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Elina Newsletter



Photo: "Lady of Australia Rose" *Lady of Australia is a unique floribunda rose with classicly-shaped bright yellow flowers, showing ruffled petals when fully opened, fading to lighter yellow/cream on the outer side and revealing beautiful yellow stamens.



CHAIR PERSONS REPORT:

Hello to all, September news. During the month Judith Oyston, Intan Kallus and I attended NSW State meeting and AGM. At the meeting Meryl and Ted Morphett both received Life membership awards for all the dedication and hard work they have done for the NSW Rose Society. Meryl and Ted entered many of the Illawarra Rose Society Rose Shows. They shared valuable knowledge with our members and other regions. Congratulation to Intan Kallus taking on the role of Editor and Website consultant. Illawarra handed over "The Alister Clark Cup" to Denise Butcher of the Southern Region who will be custodians of the cup.

Neutrog order dates for 2026. Neutrog will send an email for orders. Please be aware of the deadline dates. We will only be processing 3 orders for the year. **NO ORDERS**

AFTER AUGUST TO BE HANDLED. Deadline 12th January 2026 - Deadline 13th April 2026 - Deadline 13th July 2026

Delivery expected approx. 4 weeks later .

PEACE PARK. Colin Hollis has been informed by Neutrog that they will supply all the products used in Peace Park. Thank you Neutrog for all your support. The Roses are blooming at Peace Park, call in and check them out.

Volunteers have put a lot of work during the winter for the spring showing.

Our monthly meeting was held at Esther's Garden in Cordeaux Heights, a well set out rose garden with 92 roses. Members were impressed with Esther's labelling system for her roses. We hope she will share this with us at a meeting in 2026. Esther will have a magnificent display of blooms in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to 2 of our members Colin Hollis who was awarded the President's Award, which is the highest award given out by the Garden Clubs of Australia, and Deidre McLoughlin receiving the Life membership Award of the Garden Club of Australia.

Rosy Day promotion has started! We encourage you to spread the word and invite your friends to participate by bringing roses for the display. Last year, we enjoyed a stunning showcase, with many members of the public contributing their roses. Please place your roses in a jar, label roses with their name, and indicate the area where they were grown. Illawarra members will be available to answer questions. Members of the Floral Art group will be demonstrating floral arrangements using roses that you can display in your home.

Christmas luncheon to be held at Lyn and Hans Van de Haar in Farmborough Heights Nov 22nd **please RSVP by Nov 10th** and liaise with Lorraine re food.

Agricultural shows are in full preparation. We encourage you to support your local show by exhibiting your roses and floral art.

Local Agricultural Show Dates 2026

- ☐ Albion Park Show – Main show Saturday 17th January 2026
- ☐ Kiama Show - Friday 23rd Saturday 24th January 2026
- ☐ Berry Show - Friday 30th Saturday 31st January 2026
- ☐ Kangaroo Valley - Friday 13th February, Saturday 14th, 2026

CONTACT DETAILS: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

CHAIR: Lorraine Vost: Mobile No. 0411 241 421 Email - illawarrarosechair@gmail.com

Secretary (Minutes): Janet Bowden

Treasurer: Trevor Phillis - illawarrarosetreasurer@gmail.com

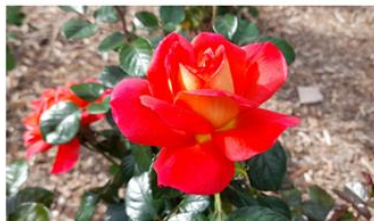
POST: PO Box 3 JAMBEROO NSW 2533.

Important dates:

- **November 1-** Display of Roses & information at Burnett's Nursery on Barney St Kiama. Bring your roses for the display.
- **November 22** - Christmas Luncheon at the garden of Hans & Lyn Van de Haar. RSVP by 10th Nov

* **Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre** next meeting February 28th 2026

MEMBERS' GARDEN DISPLAY



We had the pleasure of visiting Esther Hernandez's extensive Rose Garden that displayed a bountiful display of beautifully presented and Fragrant Roses. It is amazing how quickly Esther established her Rose Garden over a few short years. It just shows that once you get hooked on Roses the passion takes over!

Rose Care

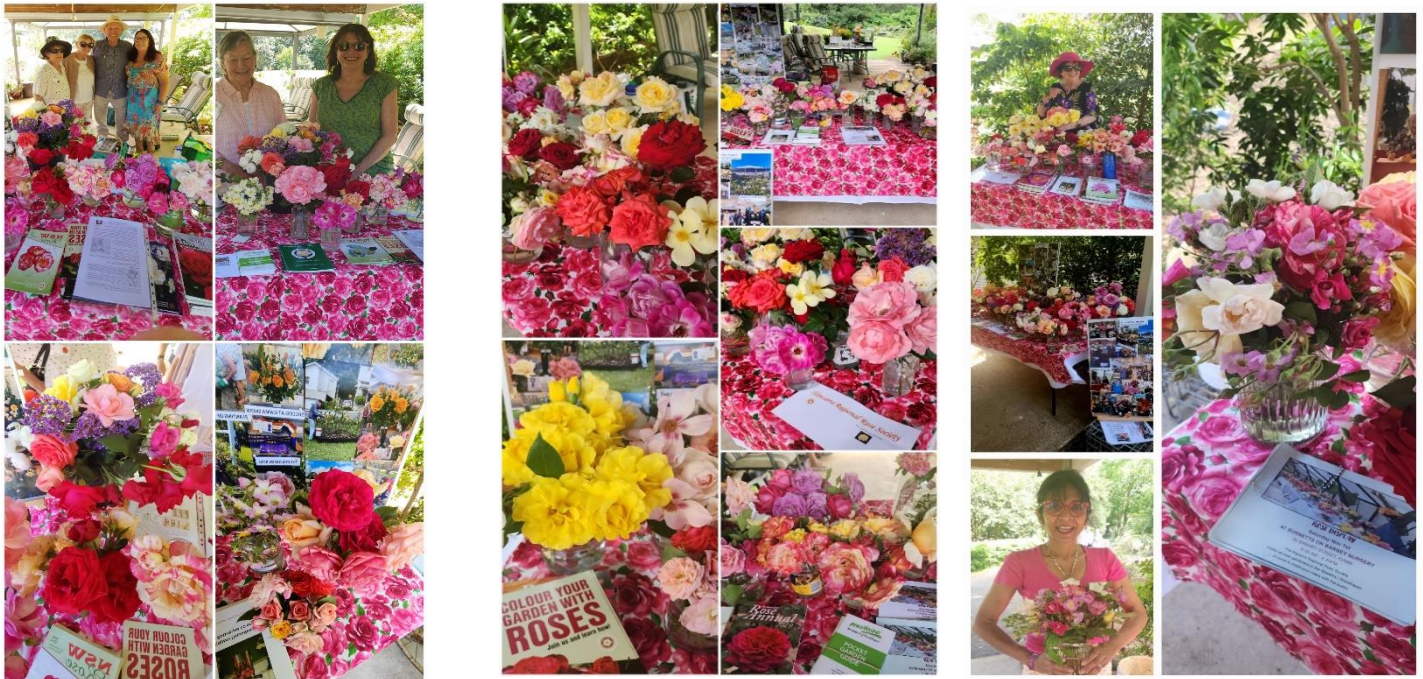
Aphids represent one of the most common and frustrating pests for roses. They are most active in Spring and so are their natural predators: lacewings, hoverflies and ladybirds. Aphids suck juices out of developing buds and any soft tissue. The best plan for attacking aphids is to encourage their natural predators to thrive and let them keep the aphids under control. Using chemical pesticides will only kill both the aphids and their predators, which is counterproductive. Try picking off or squashing the clusters of aphids around the flower buds and new growth or squirt them away with a jet from a garden hose. If their population swells beyond a manageable number, the basic nature of a mild household organic detergent makes it perfect for getting rid of them. Dilute a few tablespoons of organic dish soap in a small bucket of lukewarm water and use a sponge or spray bottle to apply the mixture to plants where aphids have taken hold.



Source: Wagner's Roses www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au

Rose Display Berry Garden Festival Berry Garden Festival October 16th – 19th 2025

A very successful presentation promoting the ROSE. Members brought roses for the display, shared knowledge and enjoyed the reactions of visitors to the display at Garden 2 Oke's Camellia Garden. The scent of the roses brought back many childhood memories for many of the visitors. The selection of roses included old and new varieties and a beautiful display of Australia breed roses. A very special thank you to the members, Jill, Lyn, Hans, Kathleen, Judith, Pat, Kristin, Marg, Geraldine, Bruce, Intan, Moria, Jacqueleine, Romeo and Lorraine for your support over the 4 days. Photos Lorraine Vost



Colin Hollis presenting Meryl and Ted Morphett Life Membership NSW Rose Society



Photo Intan Kallus



Jamberoo 2023 Preparing show bench - Winning Roses - Photos Roses in the Illawarra



Rose Care Thrip are a tiny insect around 2mm long, they vary in colour from yellow to black and come into your garden on the wind. They will normally come in on hot dry weather in Spring or Summer and are attracted to light colours, they often can be seen on white sheets hanging on the line.

Thrip feed by draining the contents of plant cells, this will cause white specks or trails on new leaves and scarring on petals which are often seen as brown blemishes on light coloured blooms. Most people notice the effects on pale coloured flowers first leaving blooms with brown edges which is often mistaken for water rot. If left they can be quite destructive and often cause deformities in new growth.

Treatment The first thing to try is your hose - they hate water. If a small infestation or you have just noticed the signs then spraying the rose plant with water from your hose discourages them from settling and they will soon move on. Remember to spray both under and over the leaves.

Cut off all badly affected blooms.

Encourage natural predators such as: bugs, ladybirds, lacewing larvae, mites and predatory thrips.

Remove weeds to reduce breeding sites.

Try using a garlic or chilli spray. Take two teaspoons of crushed garlic or chilli and put into 500mls of water. Let this sit for a couple of days so the water is very potent. Strain and spray onto the plants. Although this home remedy is highly effective it will need to be repeated each week for a couple of weeks or after it has rained.

It may be necessary to spray roses with an insecticide or Eco Oil. Remember that the thrip also lay eggs on the plant and a repeat spray may be necessary a couple of weeks after the first. Please use chemicals sparingly as they also kill the good insects and natural predators as well as the one you are trying to get rid of - always look for a natural alternative before using chemicals!

Thrip have a short life cycle, having many generations in one year. Therefore, the chemical sprays on the market are a bit of a hit and miss as thrip become very resistant to most chemical sprays.

Remember that whatever treatment you decide on will have to be re-applied in a couple of weeks when the eggs laid by the first infestation hatch. For a long term solution try companion planting your roses with Lavender, Garlic, Chilli, chives or marigolds. This will help to protect your roses from future attacks.

Source: treloarroses.com.au

Rose Growing Tips for October – (By Lawrence Zammit) –

In October, we focus on regular watering and fertilizing for continuous blooming, and practice deadheading spent flowers to encourage new growth. Ensure roses receive at least six hours of sunlight daily and are planted in well-draining soil.

Watering: Keep the soil consistently moist, especially during warmer October days, as roses need regular watering to produce impressive flowers.

Deadheading: Remove faded flowers by cutting the stem just above the first leaf with five leaflets. This practice encourages the plant to produce more blooms instead of focusing on seed production.

Sunlight: Ensure your rose bushes are in a sunny location, ideally receiving at least six hours of direct sunlight per day.

Soil: Plant roses in well-draining, rich soil. If you have heavy clay soil, consider planting in a mound or raised bed.

Mulching: Apply a 2-3 inch layer of coarse organic mulch around the base of the rose bush to help retain soil moisture.

Pest and Disease Control: Regularly inspect your plants for any signs of pests or diseases. Baking soda can be used as a natural fungicide to help prevent powdery mildew and black spot.

What is the best homemade fertilizer for roses?

The best homemade fertilizers for roses include a combination of nutrient-rich organic materials like alfalfa meal, compost, banana peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, and Epsom salt. These can be mixed together or applied separately to provide the balanced NPK nutrients, calcium, and magnesium that roses need for vigorous growth and abundant Blooms. Happy Rose Growing! Further details can be obtained by visiting this address - [rose growing tips for October Australia](#) lady of Australia rose picture details - Google Search

Featured Rose: Lady of Australia Rose



The 'Lady of Australia' is a classic yellow-orange hybrid tea rose known for its large, well-formed, and highly fragrant blooms.

It is a vigorous grower that performs best when given full sun and plenty of water. This rose is an excellent choice for cut flowers due to its beautiful form and strong scent.

Horticultural Characteristics:

Flower: Produces bright yellow, classic-shaped flowers with ruffled petals, which open to reveal beautiful yellow stamens.

Plant: Forms a healthy, bushy plant with dark green foliage.

Flowering: It is a very free-flowering and disease-resistant variety.



Colin Hollis Fertilizing Roses Peace Park October 2025
Golden Beauty Rose

photos C. Hollis
Happy Birthday Rose

MINUTES OF THE 27th AUGUST, 2025 MEETING OF THE ILLAWARRA ROSE SOCIETY.

OPENED: at 1.40pm by Chair, Lorraine Vost who welcomed everyone to the meeting which was held in the home of Esther Hernandez.

APOLOGIES: Intan Kallus.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING. Moved by Janet and Seconded Jill Milburn. Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT: General, \$9,694.65, Peace Park \$837.29, Education \$4,538.89, Term Deposit \$10,000. Total Balance \$25,070.83 Moved: T Phyllis. Sec: J Bowden. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

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- Email regarding garden visit to Eshter's.
- Kangaroo Valley Show – re sponsorship
- NSW State meeting September 13th, 2025
- Alister Clark cup –
- Berry Show invoice for sponsorship payment
- Email from Monique re 2026 Neutrog dates

OUT

- Insurance details to Mary Seelis Berry Garden Club
- NSW delegates attending Meeting September 13th. Intan Kallus, Judith Oyston, Lorraine Vost
- Southern Sydney region Rosy Day flyer

BUSINESS ARISING:

- Alister Cup given to Denise Butcher – Southern Sydney Region to be custodian.
- Neutrog dates Delivery to be 4 weeks after closing dates. 12th Jan 2026 13th April 2026 13th July 2026
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- Show Society Invoices being delt with by Treasurer

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- November 1 Rose Display at Burnetts on Barney Nursery, Kiama.
- Fliers are out for advertising.
- Shirley Coady to do the ABC promotion
- Encourage the public to bring Roses from their garden.
- Intan to do Hybridisation
- Joanne, Rosemary and Janet to give floral demonstration.
- Kristin, Colin & Jill to respond to any questions.
- November 22nd Illawarra Rose Society Christmas Party. Venue – Hans & Lyn Van De Haar's garden.
Hans & Lyn to supply Meat & Veggies. Members to bring to share.

PEACE PARK: Jill reported in Colin's absence. Another climbing rose stolen. Roses budding up beautifully.

Neutrog going to pay for products for Peace Park.

EDITOR OF STATE JOURNAL & WEBSITE. Intan has taken on this role. Future paper copies of the State Journal – postage to be paid by individual members.

STATE SUBSCRIPTION SECRETARY & TREASURER: Jackie Tweedie taken on both roles.

Kristin Dawson to be the Alternative delegate during the summer meetings when Lorraine is not available.

HUGE thank you to Esther & family. Esther welcomed everyone and spoke about how her love of the rose began.

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful ambience of the house and garden and the general chat over afternoon tea.