



***Firefighter***

# Southern Highlands Rose Society



Quote  
of the  
Month



**There is simply  
the rose; it is  
perfect in every  
moment of its  
existence.**

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## September 2019 Newsletter

Dear Southern Highland Rose Society Members

The AGM of the branch was held on Wednesday 21 August following the normal monthly meeting. I am pleased to tell you that all positions were filled so the branch lives on.

I would now like to introduce the newly elected executive of the Southern Highland's Branch to you.

The new chairperson is Peter Miller. Peter is a gardener of long standing. Peter and his wife downsized from a garden with over 150 roses to something much more manageable in Mittagong. Peter seems to be happily filling his new garden with his favourite roses and already has a lovely collection and a very pretty and well organised garden.

Annette Lane is the new treasurer. Annette too has a new garden which is about three years old. Annette is also a keen gardener and has a particular interest in orchids as well as roses. Not living far from Annette I have watched her garden develop from a bare building block to a lovely garden. And until 21 August I had no idea whose garden it was. Like Peter Miller she must have green thumbs.

I am Jo Babb, secretary. I moved to my much loved garden about three years ago. Unlike Peter and Annette my garden was established albeit terribly overgrown with weeds but it had good structure to work with. I am a very enthusiastic gardener but not necessarily a good gardener and have a crazy mix of styles and colours. I just keep adding roses and love the good hints I get at meetings.

Ros Parsons who many of you know is the vice chairperson. Thanks to Ros for continuing to be involved.

As the newly installed executive we hope to see lots of members at meetings and welcome ideas, suggestions and contributions. We look forward to a happy exchange of ideas and a bit of socialising with other rose lovers—the experienced and the novices, those who like showing/competing and those who just enjoy the beauty of roses.

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Peter Miller—Chair Person—mil.pmillar@gmail.com

Jo



Annette

Peter

Jo

## A big round of applause to Carol, Colin and Lynnette

The Southern Highlands Branch of the Rose Society of NSW faced a crisis last year with no volunteers to take on the executive positions of the Committee.

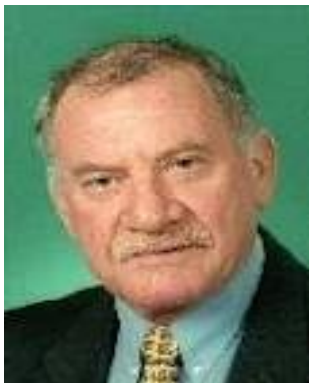
In spite of other commitments with other branches Colin Hollis and Carol McVeigh stepped in and kept the branch going for the last year. Kerry Bourke filled the valuable role of treasurer.

The three of them have done a terrific job and a special thanks goes to them. Carol produced a fabulous monthly newsletter and kept us all very well informed (I tremble at the thought of having to keep up her good standard), arranged some brilliant guests (and has made my job easy by ensuring we have speakers until the end of the year), organised the monthly raffle and gift as well as managing the minutes and correspondence. Well done Carol.

Colin led the meetings in his friendly informal style and kept us up to date with happenings in the rose world.

As a newcomer to roses and the branch I don't know much about Kerry except that the books have been kept in fine form for which she is thanked.

Thanks to Carol and Colin for travelling long distances monthly to ensure the viability of the branch, Carol from Macarthur and Colin from the coast.



Colin - photo borrowed from the internet



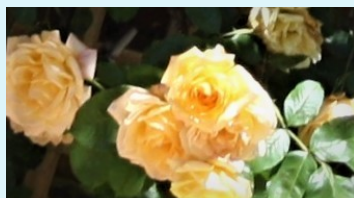
Thanks Kerry



Carol at Mayfield Gardens

Do you know -

- ◆ That there are 16,000 rose bushes at Flemington Race Course? (anything to do with the available fertiliser?)
- ◆ That there are 300 varieties of roses of every imaginable colour at Butchart Gardens in Victoria, Canada?
- ◆ That Floriade in Canberra uses over one million tulip bulbs?





*Joanne Fisher*

***Wednesday 21 August saw those present spell bound by Joanne's talent for turning a piece of dead wood into a marvellous arrangement at her presentation "Dead in The Shed"***



Thank you Joanne for a very enjoyable demonstration. The possibilities are endless with some imagination and perseverance.



Apologies to all for the photos being sideways. My computer skills are a bit like my flower arranging skills—non-existent and try as I may, I cannot right the photos. - Jo, secretary and novice newsletter editor.

# Dates For Your Diary



- Wed 18 September 19**      **Southern Highlands Rose Society Meeting.** CWA Room Mittagong  
Guest speaker—Robin Bible on geraniums with some available for purchase. Plus an opportunity to discuss your newly budding roses and any problems you may be encountering. Or a chance to share your expertise with the less experienced.
- Wednesday 16 October**      **Southern Highlands Rose Society Meeting.** CWA Room Mittagong
- 19—26 September**      **Carnival of Flowers.** Toowoomba
- Saturday 28 September**      **Annual Orchid Show.** Mittagong RSL
- Sunday 6 October**      **Learn How to Stage Your roses for Exhibiting at Rose Shows**  
**Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living - Registration necessary by**  
**30th September—ph: Kristin Dawson—0422157353**
- 14 September- 13 October**      **Tulip Top Gardens - Open 9am to 5pm. Last entry into gardens is 4.15pm**  
<https://tuliptopgardens.com.au/>
- 14 September—13 October**      **Floriade—Canberra** Australia's biggest celebration of spring, returns to Commonwealth Park in Canberra
- 24 September –7 October**      **Tulip Time - Bowral**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 August will be tabled at the next meeting on 18 September 2019.

Please stay and enjoy morning tea. If you are able please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Dear Members,

I have no experience in putting together a newsletter of any sort. I have next to no computer skills and have endeavoured to use a program called Publisher with which I am not at all familiar. I hope you will forgive my fledgling attempts.

I would love some contributions to the newsletter—articles, tips and hints and photos. I would even like to showcase some of our members' gardens so if you have something you would like to share please send me some photos. If sending photos is not a skill you possess, give me a call and I might be able to take some photos of your garden for the newsletter.

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Please Note: As newsletter producer I will retain editorial rights



### Neutrog Orders

The Neutrog orders will be available for pick up on 12 September from  
 Peter Miller—43 Renwick Drive, Mittagong—0488720998  
 Mil.pmill@gmail.com

Please note that all pick ups **must** be completed within a week. Peter and his wife Robin are prepared to cope with the smell in their garage for one week, and one week only. Who could blame them! It is great stuff but very very smelly so please do the right thing and organise pickup within the week.

There is a strong suggestion that it will be put out on the verge if not collected and may well be collected by someone other than the person who paid for it.



I recently found this poor neglected rose in my garden. It got a prune and a good feed of Sudden Impact for Roses and has decided to fight back. Can't wait to see what it is. I might need some help identifying it.