



ILLAWARRA REGIONAL ROSE SOCIETY IS 50 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR: LET'S CELEBRATE 1974-2024

We will be cutting the birthday cake at our August meeting- so come along and join the feast

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

7<sup>th</sup> September- Bunnings Spring stall Kembla Grange

15<sup>th</sup> September- Excursion to Grevillia Park Bulli (T his replaces the September meeting

5<sup>th</sup> October- Rose display at Burnetts on Barney

30<sup>th</sup> November- Christmas Party @Warilla Bowling Club

Colin thanks Karen & Kevin Beasley, Peter Goodger, Bruce Robinson, Horst Bleuel for assisting with pruning Jill East's roses. She enjoyed the activity which brought back many happy memories for her.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE- 30 JUNE**

Thank you to all those who have renewed to date. Financial membership is necessary to access Neutrog products. Please renew soon if you have not done so – or let me know if you do not wish to renew so I can delete you from our list. See how to renew at the end of newsletter.

**MEETS ON THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE NORTH KIAMA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, MEEHAN DRIVE – 1.30-3.30P.M.**

**NEXT MEETING:-Sat. 24 August 2024– Guest Speaker Daniel Webb- on growing orchids**

*Message from Chair:* Dear Members

The year has moved on so quickly and already we are well into August. Last meeting we held our AGM and I thank the members returning for another year of keeping our Rose Society on the move in the Illawarra. Congratulations and many thanks to Peter Goodger for taking on the Treasurer role and to Robert Coady for taking on the Assistant Treasurer role ready to assist Peter when needed. Robert has done a wonderful job since 2017 in stewarding the Society's funds in such a careful and professional way.

We enjoyed a virtual visit to the the Keisi Rose Garden Japan at our last meeting and learned about the International Rose Convention to be held in Fukuyama near Hiroshima in May 2025. Already we have 4 members who are preparing to register attendance there. The perfection and magnificence of Japan's gardens are second to none.

Next meeting we are most fortunate to have a very knowledgeable and excellent speaker on Orchids- Daniel Webb. His fame has gone before him. So please round up some friends and neighbours to come to enjoy the meeting with our members. He will bring some orchids for sale as well. I have one orchid I'm hoping will not die on me which I think I will bring for some advice.

Our roses are beginning to leaf up now so some spring preparation will soon be in order. *Kristin*

## ROSE GARDEN IN AUGUST



### Time now to prepare for Spring –

I pruned in June, which is earlier than usual, and thankfully our area is not prone to frosts as the foliage is gathering pace and the rose bushes are showing beautiful fresh leaves.

### MY TO DO LIST:

- Plant new bareroot roses and water in well.
- Begin to fertilise the established roses that have foliage– so out will come the Sudden Impact, and I mix in some Blood & Bone (Neutrog Meatworks) for some extra.
- Condition the soil with some



Seamungus, a watering in of GoGo Juice or Popul8

- A layer of CocknBull and cover all with some WhoFlung Dung, and some sugarcane mulch.
- Water in well and watch to water when the ground becomes dry
- Wait for the blooms in September.



### SUCCESSFUL PLANTING From Macarthur Region

Adequate watering is essential at all stages of the rose's life. Roses have a reputation of being drought tolerant, and this is true once they are established. However, when planting new roses, it is important they are kept moist through regular watering. New roses that do not receive adequate water will delay breaking dormancy, suffer dieback, or simply wilt and die.

When the soil is very dry, it becomes hydrophobic. This means it will not absorb or retain moisture. Giving a dose of Eco Hydrate or similar will help the soil retain moisture. Potted roses are particularly at risk of becoming hydrophobic and it is important to monitor and water regularly.



Fertilising the new bareroot rose at the time of planting can cause stunted growth and die back. Wait until your new rose has started to cover the stems in new leaves and then begin a fertilising regime to get the best blooms.

Mulching enriches the soil, keeps the soil temperature even and helps retain moisture. Keep the mulch to a maximum of 5 cm deep or the mulch material will absorb the water before it reaches the soil. Mulch can be used in potted roses to help with moisture retention and general plant health. WhoFlungdung is a great mulch for roses.



Applying Mycorrhizal Fungi when planting your bare root roses will increase the root production of your rose plant and encourage better growth through improved uptake of nutrients. It can also help to increase drought and disease resistance giving better plant health. Mycorrhizal Fungi works by forming a symbiotic relationship with the rose plant roots encouraging root growth and reducing fertiliser and water use. It is popular and usable in organic and other earth friendly gardening practices. You need approximately one teaspoon per rose plant



Taken from the July 2023 Edition of the Macarthur Rose Newsletter (*Go to the NSW Rose website to view other interesting information from the various regions*)

<https://nsw.rose.org.au/assets/files/regional-meetings/macarthur-regional/2023-july-macarthur-newsletter.pdf>

**OUR VISIT TO JAPAN AT LAST MEETING**



I was too busy at our last meeting to take photos – such a shame as members brought in some beautiful flowers, a few roses and some outstanding camellias.

However, here are some bits and pieces about the Japanese rose gardens with some photos and links to videos that would be lovely to visit if not in person but on your iPad or mobiles, or smart TVs.

**Registration fee inclusions**

- Welcome Reception
- Opening Ceremony
- Lunch Party
- Lectures
- Morning Tea, Lunches
- Day Tours
- Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025

**Options (extra registrations & charges)**

- Farewell Dinner and Awards Presentation
- Pre Tour, Post Tour
- Friends' Dinner (invitation only)

**Conference:**

**May 17-25**

**Pre Tour-  
May 12-17**

**Post Tour-  
May 25-30**



Tour to the Setouchi and Sanin regions, including the World Heritage site Miyajima Island, where Rosa sambucina grows



Tour to the Kyushu region, including the area along the Kumagawa River where a colony of Rosa multiflora var.



Tour to Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, and Setouchi Triennale as well as rose gardens in the Kansai and Shikoku regions



Tour to the ancient capital of Kyoto and rose gardens in Shiga and Gifu Prefectures



Tour to rose gardens in Echigo and northern Kanto Regions



Tour to rose gardens that have been awarded the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence

[details](#)



very moving Hiroshima Memorial Park

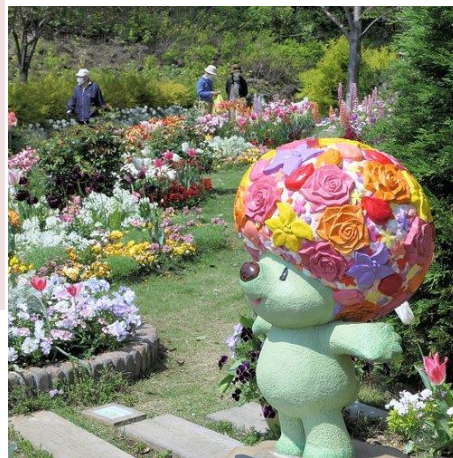
There are three out four different day tours during the Conference to choose from and one full day tour which is to the



Links to videos:  
*Keisei Rose Garden*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5WVGBcgHcQ>

**【Yokohama Rose Week 2024】 I visited all seven free rose gardens! (youtube.com)**



**20th World Rose Convention 2025 in Fukuyama**

## AROUND THE RIDGES- EXCURSIONS & EVENTS CLOSER TO HOME

### SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> EXCURSION TO GREVILLIA PARK AT BULLI- REPLACING SEPTEMBER MEETING



Gathering at 11.00 am for Tea/ Coffee

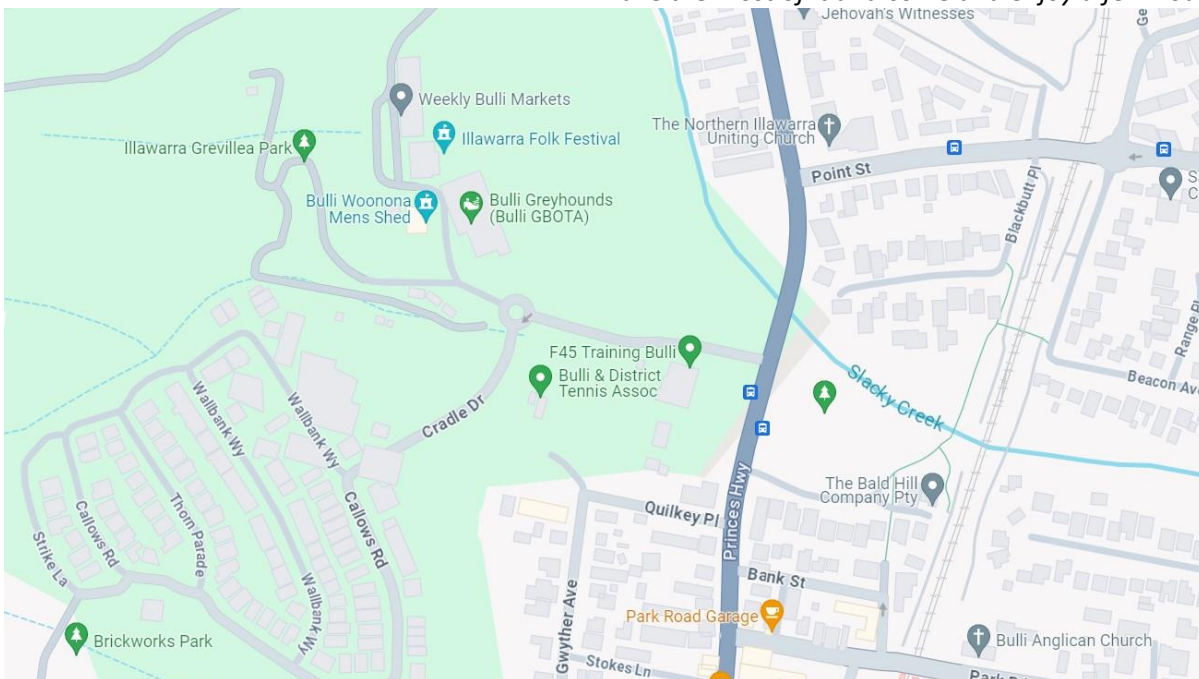
Walk through the park and then meet for

A shared picnic lunch finishing around 2.30pm

Native Plants will be available to purchase

Let us know if you need transport – we will organize it for you.

*The Park is only opened for two weekends in July and September, so make the most of it and come and enjoy a few hours together.*



*There still are about 17 members who are overdue with renewal – please follow up as soon as you are able as the Subscription Secretary deletes unfinancial members from the list by mid September.*

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL- DUE BY 30 JUNE** RENEWAL IS DUE FOR ANYONE WHO WAS SUBSCRIBED BEFORE 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024. If you subscribed between 1<sup>st</sup> January and June 2024, your renewal is not due until June 30, 2025, **Single** membership is \$40 and joint membership is \$45

If renewing and paying online- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): BSB: 012 429 A/C: 2784 41863

Reference is Your: Initial, Last Name, Membership Number. Note: membership number is especially important. If you don't know it, please contact Kristin or Jill and we will give you the number. It helps Maureen Thackeray locate your payment in the bank account and mark you as paid on her list. Our Region is numbered 03 and is the beginning of your membership number. If paying by cheque, write your membership number on the back and post to: Subscription Secretary: Mrs Maureen Thackeray, 31 Tallow-Wood Avenue, NARELLAN VALE NSW 2567

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## ROSE DISPLAY- SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER AT BURNETT'S ON BARNEY

We are planning now for the Rose Display Day at Burnett's Nursery on Barney at Kiama. This will replace the annual rose show - as the number of exhibitors has declined and the ageing committee have not the physical stamina to set up a rose show.

### WE NEED YOU –

- to bring along roses (7.30a.m.-9.00 a.m.) in a container for the display so we can share them with the public
- come and join in for a couple of hours.
- A few of our members will conduct sessions on rose growing, looking after roses, propagating roses from cuttings, budding roses on rootstock, cross pollinating and hybridizing roses, growing roses in pots and arranging roses in posies or as a table decoration. A couple of members will stay at the pavilion to give advice as a rose doctor.
- The café will be open throughout the day, there will be a theme of roses in cooking
- If you have any other ideas about the display/sessions, please let me know by the end of this week as I'm preparing a brochure for distribution and promotion.



## NEW NEUTROG DELIVERY PLACE

To avoid disruption at Hardware Man, the new delivery place for Neutrog will now be: **234 Berkley Rd., UNANDERRA (utj interiors)** *It is very close to Hardware Man.*

## NEXT MEETING – 24 AUGUST - DANIEL WEBB WILL SPEAK ON ORCHIDS & BRING SOME FOR SALE



**This will be a most interesting meeting. Come along and bring a friend with you. Daniel is an excellent speaker on orchids.**

### Minutes of last meeting:

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024 OF THE ILLAWARRA ROSE SOCIETY.

1. Meeting held at North Kiama Community Hall commencing at 2.10pm following the AGM and 25 members were welcomed by Chair Kristin.
2. Attendance: Geraldine "Shea, Colin Hollis, Joanne Fisher, Lorraine Vost, Kristin Dawson, Bruce Robertson, Horst Bleuel, David Westgate, Diane Westgate, Judith Oyston, Janet Bowden, Jenny Swan, Hans Van De Haar, Lyn Van de Haar, Phillip Sanders, Kathleen Gannet, Peter Goodger, Esther Hernandez, Lyndel Sanders, Romeo Chiarello, Jacqueline Chiarello, Deidre McLoughlin, Jan Priestly, Robert Coady, Shirley Coady.
3. APOLOGIES: 10 Apologies received: Bev Emmett, Intan Kallus, Marguerite Kennedy, Debra Keller, Frans Buskermolen, Gary Bickford, Judi Hansen, Laurie Zammit, Pat Bleuel
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (May):** Moved as correct by Janet Bowden and seconded by Lorraine Vost
5. **FINANCIAL REPORT** Peter Goodger spoke as the newly elected Treasurer about his approach to the role and that he would be using a book accounting system rather than an electronic one. This would be easily

transportable. He also spoke about the great value of Neutrog, that we receive a commission for our orders which provide a source of revenue for the Society, and that orders close this Thursday on 1<sup>st</sup> august. The accounts are as presented at the

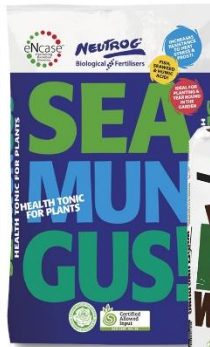
AGM excluding \$500 payment of a deposit to the Warilla Bowling Club for the Christmas end of year celebration on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

6. **CORRESPONDANCE:** Bunnings invitation for a stall at their "Spring event on 7<sup>th</sup> September between 10 a.m.-2p.m. Albion Park Garden Club, Zone Friendship Day invitation- 1<sup>st</sup> October at Uniting Church Hall; Daniel Webb will be coming to speak about Orchids at August meeting, change of date for State Meeting, Accommodation booked for the Miniature Rose Show at Mittagong March 2025.

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# Spring!

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## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

• **SEPTEMBER MEETING-** As there will be the rose display at Burnett's on Barney on 5<sup>th</sup> October, it was decided to have the September meeting earlier with an excursion to Grevillea Park at Bulli on 15<sup>th</sup> September. Meeting at 11a.m. and touring the park and a shared picnic. Lorraine has prepared fliers which are available on the table. More information in the next newsletter.

• The Neutrog delivery will now be to Hans Joinery business in Unanderra. The correct address with a map will be included in the newsletter. Orders close on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 8a.m.

• Information about the Albion Park Garden Clubs Day and Bunnings stall in the next newsletter

• **Rose Display 5<sup>th</sup> October-** need your roses to display, about 8 information sessions. Janet suggested a session on Companion Planting with roses; Joanne a decoration with 2 candelabras in the Palm Pavillion; More to come- need members to present.

8. The raffle was won by Geraldine Shea Thank you to Lorrie Zammit for purchasing the raffle.

9. Kristin presented a video on the rose garden at Keisi Park in Japan, and a PowerPoint on the International Rose Convention in Fukuyama. For those who were interested, another video on the Rose Necklace Gardens of Yokohama was left running for those who wished to view during afternoon tea.

10. Members brought some beautiful flowers from their garden- camellias, a few roses and other flowers were displayed. An unusual and beautiful variegated camellia from Diane Westgate drew a lot of attention.

The meeting concluded at 3.00pm and was followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

NOTE: At the end of the AGM Colin Hollis reported on the thieving of more roses from Peace Park including a miniature rose than Robert Curll had planted, and the donated Pierre de Ronsard from Elizabeth Burnett.

Also, he asked if some members could come to assist in the pruning of roses for Jill East who has not been well.

The meeting closed at 2.15p.m.