

Sydney Regional Rose News

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Monthly meetings are
held on the first
Friday
of each month starting
at
8 p.m.
at the
Newington
Community Centre,
Cnr Avenue of Europe
& Avenue of Asia
Newington

*Visitors are
Welcome*

Meeting nights

Friday, 4 June @ 8.00 p.m.

at the Newington Community Centre

Friday, 2 July 2021 @ 8.00 p.m.

at the Newington Community Centre

It is anticipated that these meetings will go ahead.

If in doubt, please check with Jacqueline on 9872 1862

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(Closing date for contributions is

Monthly Committee meeting)

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

All members who joined at the Easter Show or the Plant Fair have been welcomed, received an introduction leaflet and a copy of the last Regional magazine. The letter with the two mentioned publications explains how additional funds from all members keep this Regional financial.

At this time of the year we should look forward to how many members will become involved in the Committee positions that become vacant at the AGM in August. All positions are declared vacant each year.

Nomination forms will be attached to this publication, so please give some thought to helping the Regional. Fill in your details and other members at a meeting will co-sign to validate your nomination, but there is a time restraint. If on the night we do not have sufficient nominations then positions can be nominated at the meeting. Years of experience in the Society are not a requisite, just an interest in helping us over the next year.

Thank you to the members who deposited or forwarded the extra \$10. If you have forgotten since the last reminder to send or deposit the money, it is not too late to remit the \$10 per family. You can hand the \$10 to Greg when you attend our monthly meeting at the Newington Community Centre. We do not receive any financial

assistance from the membership fee you have paid each year.

As previously stated, all necessary cleaning supplies and face masks are kept in our hall cupboard. We keep within the Covid-19 guide lines. The restrictions lessened the day of our May meeting. What happens each meeting can change, we abide by current directions. Entry can be gained by walking past the basketball court and entering via the glass door or from the front entry opposite some eateries where street angle parking is provided. There is a bus stop outside the front entry. Usually, parking is easily found in the large carpark at the rear of the Community Centre.

The meeting hall is airconditioned so the cooler evening weather makes no difference once inside the hall.

Hoping to help new members and the short time between joining and our May meeting it has been decided to hold another forum in June on what size pots etc. will be needed for various types of roses, if you have chosen to grow your roses in pots. A suitable potting

mix was explained in the last magazine.

At the May meeting we viewed images of exhibits from two of the three competition days for Roses at the Easter Show and the Miniature and Miniflora Show at Mittagong. Yes, exhibits were lower than other years but the weather was not kind to gardens prior to both shows. Exhibits in other sections of the Easter Show were also affected by the preceding weather conditions.

In July we will discuss the reasons behind pruning roses and the reason we choose late Winter not June for pruning.

There has been a change of date for September as the complex has been hired for the full weekend of the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Our meeting will be held the following Friday, September 10th.

If you have been ill or in hospital, we hope to see you once you are fully recovered. Keep safe and well.

Jacqueline

The biggest lie I tell myself is... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

MONTHLY SHOW BENCH – 2020-2021

CUMULATIVE POINT SCORE 20-21			
	JULY 2020/JUNE 2021 Classes 1-10	NOVICE ONLY Class 11	EVA LOUISE TROPHY Class 12
Keith & Shirley Baron			7.50
Michael Brook		4.50	
Greg & Robyn East	47.00		13.00
Braidan Swan	32.75		
Ailsa Wareham			27.00
Roses on the April Show bench: 'Just Joey', 'Kardinal', 'Michelle Meiland', 'Pascali', 'Seduction'.			
Roses on the May Show bench: 'A Blooming Miracle', 'Columbus Queen', 'Iceberg', 'Joy Delight', 'Just Joey', 'Michelle Meiland', 'Pascali', 'Queen Elizabeth', 'Tequila Sunrise'			
Greg gained the bonus 3 points with his entry in class 10 at the May meeting. One meeting to go until the end of this competition for 2020-2021. <i>Our monthly meetings are a good place to learn about preparing and putting blooms onto the Show bench. If you get the bush growing correctly blooms always follow.</i>			
<i>FLORAL ART</i> - No entries			
<i>BEGINNERS OR NOVICES</i>			
Class 11 is expressly for Novices. You are invited to place <u>one stem or cut of any rose variety</u> in this class. A cut carries one bloom and bud / buds or more than one bloom with or without side buds. A stem has one developed flower, i.e. no bud or flower has been removed to encourage growth in the remaining bloom. Any new member can enter into this class.			

EXTRA CLASS

Any potted plant in a pot up to 30cms (12") diameter.

Where is your competitive spirit?
The above class of a potted plant operates all year round.

SOIL TESTER

Do you have the means to easily test the PH level in your rose garden? We have a PH soil test meter. Just push it into moist soil wait a few minutes and the answer

appears on a dial at the top of the unit. If and when you borrow the unit you will be expected to return it in good condition. If it is lost, broken or damaged while in your possession you will be held responsible to replace the unit. A register to record each member as they borrow the tester will be kept and the borrower will need to return the tester to the Chairman at her home or at the following monthly Friday meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SYDNEY REGIONAL

The 54th Annual General Meeting of the
Sydney Regional of the Rose Society of New South Wales Inc.
will be held at 8.00 p.m.

on Friday, 6th August, 2021

at Newington Community Centre,
Cnr Avenue of Europe & Avenue of Asia, Newington

Please try to attend this meeting.

ALL EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS
WILL BE DECLARED VACANT
AND NOMINATIONS CAN BE CALLED FOR FROM THE FLOOR.

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 52nd A.G.M.
2. Presentation of the Treasurer's Report, 2020-2021 and acceptance of 2019-2020.
3. Presentation of the Chairman's Report.
4. Election of Office Bearers and Committee members for the following year.
5. Election of appointees to State Council of the Rose Society of NSW Inc.
6. To appoint an Auditor for the following year.
7. To appoint a Publicity Officer for the Regional.

The above notice of the 54th Annual General Meeting
has been authorised by Kerry Hurst,
Secretary of the Sydney Regional of the
Rose Society of New South Wales Inc.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

If you can offer your help and time then please contact the Secretary, Kerry Hurst and give her your details. The Committee usually meets at Castle Hill on a Thursday evening six days after the monthly meeting.

EXPERIENCE

Nothing in particular is needed except a willingness to work with a group of fellow members to make this Regional and the Society an outstanding success. New ideas are welcome and making a difference is important.

NEUTROG CHANGE TO ORDERING PROCEDURE

It is now necessary for all members who want to order any of the Neutrog product to open an account directly with Neutrog in South Australia. **Please contact me if you are interested and I will forward your details to Neutrog who will contact you and set up the account.** Payment is at time of order with Neutrog. Once your account is established with Neutrog, the special price is available on the ordering page attached to the Rose Society on the Neutrog website. From time to time specials will be advertised only to those who have accounts and will be compiled and delivered in September.

Your order will be delivered during September. Orders close late July early August. The delivery area will need to be accessible for pallet unloading. Our prior delivery address is no longer available. Is there a member who is prepared to have the full order delivered to their home and have other members collect from their place?

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION HIGHWAY

The web address is www.nsw.rose.org.au
It has been designed to be interactive with anyone who locks on from anywhere. Member information about events, Rose Consultants, photos of various roses from around the State submitted by members. Log in, will be 'remember' The password is printed in each edition of the NSW Rose quarterly.

SEMINAR FOR JUDGES

All judges were asked to attend this seminar as a way to refresh their judging skills as it has been some time since their skills have been used at a show due to Covid restrictions.

An invitation was issued to all members of the NSW Rose Society to attend if they wished to learn how the roses were judged and what the judges look for. They were offered assistance in putting roses in vases in units suitable for the show bench.

Our visitors should be very proud of their efforts. Most of the exhibits they produced, with the flowers available to them, would have been awarded first place on the show bench.

The participants were very happy and keen to try their hand at exhibiting. We are hopeful that, with the confidence gained, they will exhibit at a show in the near future.

The success of the day was due to all who, in many ways, contributed to making the day come to

fruition. Thank you to those involved.

Meryl and Ted Morphett

FOOTNOTE:- This event was advertised in the last NSW Rose on page 3 and mentioned in the last Regional bi-monthly magazine.

ROSES & COFFEE GROUNDS

Roses do like coffee grounds, but too much too close can give them a nasty nitrogen burn and can kill your roses. Never sprinkle coffee grounds right next to the plant.

There's a great way to feed your roses coffee grounds, which lowers the ph on soil and attracts worms which loosen and feed the soil - great for roses!

It's simple, just collect your coffee grounds and - per bush - use 1 cup of grounds to 3.8L of water. Mix, and water the roses with it. This helps distribute the grounds and acid to prevent burn and get the nutrients to the roots.

Don't throw away extra coffee grounds that you don't need for roses, lots of other plants enjoy them, too.

CULTURAL NOTES

(with help from earlier compiled articles)

If you have questions not covered in the various cultural notes that have been printed please phone a Rose Consultant near your home for a more in-depth answer.

These Society members are there to help you attain better growing results.

Use the spare time between seasons to clean up dropped leaves etc. from the garden and add them to your compost bin.

While it is too early to begin pruning, you may do some cleaning up to get rid of any unwanted growth – dead stems, old unproductive stems, thin twiggy growth - ready for the more serious task of shortening the growths to be retained. It is also a good time to sharpen tools in readiness for pruning. This is an ideal time to move or remove a rose that is not growing well in its spot, sometimes placing it in a pot will allow it a second life.

Maybe your new roses are about to arrive or they are already

waiting to be planted. You may anticipate buying them at a later date from a nearby nursery as a potted rose. If they are classed as 'bare rooted or 'bagged rose' remove the wrapping from your purchases. Wash away with a hose all gunk, soil, sawdust or whatever, slightly trim away about 3cms of the root system and place your new roses in a bucket of tap water. Leave there for 24-28 hours. The reason for this is, many plants arrive by post and tend to dry out to varying degrees. Placing the roots in water gives them a good soaking which will be most beneficial in rejuvenating them to the same standard they were in when dug up by the nursery.

If you don't plan to place them in your garden right away, you need to 'heel' them in! That is make a hole somewhere in your garden, place all your new purchases really close together in the hole, cover them well with soil above

the bud union (where the bush joins the understock). Water well every couple of days. This way, your new purchases will keep successfully until you are ready to plant them in their intended spot. If the garden bed is still being prepared you can plant each one into a 30cm diameter pot, and re-pot anytime over the next few months. A good potting mix was described in the last magazine.

If your garden has already been prepared for the new roses, make the hole about 30cm deep and about 45cm wide. Make a central mound in the hole about as big as your fist. Take a new plant and spread out the root system in a spiral shape, placing the centre of the bush on the mound to see if the bud union is level with the ground of your garden bed. If too high, adjust the level of the hole, if too low, add more soil to the mound. Do not have the bud union high above ground level or too low. Strong winds can cause the bush to nap off if the union is too high. Place part of the removed soil back over the root

system. Water this area and then replace the remaining soil to fill the hole. Water again and thereafter every couple of days. Watering helps remove air pockets from around the roots. By giving your new bushes a good start you are well on your way to having success. **DO NOT FERTILIZE NEWLY PLANTED BUSHES UNTIL NOVEMBER,** thus allowing the new roots to grow, as fertilizing too soon will burn those new tender roots.

[The re-potting of an existing rose does not apply to the prior statement about fertilizing.](#)

If planting standard roses, sometimes called tree roses, place a stake securely in the planting hole first. Position the bush so that the stake will be on the side of the bush that will get the hot summer sun. Secure stem of the bush to the stake with a soft material, particularly just below the bud union as illustrated in the planting article in this magazine.

Moving an established bush is best done now. How much soil you

remove is dependent on how well the removed plant grew in that spot and if the soil needs to be replenished with good garden soil. If removing a diseased bush you should remove a barrow load of soil and any remaining roots.

Resist the temptation to start pruning plants that have no flowers; leave until the end of July or early August, once frosts have finished, later if in a frost prone area.

Images on pruning will be in the next magazine and this topic will be discussed in detail at the July meeting. Questions can also be asked at the June meeting.

Those first buds will not appear until the plant has started to grow feeder roots and the soil has started to warm up. New leaf growth may appear but it could be burnt off with a cold frost, do not worry, new growth will follow when conditions are right.

The pruning spray 'lime sulphur' is best used when fresh so check the

expiry date on the bottle and if past the date buy a new supply. . 'Lime sulphur' helps clean up and control most garden nasties – mites, spores or fungal diseases that hide and hibernate during the colder winter months. Spray 'lime sulphur' all over the pruned plant especially in cracks in the bark and around the bud union. Give all the soil in your beds or pots a good drenching and don't be afraid to repeat this process some seven days later.



Just level a banana peel and bury it under an inch of soil at the base of a rosebush. Potassium in the peel feeds the plant and helps it resist disease.



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<p><i>FLORAL ART – JUNE 2021</i> '<i>Camellias and Wood</i>' <i>Any embellishments</i></p>	<p><i>FLORAL ART – JULY 2021</i> '<i>Depths of Winter</i>' <i>Any embellishments</i></p>
<p>As Camellias are plentiful at this time of the year there should be no shortage of blooms. If you do not have one growing then possibly your neighbour could help out with a couple of blooms. Wood is asked for, not pretend or looks like wood (plastic or others). Laminated wood is not suitable but turned or shaped wood is okay. A piece of branch or root from a tree is okay. Bamboo is technically not wood but a grass so cannot be substituted for wood in this title. Camellias can be hard to keep in one piece but can be pinned from the back to stay together for the evening.</p>	<p>Bare branches or coloured leaves can greet the gardener at this time of year. This could be a re-run of the June title if you wish. You may want to just use foliage and no flowers. Succulents can be used successfully among foliages to give the focal area some interest aside from colourful foliage. White flowers or grey foliage can be used for snow or cold conditions. Your idea could come from any part of the world that has a Winter season. If using flowers those typically called Winter flowers are to be used, even roses if you have some still available.</p>

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE FOR RENEWAL

This only applies to those members who were financial members prior to 30th December, 2020. As explained in the last NSW Rose and on the membership cards you received your renewal payment can be paid directly into the Society's bank account. You can pay at a monthly meeting and the regional will forward your payment. You will receive a new membership card showing you are financial until June 30th 2022.

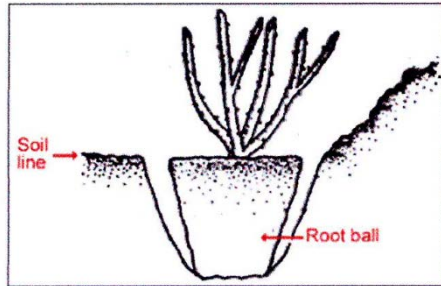
PLANTING A POTTED ROSE

Container grown rose bushes can be planted anytime but the cooler weather allows them to settle in before the next flowering period.

Make sure the soil is moist before removing it from the pot.

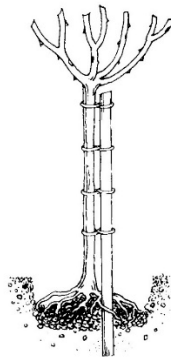
Bare -rooted plants need longer to settle in than potted ones, as their roots need to develop and grow. This will not happen until the soil starts to get warm.

When planting container grown plants you make the hole wider than the width of the pot and slightly deeper. Use the pot to make sure of the width and depth. You want the top of the pot soil to be at the same height as the edge of the hole. You need to encourage the roots to leave the root ball of the pot so the surrounding soil needs to be friable for the roots to extend and grow successfully so be careful of the surrounding soil type. You may need to slightly ease roots away from the root ball into the new soil being added



Trim off any damaged roots with sharp secateurs. Hold the root ball firmly, backfill with the prepared soil. Three quarter fill the space then gently fill the void with water and allow the soil to settle then top up with more soil. Water again. Do not stamp down on the soil.

Remember to put the stake in first before planting a standard (tree rose) bush. The stake needs to go just under the top bud union. Tie to the stake in a figure 8 fashion using soft pliable material, e.g., stocking. Standard roses are not bush roses. Bush roses are located at ground level while standards are long stems with a grafted rose variety at the top.



PLANTING AND CHOOSING A BARE ROOT ROSE

When choosing a bare root rose the canes should be plump, not wrinkled. The roots should be moist inside the packet.

PROPER LOCATION (Sun, air circulation) Place your bare root roses where they will get at least 6 hours of direct sunlight and good air circulation (but not in strong wind).

PREPARED SOIL: Option A: Incorporated manure and compost with maybe blood and bone added or/and Seamungus. Watered weekly before planting. About 6 weeks ago.

Option B: with planting mix or aged compost, planting immediately is okay because your added soil is already compost and the incorporated blood and bone, etc., will be there when needed by the fine new roots. Some add a layer of Seamungus onto the mound so there is food for the new growing plant. Be careful in what you add as strong fertilizer will burn the new roots. Blood and Bone is a slow release additive.

TOOLS & SUPPLIES: Shovel, pruners, a large bucket or similar container for holding the bare root roses. Soak roots in water for 24 hours or heel them in by temporarily planting in loose moist soil (up to a week). Remove from packing material before soaking in bucket or heeling them into the ground.

TRIM BROKEN ROOTS OR CANES: Treat with bleach (optional). Solution of 10% sodium hypochlorite bleach (1 part bleach to 9 parts water). You can dunk your bare root roses in this 10% solution, wetting them completely and then air-dry (on spread-out newspapers). Be careful when disposing of bleach! Trim any broken roots as these breaks may allow disease to enter. Trim off any broken tips of canes or ends that do not look clean.

DIG A GENEROUS HOLE: or use an ample container large enough to spread out the plant's roots without cutting or bending them. For bush

roses, like hybrid teas, dig a hole 60cms deep and 60cms wide or at least 45cms deep and wide.

RICH SANDY LOAM Use potting soil or add planting mix to sandy topsoil (1 part mix to 2 parts soil).

SUPPORT ROOT STRUTURE: Mound the soil to form a solid pyramid of soil or container and spread the roots over it.

BUD UNION POSITON: The plant's bud union or "graft" should be slightly higher than the surrounding soil, about 200 - 250mms. Fill hole with soil mix, firming as you go, up to existing soil level.

WATERING BASIN: Form a dam around the perimeter of the hole. Water thoroughly, right after planting, to settle the soil. Try "puddling in" - take a watering hose put a nozzle on it, turn it on to get a good stream and plunge it in around the roots in several places. The water will find any air pockets and flush them out letting soil fill the spaces.

MOUNDING: Some rose experts recommend that you cover the newly planted rose almost completely with mulch uncovering it only after new growth starts.

KEEP SOIL JUST MOIST until new top growth appears and then as needed to keep growth continuing. Your new roses will not require much watering until new leaves appear.

A young staffer was leaving the office at 4:45 p.m., when he found the Acting CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand. "Listen," said the Acting CEO, "this is a very sensitive and important document, and my assistant is not here. Can you make this thing work?" "Certainly," said the young staffer. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button. "Excellent, excellent!" said the Acting CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine, "I just need one copy."

Lesson: Never, ever assume that your boss knows what he's doing.

COMING EVENTS

June Meeting – 04.06.21

Newington Community Centre 8.00 p.m.

Topic – Repotting

What size pot and how it is done

Raffle – Potted rose

Floral Art

‘Camellias and wood’

Any embellishments

June Committee Meeting – 10.06.21

Castle Hill Vet Hospital 7.30 p.m.

July Meeting – 02.07.21

Newington Community Centre 8.00 p.m.

Topic – ‘Why and how we prune roses’

Raffle – Winter warmers

Floral Art

‘Depth of winter’

July Committee Meeting – 08.7.21

Castle Hill Vet Hospital 7.30 p.m.

AGM & August Meeting - 06.08.21

Newington Community Centre 8.00 p.m.

State Council Meeting – 08.08.21

Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living

@ 11.00 a.m.

Judges meeting 9.00 a.m.

Not long ago I revised my will.
It's quite uncomplicated. Just a
dead giveaway

Peter Pitt, Potts Point.

ROSE CONSULTANTS

The following members of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. are rose growers of both exhibition (show) & garden roses who have kindly agreed to make available to all members their expertise. If you have problems or questions about rose growing, contact the person listed as living closest to your garden.

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