



Macarthur Rose Newsletter

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Neutrog Update

The Neutrog shop is once again open for you to select, order and pay for your autumn 2022 Neutrog.

Our delivery date for Autumn 2022 has not yet been finalised. However, as previously advised, you can log into your Neutrog account and purchase Neutrog products numerous times until the online shop closes for delivery. Your orders will be collated and arrive in the one delivery.

Now that we have consolidated our ordering system into two large orders each year, it has become increasingly obvious that our current arrangements for delivery and pickup cannot be sustained.

For many years Graham and Janet Wright have generously supported the Rose Society by receiving, storing, and distributing our Neutrog orders.

However, the orders are now very large and the bigger sized delivery trucks required for these orders can no longer access the property safely and without causing damage.

As a result, our next delivery will have entirely new arrangements for pickup. Only one date will be available for pick up and there will be no capacity for the Rose Society to store your Neutrog order.

At this stage it is likely that our next delivery day will be some time in late February or early March 2022. There will be further details on the new pick up location when arrangements are finalised.



Dear *Rose Friends*

At long last we seem to be emerging from the lockdowns that have kept us from meeting up to discuss all things roses. Our next meeting is being held at Elderslie Public School on Saturday 13 November. Celebrate our meeting and bring a rose for the bench.

When we last met in June 2021, it was agreed that the Macarthur Rose Society would subsidise the Christmas lunch as a way to give back to our members for their service and commitment to the Rose Society.

While in lockdown, Lorraine Hawke has been very busy engaging with local restaurants and organising our Christmas lunch, which we will hold on the second Saturday of December.

Details about the Christmas lunch are on Pages 4, 5 and 6 of this newsletter. Please bring your payment and order to the next meeting and give to Lorraine Hawke.

The photo at right shows a vase of roses that one of our talented members, Sheryle Albeck, busied herself with during the long weeks of lockdown. Sheryle is a very experienced and successful gardener and grew all the roses in the vase.



Mrs Nola Tegel, a long term member of the Macarthur Rose Society, will be holding an art exhibition of both local and international paintings on selected dates in early December at her property in Cobbitty. Mrs Tegel is also offering the Macarthur Rose Society the opportunity to tour her magnificent garden during this time. There will be limited opportunity to take up this offer. Further details will be discussed at our 13 November meeting.

Our cultural notes this month are focused on two conditions that attack our roses when they experience wet, cold weather followed by hot weather as we typically experience in Macarthur's spring. Both 'bud balling' and rust are caused by these weather conditions.

Though our most recent Neutrog order took a long time to make its way from South Australia, our roses greatly appreciated the food boost when it arrived. Many thanks to all of you who were patient and helpful with the delay to our Neutrog order and your prompt response to the pick up request. As detailed in the Neutrog update, there will be new arrangements in place for our next Neutrog pick up.

A huge Thank You to Graham and Janet Wright who have so generously supported our Neutrog purchases and pick up and the Rose Society. Visiting and chatting with you both on pick up has been a wonderful bonus to our Neutrog arrangements. Yours in roses.

Judith

Rose Balling

Rose 'balling' normally happens when a rosebud forms normally and begins to open. Cool, wet weather then saturates the outer petals followed by the hot sun drying and fusing them into a tight, papery shell, preventing the bud from opening. This fusion does not allow the petals to unfurl like they normally would, resulting in rosebuds dying before opening or failing to open at all. Eventually, the fused ball of petals dies and falls off the rose bush.

The bud may also frequently appear to have been infected with mould or fungus, as the buds can appear slimy once it starts dying. A variety that is known to be prone to balling will open just fine in a dry, rainless spell. When it is very humid and rainy, expect balling up.



Lady Endo bud after being subjected to cold rain followed by hot sun.

While 'rose balling' is often mistaken for fungus and sometimes a fungus will attack a balled up flower as it balls up as a warm, moist environment favours the growth of fungus. The moist weather conditions and flowers that stay closed for too long can be perfect conditions for the botrytis mould to form, but it is not generally the initial cause of the rose balling.



Left: Lady Endo fully open. Note the many, very thin petals that make this a spectacular rose when fully open.

Right: the heritage climbing rose Jasmina. It also has many, thin petals.

While these types of roses grow very well in Macarthur, they are prone to rose balling in particular weather conditions.

Characteristics and Prevention

Flower-balling is characterised by the following appearance:

- The bud often feels soft and slimy to the touch; and then the outer petals turn brown, becoming dry and crisp in places.
- When the outer petals are prised apart, the inner petals appear normal
- The bud may drop off or, if it hangs on the plant, grey mould may develop (typical of botrytis).
- Thin-petalled and many petalled roses are most susceptible to 'rose balling'. Excellent examples of roses that are prone to balling in the Macarthur region include Lady Endo, Perfume Passion and the climbing rose Jasmina (pictured below).

Flower balling can be prevented by:

- **Good air circulation is crucial** to dry the buds quickly. When planting roses, choose an open site. With existing plantings, increase ventilation by pruning correctly and cutting back overhanging shrubs or trees.
- **Water plants in the evening**, avoiding hot, sunny conditions, and always direct water at the base of plants rather than the foliage and flowers.
- **In certain situations, it may be feasible** to construct a temporary shelter over the whole plant or individual buds to protect them from rain.
- **Remove balled buds promptly before grey** mould sets in as it can infect other blooms or nearby plants and cause dieback of stems.
- **Replacement of repeat offenders is sometimes** the only remedy. However, if you decide to choose a beautiful, many petalled rose, choose its place in the garden carefully and be alert to any signs of disease and weather changes.



Rose Rust

Rose rust is a disease caused by the *Phragmidium tuberculatum* fungus. While rose rust only affects roses, there are nine different species of rose rust. It can be most frustrating to combat because not only does it ruin the appearance of the roses, but it will also eventually kill the rose bush if it is left untreated.

The best time to start treating and curing rose rust is as soon as you notice any symptoms. Catching rose rust early in the infection means that it will be easier to salvage most of your rose bush and prevent the disease from spreading.

Rose rust is caused by fungal spores that spread through the wind. These spores can survive throughout the winter on soil or fallen debris but symptoms will lay dormant.

In early summer the symptoms will evolve from small rust-coloured patches on the stems and leaf stalks to more obvious spots on the leaves. As the infection progresses leaves will fall and in late summer will turn into black pustules.

Rose rust will appear as either rust-coloured or orange spots on the leaves of your rose bush. As the disease spreads, these small spots will continue to increase in size. The spots on the canes will start off orange but as the season progresses to autumn or winter they will blacken. Leaves that are suffering from the infection will become dry and twisted and the spots will continue to darken until the plant either loses all its leaves or dies. This kind of disease can vary from mild to severe depending on how early the infection began and in which season.



Treatment and Prevention

As soon as any sign of rose rust appears, the infected stems and leaves must be promptly pruned using the correct pruning method. Any infected stems or leaves you remove from the rose bush must be destroyed and taken away from your plants to avoid reinfesting your roses.

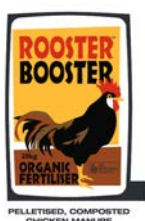
You can also apply a fungicide to help treat rose rust in spring before the overwintering spores appear. If you do choose to use a fungicide, be sure to cover all the leaf surfaces.

When planting your Rose bushes, make sure there is enough space for them to grow freely. Roses which are cramped will struggle to allow air to circulate, consequently providing a moist environment in the foliage which is the ideal breeding ground for rose rust to grow.

If your rose plants do become overgrown, then be sure to keep on top of pruning them to allow for air to move through the plant. If you see any symptoms of infection then prune the infected stems and leaves straight away to prevent the entire rose bush from becoming infected.

When you are working on your roses, always use clean shears (wipe with a meths soaked cloth between cuts) to avoid cross contaminating other rose bushes. Shears that may have touched an infected plant have the potential to spread that disease to other rose bushes.

As spores are more likely to infect your rose plants when the environment is moist, always water your roses at the soil, rather than directly on the foliage. Try to cut your roses when the temperature is dry as this will help prevent spores from travelling to your other rose bushes.



Christmas Party

Our Annual Christmas Party

When: Saturday 11 December 2021, at 12:00pm

Where: Enzo's Cucina, 3 Argyle Street Camden (map at Page 6)

Cost: \$25 per person - includes main, dessert, tea/coffee. The menu is at Page 5.

Payment: bring \$25 to our next meeting on 13th November along with the completed menu sheet. Put your \$25 in an envelope along with the completed menu sheet and give to Lorraine Hawke at the meeting.

Note that drinks, including juice and alcohol are not included in the cost and must be paid for on the day.



Garlic and Herb bread will be on the table for everyone to share.





Macarthur Regional Rose Society Christmas Party



When: 12 noon Saturday, 11th December 2021

Where ENZO's Cucina, 3 Argyle Street Camden

COST: \$25 for the meal (main and dessert, tea and/or coffee). Garlic/Herb Bread will be on the table

Note: Members must pay for any additional food or drink ordered, including juice or alcohol.

If you wish to attend this event, choose your menu items, put \$25 in an envelope along with your marked menu choices and give to Lorraine Hawke at the next meeting on Saturday 13 November 2022.

Tick one main and one dessert per sheet

PASTA

	Linguine Paesano - chicken - avocado, sun dried tomato pesto cream sauce	
	Linguine Agnello - lamb ragu - shallots, red wine jus	
	Linguine Boscaiola - bacon, mushroom, shallots, white wine creamy sauce	
	Spaghetti Marinara - assorted sea food in a rich red creamy sauce	
	Spaghetti Bolognese - beef in a rich red sauce	
	Penne Abruzzi - fresh prawns, bacon, garlic, oregano, brandy rose sauce	
	Rissoto Pollo - chicken, mushroom, shallots, parmesan creamy sauce	
	Rissoto Gamberi - fresh prawns, zucchini, cherry tom, chilli, parsley, pine nuts	
	Chicken Schnitzel – steak, fries and slaw	
	Lamb Shank - slow cooked lamb, mashed potato, dutch carrots, red wine jus	
	Barramundi - grilled barramundi, mashed potato, greens, cherry tomatoes	

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS

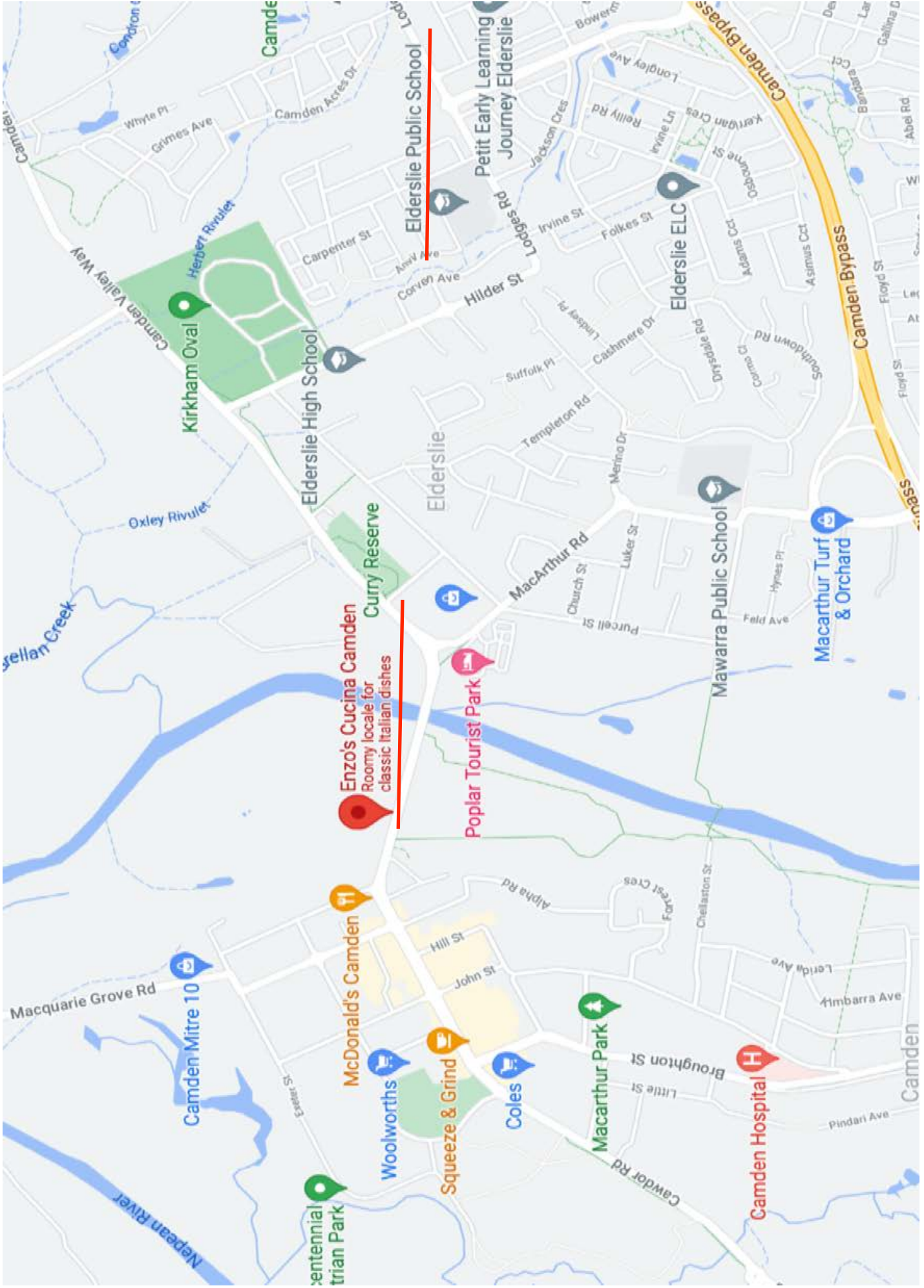
	Risotto alle Verdure - eggplant, zucchini, capsicum, onion, olive, tomatoes
	Gnocchi orgonzola - parmesan, blue vein cheese and cream
	Pizza - tomato, capsicum, shallots onion! olives, mushroom, pineapple and mozzarella

DESSERTS

	Panna Cotta - caramelised honey walnut praline	
	Chocolate Mousse	
	Cangoli - flaky roll filled with custard	
	Sticky Date Pudding with ice cream crème brulee	
	Crepe Limoncello with blueberries, walnut and orange sorbet	
	Tiramisu	
	Tea	
	Coffee	



Name (Print Clearly): _____



Enzo's Cucina Camden
Roomy locale for classic Italian dishes

Pelleting your Roses

Pelleting roses is the delicate art of placing cotton wool or foam between the petals of a rose to change and/or improve the shape of the rose for exhibition.

The concept of pelleting can seem strange to those who are new to exhibiting roses. But the object is simply to correct the imbalances to the rose caused by outside influences, such as shade or wind.

Exhibition roses are judged for good form, size, substance, brilliance and purity of colour and must be displayed at the stage of maximum beauty. Pelleting helps achieve some of these characteristics.

Even exhibition roses that have good form, straight from the bush can be challenging for a rose exhibitor. They may be perfect for a day or two but will not easily hold their shape and they are marked down if they have irregular outlines, are over developed or lack maturity.

It is better to pick your exhibition rose a little earlier when it is about half to three quarters open and then help it into a perfect shape with pellets the night before the exhibition. Usually exhibition roses have large, thick, very firm petals and can hold their shape and respond well to being refrigerated and pelleted. At right is an example of a small table that can be constructed and used to hold the rose while being pelleted. Soft foam and cotton buds are the favourites for pellets.



Not all roses that are exhibited need to be pelleted. Other roses such as decorative hybrid teas and floribundas are judged more for condition and beauty. Form is not scored for these roses and the classes they are exhibited in.



Photo above is a rose that is being pelleted to help it show its best form and outline. The rose is St Patrick, which is a perfect exhibition rose with its strong petals, slow to open and ability to look fresh after several days being stored in a refrigerator. The goal is to have a circular look from the top with a pointed centre and all the petals spiralling out evenly from that point. The side view should be a triangle with no petals falling below the horizontal line,

Feature Rose

Our feature rose this month is *Happy Anniversary*. This rose is a sport of the very popular and well performing crimson rose 'Kardinal'.

It is a most unusual colour of red, sort of mused with apricot. Apart from its unusual colour, it produces the most amazing number of blooms that are neither red nor orange but a blend of both with some apricot thrown in. This gives a subtle loveliness to what could be a harsh colour. *Happy Anniversary* produces the most perfect Hybrid Tea shaped blooms with such enormous consistency and continuity – every bloom is perfect for the vase and once in a vase, *Happy Anniversary* will last and last.

This rose is very healthy with strong leathery, dark green foliage and the bush will grow to around 1.2 metres – you cannot resist picking the flowers for a vase!



Roses for 2022

While the lockdowns have made it seem like 2021 hasn't really got off the ground yet, 2022 is looming with less than 50 days before we ring in the New Year.

Rose growers are getting ready to open their online ordering for bare root rose delivery in the winter of 2022.

Wagners Rose Nursery has already opened and is offering bare root roses at last season's prices until 31 December 2021. Prices will rise on 01 January 2022.

Wagners also offer Rose Society members a small discount up until 31 December 2021 if you use the Discount Code: **Roses2021** when ordering.

Treloars Roses have also opened their online purchase system for bare root roses for 2022 delivery. They will be releasing all their new roses on 01 January 2022.



Happy Birthday

Birthdays in October



10th Gary McLean
19th Janet Wright
20th Brian Quinn
23rd Sheryle Albeck



November Birthdays



1st June Head
13th Rosemary King



Macarthur Diary

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday 13 November at Elderslie Public School at 2:00pm. All Welcome

REMINDERS:

- *Rose Society Meeting - Saturday 13 November*
- *Choose my menu items for the Christmas lunch on Saturday 11 December 2021.*
- *Payment of \$25 is due now to Lorraine Hawke. Can be paid at Saturday's meeting.*
- *Macarthur Autumn Rose Show 19 March 2022*
- *30th April -01 May 2022 Australian National Rose Championship to be held at Kiama Pavilion*

Expected meeting dates for Macarthur Rose Society in 2022

13th February
13th March
10th April
14th May
11th June
09th July
13th August
10th September
08th October
12th November
10th December (Christmas Party)

We meet at Elderslie Public School on the second Saturday of each month other than January. The meeting starts at 2:00pm but we are open from 1:30 to give you time to arrange your roses for the show bench prior to the meeting.



Above: Colin Hollis (President of the NSW Rose Society), Kristen Dawson (Chair of the Illawarra Regional Rose Society) presenting Lorraine Hawke with the 2019 C Grade championship at the Illawarra Rose Show. Lorraine has won this championship several years in a row and will be looking forward to entering once again when Illawarra holds their next show in Spring 2022. Talk to Lorraine about how she got started with showing roses.

