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PHOTO: KARDINAL -Happy Valentine's Day

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*The fragrance
always stays in
the hand that
gives the rose.*

~ Hada Bejar



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IMPORTANT DATES

14-15 February- Kanagaroo Valley Agricultural show

21-22 March – Miniature Rose Show at Mittagong

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

NEXT MEETING: at Kiama Centre February 22, 2025

Message from Chair: **Dear Members**

The year has well and truly started and quite a number of rose activities have been completed already this year in the Illawarra.

Our congratulations to those who participated in the local agricultural shows at Albion Park, Kiama, Berry and Nowra. A few photos will be displayed later in the newsletter. These shows depend on the Rose Society members and unfortunately we haven't had so many exhibitors over the past few years, so those who did exhibit are treasures. All the best to Kangaroo Valley Show, to Intan and other Illawarra members who will be involved.

We had a summer delivery of **Neutrog**. I have to admit I became somewhat confused with the reminder from Neutrog as we only have two deliveries a year. It was a small delivery this time and my thanks to Lorraine Vost, Romeo Chiarello for organising the delivery and to Hans for storing the order. We still will have an order ready for Spring and one for Summer but two are enough for us to organise. The deadlines for these 14th April and 13th October.

We will focus on **Miniature Roses**, and summer rose care at our meeting on 22nd February, as well as just catch up with each other and enjoy company. Bring along your roses for display or exhibit. There will be more on this in the newsletter. **Welcome to new member Tony Jordan** of Calderwood who exhibited a winning rose at the Albion Park Show-

Kristin

ROSE GARDEN IN FEBRUARY

Summer time- hot humid weather and a little rain so far

Now is an ideal time to fertilise the garden after the rain that has soaked into the soil. Do now in readiness for the next rainfall. It is important that the soil is well watered before and after fertilising to avoid root burn.

The roses are becoming stragglier with summer growth, black spot and some rust, and some defoliation of the bushes will be apparent in the garden. Mulch laid in Spring has now rotted down into the soil and a protective layer is needed again. Roses are blooming quite well and lasting about five days on the bush.

Miniature Rose Show is also coming up on 21 March.

TO DO IN FEBRUARY

- Fertilise around the time of the rain showers but not on very hot days. This will help growth, resilience and increased flowers, plant vigour and growth.
- Some Seamungus would be excellent conditioning for the soil and roots now as the roses get ready for Autumn. A drenching with GoGo Juice would be a good tonic for the soil.

- Mulch the ground if the mulch has depleted since last Spring

- A foliar spray of Seamungus and Eco fungicide would help to regenerate the foliage and provide a surface to halt the spread of blackspot.



- Any bushes looking like they are not flourishing and unwell, a dose of Popul8 would help to regenerate them. It contains not only

naturally occurring bacteria and fungi microbes, but 42 specific microbes to promote growth and cycling and liberation of nutrients.

- It's also time to do some summer pruning – Cut 1/3 of the straggly bushes, and NOW is the time to prune down the MINIATURE ROSES so they are in time for the MINIATURE ROSE SHOW. (40 days beforehand is Ted Morphet's advice)
- Keep up the watering when the weather dries the garden.

MINIATURE AND MINIFLORA ROSES – PREPARATION FOR THE MINIATURE ROSE SHOW



Miniature and Miniflora Roses

Miniature roses are the smallest of roses usually less than 5 cm across, but often perfectly formed and with stems or clusters that mimic the hybrid tea or floribunda rose. Miniflora roses are larger than miniature roses, but smaller than floribunda roses. Many of the miniatures and miniflora grown in Australia are Australian bred as quarantine restrictions have limited the importation of such roses over the years. Bernadella miniature roses bred in the USA are popular here, but there are many Australian bred miniatures and Miniflora roses with some now commercially available.



(Left) *Baby Jack* – *Baby Boomer*- right)



Dwarf Fairy



Irresistible



Lupo



Figurine



Apricot Clemantine



MINIFLORA ROSES All Australian bred

Black Tie



Joyce Abounding



Lilac Festival



Sarah Anne



STAGING THE ROSES FOR THE MINIATURE ROSE SHOW – 21ST- 22ND MARCH 2025

The rose schedule has 7 classes for the B&C Grade... below will be demonstrations of each class



Class 16- 3 vases of miniature roses, 3 cuts and or stems per vase, each vase N.N.D. (note a cut has more than one bloom/buds, a stem usually has just one bloom. N.N.D means you can have vases with the same variety and don't have to be three different varieties of miniature roses. (Left)

Class 17. 1 vase of miniature roses, 3 cuts and or stems, same cultivar (left)

So as in the championship but only one vase.

Class 18 1 vase of miniature roses, 4-6 cuts and or stems, same cultivar (right)

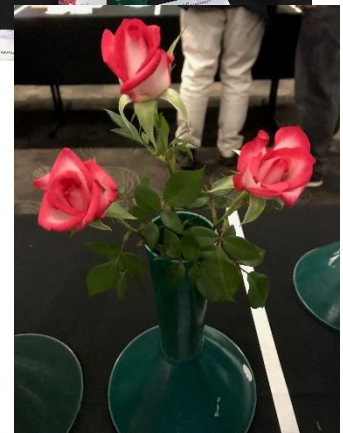


Class 19. 1 vase of miniature roses, bud to Fully open- 4 stages same cultivar

Class 20 1 Vase of Miniature bunch roses, 3 stems same cultivar (right)

Class 21 – 1 cut of miniature rose

Class 22 1 stem of miniature rose displaying exhibition form (left)



MINIATURE, MINIFLORA AND POLYANTHA ROSES – AUSTRALIAN BRED – SIMILAR STAGING BUT UTILISING THOSE ROSES.

Note: Polyantha roses are a versatile and hardy variety, beloved for their abundant clusters of small, delicate flowers. Developed in the late 19th century through the crossbreeding of wild roses with Hybrid Teas, Polyantha roses quickly gained popularity for their prolific blooms, compact size, and rugged nature.



Polyantha Roses are roses such as: **The Fairy**.

Use the same staging approach as with the Miniature roses but using the Miniflora and polyantha roses.

MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES:

Some samples of the various classes – give them a go.

43. Miniature box

44. Artists Palette

48. Float bowl

45 Portrait of a rose



Other classes include a potted miniature rose, miniflora rose in bloom, and bowls. Check the schedule

There are 4 classes for novices: 1 stem and or cut of a miniflora rose; 1 stem or cut of miniature rose; 1 vase of Polyantha rose; and 1 M/T rose in a pot.

Roses need to be staged on Friday morning before 10a.m. at the Mittagong RSL Club. Please enter a rose(s) if you are able as the show will not go well unless we enter roses. This is our meeting day on the Saturday and the excursion to the Club for viewing the roses and lunch would also be a great day out. The Club has a great restaurant.

AROUND THE RIDGES- EXCURSIONS & EVENTS CLOSER TO HOME

It was lovely to hear from Val Atkins, who let us know that Max had not been very well and in hospital over the last quarter of last year. We sent our best wishes for good health to both Val and Max.

Also, great to hear that Peter Goodger had at last left hospital before Christmas..... thankfully Peter is getting back on his feet now with the nursing help of Sue. We hope to see you again soon Peter.

AGRICULTURAL ROSE SHOWS IN 2025- CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARTICIPANTS

The Albion Park show 18-19 January was the first off the rank and Colin Hollis was the Steward and Robyn East the Judge. Congratulations especially to Braidan Swan and to Jill Millburn, as well as to our new member Tony Jordan on their successful exhibitions.

1. Braodam's Iced Vovo



2. Jill's 2nd place Championship

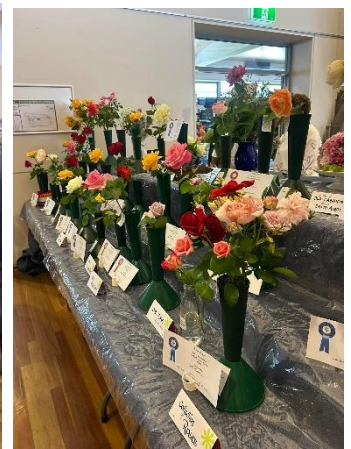


3. Tony Jordan -1st place



Kiama Show 25-26 January. Congratulations once again to Braidan Swan (from Southern Sydney Region) for Championship, Jill Millburn with 2nd in championship for Peace Park, plus other winning roses from her garden, and to the most successful exhibitor: Diane Westgate.

Braidan with Championship Peace Park 2nd on left Diane & David Westgate with Fiona Phillips MP & Colin Hollis Roses on show



Berry Show 31 Jan-1February and Intan Kallus, Janet Bowden and Jenny Swan were champions



Janet's collection of roses

Intan's roses

Janet's floral art

and Janet's bunch of three

Nowra Show 7-8th February and Intan once again shone through with not only roses but also with wonderful creative arts. Lorraine Vost won photography with a spectacular photo of **Seduction**



First two photos are Intan's roses and the third is of Lorraine's winning photograph.

NEXT SHOW IS THIS WEEKEND-15-16 FEBRUARY AT KANGAROO VALLEY- WISHING YOU LOVELY ROSES & BEST WISHES TO ORGANISERS – INTAN KALLU AND GAIL TRAPP WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ILLAWARRA ROSE REGIONAL.



NEUTROG ORDERING & INFORMATION

As stated in the letter to members, the delivery in January was an anomaly. Some confusion from deadlines delivered in the Neutrog online newsletter. However, thank you to Lorraine, Romeo and Hans for your help. The deadlines for orders are 14th April and 13th October. This is as much as we can handle. Note the process used when the order is delivered.

Our thanks to Hans Van de Haar for allowing the Rose Society to store these products on our behalf at his business. The location is- UTJ INTERIORS 236 Berkeley Road Unanderra.

The Illawarra Rose Society enables its members to receive heavily discounted Neutrog products only through the assistance of volunteers who travel to UTJ once we receive word that the order has been received. The order arrives on pallets and require checking to see that all is there. We do not want members travelling distances to find significant products missing. We had a problem like this with a missing pallet in the previous order. The products are then arranged into individual orders ready for collection and are labelled with the name of individual and order. This requires heavy lifting especially of items such as Who Flung Dung and 20 kg bags of Sudden Impact. The volunteers are those who already contribute in many ways to our Society. We appreciate help whenever you are able to give it to organising this delivery.

We may consider whether it would be useful to have a delivery place in the Shoalhaven as well as the Illawarra place. However we would have to find a site and also organise volunteers to organise each delivery. We will think about it. A NEW NEUTROG PRODUCT COMING OUT THIS YEAR IS CHOCKABLOK- A COMPOST TO DIG INTO THE SOIL

