winter weather we are currently experiencing will encourage large numbers of sausage and cake purchases. As a reminder for all our volunteers, the rosters for times you have volunteered are on Page 4 of this newsletter.



Jan Priestley receiving her 25 year membership badge from Collin Hollis, President of the Rose Society of NSW. Congratulations Jan.

On Saturday on 13th July our regular monthly meeting will be held at the historic Camden House. It will be a picnic meeting held near the rose garden and we will holding pruning demonstrations as part of the meeting. This will be a great opportunity to see a practical demonstration of rose pruning by some of our more successful rose growers. This will be a great learning opportunity in time for our own rose pruning that we will need to get underway over the next six weeks. Remember to bring your chair for the meeting.

On two days 25th and 27th July we will be undertaking the pruning for the Rose Cottage in Camden. This is a great opportunity to try out and hone our

rose pruning skills.

Membership renewals are now due and joining or renewal membership must be completed for a valid membership registration. If you are paying at the meeting please remember to have the correct money or cheque and the completed membership form in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and the amount enclosed. We are unable to give change for memberships especially for large notes. EFT payments must provide identification such as your name and region on the deposit references. The membership form is available on our website at www.nsw.rose.org.au/join-renew.

Best wishes

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CULTURAL NOTES FOR JULY

Growing roses for early spring

In winter we may all want to hibernate from the cold, miserable weather and there is a common view that our roses also hibernate. While rose growth may slow dramatically in winter, across most parts of Australia it does this without entering hibernation. Usually Australian gardeners prune and defoliate spent leaves to coax their roses into dormancy. We also stop fertilising to reduce early Spring growth and protect new growth from frost.



However, many rosarians like to mark the start of the calendar arrival of spring (September) with new rose blooms. To get these blooms and avoid dormancy, at the start of winter (in June) give established roses a little comfort food in the form of a slow release fertiliser. This fertiliser should not be the manures and strong fertiliser such as Sudden Impact that we feed later in the year but a fertiliser to gently feed your roses through the colder months. Remember to protect your spring blooming roses from the frost with frost cover and you should be rewarded with beautiful blooms in early Spring



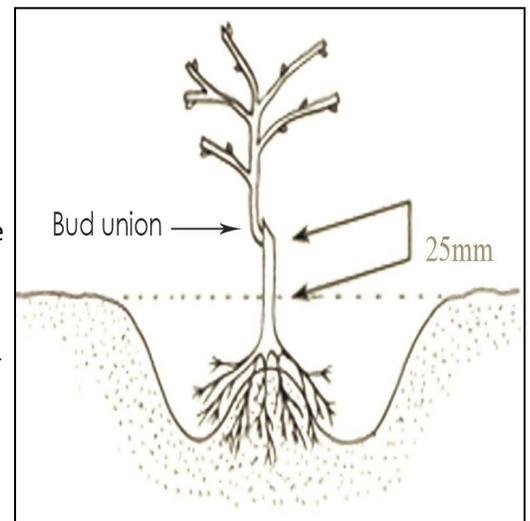
Mid winter pruning

While you may want to continue to feed some roses for those very early blooms, our other roses that are in dormancy, are best pruned from mid- July onwards. If you intend to enter the Spring rose competitions, remember to count back 30 days (minature roses) up to 60 days (hybrid rugosas) from the anticipated Rose Show and prune at the right time to get the best choice of blooms to enter. Prune back to an outward facing node and cut away any dead or diseased wood. Cut back any canes that are more than two years old to ensure the best blooms and encourage new canes.

Immediately after pruning, spray your roses and the surrounding ground with lime sulphur to help kill off any lingering fungi (black spot, powdery mildew) spores that may be hanging around from the fallen leaves. Bag the diseased cuttings and leaves and dispose of these in the council red waste bin. Do not put them in your compost bin as they fungi spores can live in the compost ready to reappear as you apply the compost later in the year. Finally, spread a good quality mulch around to keep weeds at bay and protect the soil from the worst of the cold weather.

Transplanting established roses

Now is also a good time to transplant those established roses that just aren't in the right spot. Keep as much of the existing root system as you can. Cut a circle around the plant as large as practical. Aim for 30-50cm diameter, angling your spade slightly to the centre of the plant as you cut downwards. Shake away the soil from the roots as you lift it from the ground. Now treat the plant as a bare root rose. Place it in a bucket of water with GoGo Juice while you transport it to the new position. Pruning the roots proportional to the stems of the plant will help avoid transplant shock. Do not fertilise the rose but use a gentle soil conditioner such as Neutrog Seamungus to help it re-establish. As with bare root roses, keep it well watered until it has established.



CULTURAL NOTES FOR JULY - Continued



If your roses arrive before you are ready to plant you can ‘heel’ them in. Dig a large hole in the garden, place the bundled roses into the hole and cover with soil. Keep the heeled in roses well-watered until you are ready to plant – well before the end of the winter season. Planting after winter may cause your new rose plants to fail.

Winter pests

Current pests in my garden are snails, sawflies (rose slugs) and small caterpillars. I never

thought snails would be much of a problem to roses. In fact their feces are high in nitrogen, which benefits roses, but I have discovered that they are great climbers who seem to be able to dodge thorns, and have great clinging abilities. Their persistent munching causes holes and leaves left with only a vein or two left behind. For a small infestation you can just squish them, but I found a great organic solution is a slug and snail copper barrier taped carefully in a circular shape around the base of my rose bush will keep them away.



Organic snail and slug barriers are available from your local nursery or Bunnings store.

Sawflies and caterpillars may be difficult to tell apart. Caterpillars have fish hook like structures called prolegs, which sawflies don't have. A tell tale sign of sawfly



Sawfly larvae

damage is the skeletonization, and the defoliation of the rose leaf (see bottom right).

Sadly for the organic minded gardeners, I haven't found or can vouch for any organic pest sprays when it comes to success of sawfly elimination. You could hunt them all down and squish them or try organic soap spray solutions. I have only found that insecticides such as Yates ‘Success’ or ‘Rose Shield’ are the best solutions for these pests. If anyone has had success with organic sprays, I would love to know and even share and discuss it at our meetings.

Caterpillars do serious damage not only to our roses but to other ornamentals and vegetables in the garden. A bad infestation can completely weaken and damage plants such as clyvias. The good news for organic gardeners—other than squishing or drowning— is that there are some easier solutions. Nature’s Way ‘Dipel’ insecticide or Eco-Neem oil are both effective at controlling caterpillars. **Stephanie Judges**



Snail climbing the rose bush



Snail damage to a leaf



Sawfly damage

Roster for Bunnings BBQ and Cake Stall

Saturday 6th July 2019

A huge THANK YOU to the following members who have volunteered for our Bunnings BBQ and cake stall events.

BBQ Roster

Setup at 7.30am

Maureen and Ian Thackeray, Chris and Rosalie Vine

8.00am—10.30am

Ian Thackeray (Cook)

Margaret Hudson (Money)

Rosalie / Chris Vine (Supplies)

Brenda Morrison and Sheryle Albeck (Servers)

10.30am — 1.30pm

Robert Stibbard (Cook)

Mary Camilleri (Money)

Rosalie /Chris Vine (Supplies)

Jan Priestly and Maureen Kennedy (Servers)

1.30pm—4.00pm

David Hawke / Ian Thackeray (Cook)

Judith Carll (Money)

Lorraine Hawke and Maureen Thackeray (Supplies)

Sheryle Albeck and Chris Vine (Servers)

Cake Stall Roster

Set up at 7.30 am

Carol McVeigh, Stephanie Judges

8.00—12:00 noon

Janet Wright and Sidney Moore (Money)

June Head, Carol McVeigh, Maureen Kennedy, Graham Wright/Stephanie Judges, (Servers)

12:00 noon—3.00pm

Robyn Wright (Money)

Carol McVeigh/ Stephanie Judges, Gladys Riley & Gloria Forsyth (Servers)

NOTE for all volunteers

BBQ set up begins at 7:30am and pack up commences at 4:30pm.

Cake Stall set up begins at 7:30am and pack commences at 3:00pm

- All volunteers cooking or handling food must wear disposable gloves at all times. These will be provided.
- A thermometer will be provided to ensure that cooked food is at the right temperature.
- Please bring your own apron to protect your clothes.

*Macarthur Regional Visit to Camden Park House
Saturday 13 July 2019 at 2:00pm*



'Hilton Edward'

Essentials: Bring a folding chair to sit on.

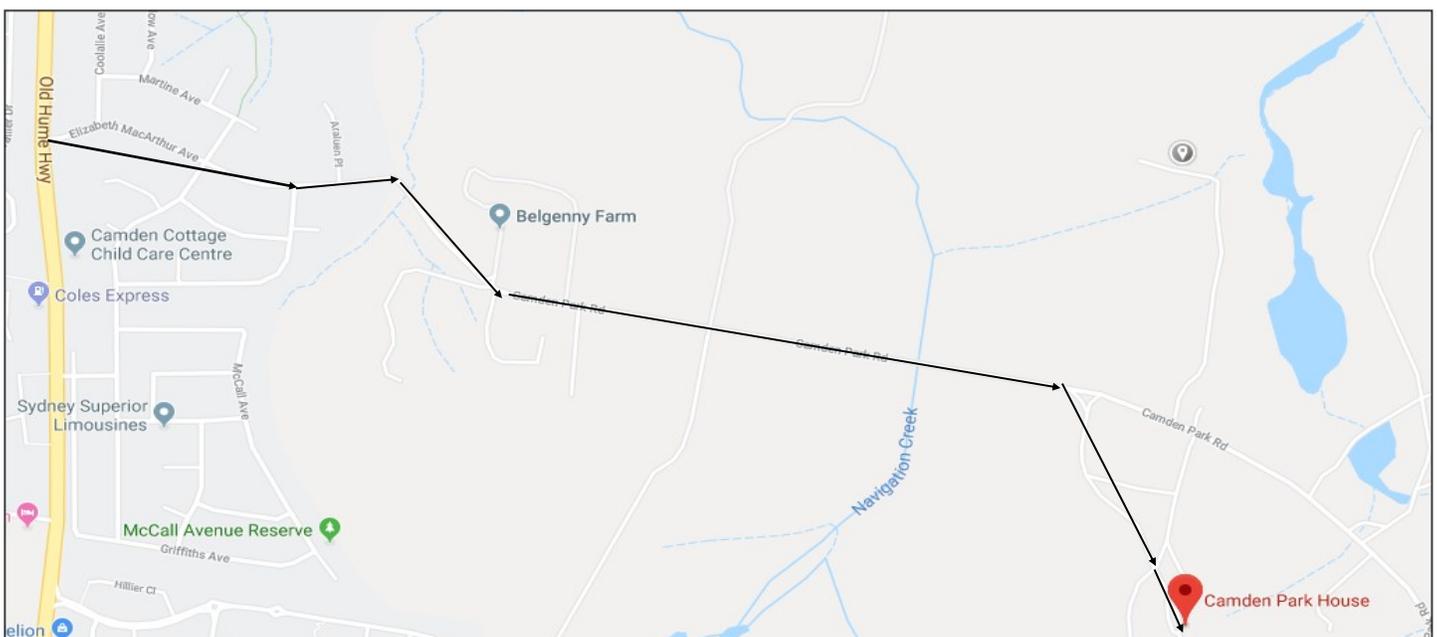
- Afternoon tea will be available on arrival.
- Historic gardens tour conducted by our hosts Edwina and John Macarthur-Stanham.
- Enter by the side garden gateway and proceed to the back where the meeting and pruning demonstration will be held.

Directions to Camden Park House

- Take the Camden Bypass or old Hume H'way onto Remembrance Driveway.
- Turn left into Elizabeth Macarthur Ave.
- Follow the road past Belgenny Farm onto a dirt road.
- At the fork in the road look for the big white notice board with a map of the estate.
- Take the road that veers Right and follow until you find parking along the fence under the trees.



Map of route from Old Hume Highway / Camden Valley Way to Camden Park House



Neutrog Products

Remember, as a member you are able to purchase Neutrog products at special member prices. Products available include: **Sudden Impact for Roses, Kahoona, GoGo Juice, Seamungus, Gyganic, Blood and Bone, WhoFlungDung and more.**

Simply give **Graham Wright** a call on **9606 5888** to order and to arrange a time to collect.

Many Happy Returns

JULY BIRTHDAYS

4th July Judy Rudd

9th July Bhagyashm Kilwalkar

10th July Lyn Hudson & Rowena MacAlpine

12th July Sandra Pinkerton

22nd July Bob Stibbard & Susan Todd



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dates for Your Diary

Next Monthly Meeting : Saturday 13 July at 2:00pm - Camden Park House Camden Park Road Menangle.

Saturday 6 July: 8.00am- 4.30 pm Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser and Cake Stall, Narellan Bunning

Saturday 13 July at 2:00pm: The monthly meeting and rose pruning demonstration to be held at Camden Park House, Camden Park Road, Menangle. Afternoon tea will be provided and an opportunity to tour the restoration gardens after the meeting.

Thursday 25th July: 10.00am First Pruning Day at Rose Cottage at 14 Barsden St, Camden

Saturday 27th July : 10.00am Second pruning Day at Rose Cottage at 14 Barsden St, Camden

Contact Us

Contributions and suggestions for our Newsletter are welcomed: Items of interest and photos—especially of events or interesting roses to:

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