

Nepean Blue Mountains Hawkesbury Regional
Newsletter

“Prickles”

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'Joyce Abounding'
Signature Rose of the
Regional



'Imp'
Foundation Rose of
the Regional

Dates for your Diary 2019

5 October
Schedule and
Exhibiting

12/13 October
Spring Show

2 November

7 December
Christmas Meeting
Samantha Harper
and Ken Smith
\$25pp for lunch

No Meeting
January 2020

2020
1 February
Jim Cunningham
Budding

7 March
TBA

4 April
TBA

Chairman's Message

Welcome everyone to the latest edition of Prickles. Much has happened since our last edition and much is to happen before the next. Later there appears photos of some of our happenings.

Many thanks to Ian & Maureen Thackery for their presentation on Miniature roses and I hope those who purchased some of those provided, get some pleasure from them in the future. Also thanks to Samantha Harper and Ken Smith for their enthusiastic workshop on flower basket arrangements. Brian kindly filmed the event and you can click on the link to help you remember how to do things.

Also we had the Neutrog presentation from their rep Paul Depuglia and approximately 25 people attended and obtained a free gift for their presence. Thank you also to those members of nearby garden clubs who joined us.

Of course this month is our own show, the first in the NSW calendar, and please refer to relevant matters about that event later in the newsletter. We shall also be spending some time on organisation of this show at our meeting on Saturday. Helpers are needed naturally, to share the load.

As well this Saturday sees the beginning of our monthly Show bench. There have been some slight

changes to the categories for this and they are listed later. We are hoping that a few members make the step up from the couple of novice categories and present in the more traditional standard unit categories. Please note that Class 9 (any rose from your garden) is now only open to new members and all you 'old hands' have to stretch a bit. As this regional promotes Australian bred roses we have made a separate category for those roses as well as a section for flowers in general.

We offer our condolences to Robyn Doyle on the passing of her sister and to Vera Chevell who lost her father recently as well. Part of life for our mature aged group I suppose, but nevertheless it is always hard no matter how often we experience loss. Sending good wishes to Doug who is quarantined for six months due to treatment he is receiving for an auto immune disease. Look forward to seeing you in April.

On a different note welcome to our two new members Stephen Oh and her mother Lois. We hope you can join us often and we can enjoy each other's company and interactions around roses.

All the best as Spring and the growing season hits us.

Jeff

Notice of Meeting and Meeting Information

- Date:** Saturday, 5 October commencing at 10.00 am
Venue: Leonay Golf Club - please use front entrance
Activity: The Show Schedule and Information
Gary Wootton "Curl Grub"
Trading Table: Any small saleable items and plants which will help with our funds.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED FOR SHOW

In September I sent out quite a detailed request for assistance on Saturday 12 October at 9am to set up the show as well as the Sunday.

If you are able to assist from 12pm on the Sunday with Rose/Plant Stall, Membership & Raffle Table and then take down/clean up at 4pm, please let us know at the meeting or asap.

The show will open to public from 12pm to 4pm on Sunday 13 October.

Entry is Free

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS WHO INTEND EXHIBITING AT THE SHOW THIS YEAR

1. Entries need to be phoned or emailed through to Glynis no later than 6 pm on Friday, 11. **NO LATE ENTRIES**. Please take time to study the schedule.
2. For those in the NBMH Section staging time is between 1pm to 3.00pm on Saturday 12 October, 2019 - Jeff will be on hand to help you stage your roses.
3. These exhibits will be judged at 3.15pm.
4. Your Spring Baskets will be judged on Sunday with the herbs and flowers.
5. All other Grades to stage their roses on Sunday 13, between 7am to 10am.
6. Members should dethorn their roses.
7. Roses should be clean and fresh, be free from blemishes and have no aphids, spiders etc., on them.
8. Special vases will be supplied as well as fresh floral foam.
9. Please bring along your own secateurs.
10. For herbs, special see through bottles will be provided and you will need to name your herbs.
11. We look forward to assisting you and having many members exhibit.
12. For first-timers please do not hesitate to ring us if you require information.
13. Good luck!!!

Monthly Show Bench Information for 2019/2020

This is the new Schedule for the Monthly Show Bench for 2019/2020, that will commence at the October meeting. Note that all Australian Bred Roses should have a sticker on as there is a winner for the best Australian Bred Rose on the day. **Please ensure you read the requirements below**

Schedule

- Class 1 - Championship Units - any three standard units (HT, Floribunda, Shrub)
- Class 2 - Championship Units - any three standard units (Miniature/Miniflora)
- Class 3 - A vase of any flowers from your garden in your own container
- Class 4 - A cut of a Rose/Miniature/Floribunda/Miniflora/David Austin
- Class 5 - One Exhibition Bloom
- Class 6 - Three full bloom roses
- Class 7 - Bud to Full Bloom
- Class 8 - A Bunch of 3
- Class 9 - A rose from your garden - for first year exhibitors only
- Class 10- A vase of three stems of a flower from your garden e.g. three Gerberas
- Class 11 - Any Standard Unit of an Australian Bred Rose.

Please ensure that your roses DO NOT have prickles on them. As from October it is expected that all exhibitors of more than two years will stage their own roses in vases supplied and Glynis or Jeff will tweek them for you. New exhibitors will be assisted as in previous years.

Samantha Harper and Ken Smith demonstrating Spring Baskets

This is the link for your to look at and refresh your memory.

Click the link or copy and paste into a browser

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/XexYpAP6fhNbqw799>

Thank you to Brian our Treasurer for filming the presentation.

Some photos for you to enjoy as well.

Copies of Prickles

"Prickles" was set up as an electronic based newsletter for Regional Members to keep costs down. However, we understand some members do not have email but would still like to receive this newsletter. If you wish to receive a printed copy of "Prickles" please supply Glynis with self addressed and stamped envelopes for six months and she will print a copy and post it to you.

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Ian and Maureen Thackeray were Guest Speakers at the August Meeting on Miniature/Rose Cuttings



NBMH Spring Rose Show
Macarthur Spring Rose Show
Sydney Spring Rose Show
Illawarra Spring Rose Show
UNSH Spring Rose Show

Shows for 2019

12-13 October at St Dominic's College Kingswood
20 October at Mater Dei Cobbitty
19-20 October 2019 at Dural Country Club
2-3 November 2019 at Jamberoo
10 November 2019 at Galston Community Centre

Happy Birthday to the following Members



October

November

1 Gary Murphy



Neutrog Presentation by Paul Depuglia



Samantha Harper and Ken Smith demonstrating Spring Baskets



White Curl Grub

by Gary Wootton

Today, I would like to talk about the destructive White Curl Grub, or cockchafer in the southern states, as we are getting close to their breeding cycle and therefore the treatment cycle. I would like to look at the Grub itself and the treatments available to eradicate and the preventive control measures for the Grub. The Curl Grub is the C-shaped larvae, of the adult beetle from the Scarabaeidae family.

Description: White and, as the name suggests, sort of curly (more C shaped to be precise) with three pairs of legs during the destructive juvenile stage.



They will grow to about 25 – 30mm in length, and is often confused with the Aussie 'witchetty grub'. As an adult scarab type beetle, often known as an African Black Beetle, as an adult they are less damaging to your plants.

Cycle: As an adult beetle, they mate and lay eggs throughout the spring. They hatch as a grub, eat through summer, pupate in autumn and rest over winter.

Likes: They can't resist the roots of potted plants (maybe because the potting mix is softer and makes for easier movement), especially when they are older larva (a teenager to be precise). When younger, they feed on decaying organic matter, which is normally connected to the root system of your plants. They especially love long periods of dry weather (these conditions also help with the main eradication method that we will cover shortly), which is the ideal conditions to feast on your plant roots.

Dislikes: Being immersed in water, they have difficulty in pupating in the wet, especially when one of the following is added to the water:

- * Tea Tree Oil, add a few drops, to one litre of water,
- * Biodegradable Detergent, add a few drops, to one litre of water, (See notes in the preventative measures section concerning this product),
- * Molasses Mixture, one teaspoon to one litre of water, or Eco-neem, quantities as listed on the container.

Eradication: To eradicate this pest you could try one of the following methods, some methods are effective by themselves, or in conjunction with each other:

- * Fill a container of water to the level of the top of the pot, then

fill the pot also with water, until the potting mix is saturated, leave for a few minutes (time will of course depend on pot size, potting mix used). The grub will move to the top of the pot in an effort to escape the emergence of the water, were they can be collected for disposal. Any of the above additives may be added to terminate any grubs missed in the saturation exercise. I like this method as there is no requirement to find that you have the grub, to take this preventative measure, or

- * If you have found that you have the grub in your pots, remove the potting mix (and the grub) from your pot and re-pot the plant, with new potting mix, do not use the same mix, as the unseen larva may still be present.

Preventative measures: The use of one or more of the following measures should be employed throughout the year to control reinfestation, especially over the mid-spring to mid-summer periods:

- * Neem based products, as they concentrate on chewing and sucking insects, used as a drench within the pots should control them,
- * Biodegradable detergents, used as detailed above, (Note: If you try this method, make sure that the detergent you use does not contain chemicals such as fragrances, bleaches, sodium or boron as these, if used repeatedly can harm soil micro biota and

increase alkalinity. Don't be tempted to use this method on garden beds.), or

- * Keep your pots well irrigated, especially over spring and summer. (Water restrictions permitting) as the adult doesn't like to lay eggs in wet spots.

Non-invasive measures: A method of deterring the adult beetle, from laying eggs throughout the spring in your pots, is the application of fine mulch to the tops of your exposed pots, I find the application of Lucerne chaff to the top of my pots deters the adult beetle from laying its eggs in my pots, with the added advantage of braking down to impart useful nutrients into the potting mix.

Some other advantages are as follows:

- * contains high levels of protein,
- * provides many important minerals, including potassium, calcium, iron, folic acid,
- * suppresses weeds,
- * conserves moisture,
- * keeps soil cool in summer and warm in winter, and
- * stimulates healthy root growth,

Conclusion: The above gives methods of organic prevention and control methods to help keep the destructive juvenile curl grub at bay. Remember to make sure to apply treatments from mid-spring to mid-summer when larvae are emerging from eggs.

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Cultural notes for October/November

The roses are breaking out in bloom and it is an exciting time in the garden.

The warm weather has hit parts of the west quite quickly these past two weeks. During the hot summer months roses need some protection from the hot sun so keeping your roses free from disease is a good start as the resultant foliage cover will help prevent sunburn on your roses.

Mulching is essential coming into Summer as it keeps in the moisture, protects the roots from the hot sun and keeps weeds down. There are various mulches on the market and the general trend is to use lucerne as it has beneficial nutrient properties. Remember though to always wear a mask when using any of these products as they do contain spores that can irritate the respiratory tract.

Aphids are on the attack already and there are various methods of removing them. If you have only a few roses squishing them off, water jet spraying or some soapy water will do the trick but if you have many roses you may have to go for the chemical solution. Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions and use chemicals registered for that control. The OCP products are good to use as they are environmentally friendly.

The most important thing to remember over the next coming months is if you have roses in pots ensure your pots are watered daily and are not allowed to dry out and roses in the gardens get a good soaking at least twice a week.

Happy rose growing!!!



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New Award

Paul Hains Medal

**for 2019 Australian Bred Rose Show
held in conjunction NBMH Spring Rose Show
Sunday 13th October, 2019.
St Dominics College, Kingswood.**



**Pointscore from all classes of
Australian Bred Roses in Schedule**

**Dr Bruce Chapman Award
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Champion Australian Bred Rose

