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ILLAWARRA REGIONAL
ROSE SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER



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

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

NEXT MEETING:-Sat. 27 July 2024– AGM and Japanese
rose gardens video & photos of the 2025 International
Rose Convention garden visits program Fukayama

Photo: Jill pruning – time to prune

IMPORTANT DATES: 22nd June- Luncheon to celebrate
50th anniversary at Kiama Leagues Club – (June meeting
date - so no meeting in June)

Neutrog Spring orders will close on **Friday 2nd
August 2024 at 8am.**

**PRUNING AT PEACE PARK- 14 July
Sunday at 10a.m.**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE- 30 JUNE

Message from Chair: Dear Members

The cold weather is really closing in now with interspersed days of warm blue skies. The roses in my garden are beginning to look tall and lanky, some with yellowing leaves and others with hips and bare canes. They are beginning to go dormant and begging for a prune. Usually we prune in mid July here in the Illawarra but hoping for roses in early Spring for our rose display on then 8th October, an early June prune may help them along for an earlier bloom.

We are looking forward to the grand celebration of the 50 years of the Illawarra Regional Rose Society on 22nd June. We are expecting 77 guests including local members of Parliament, the Mayor of Kiama, the executive of the Rose Society of NSW Inc., and our members former, old and new. There will be lots of memorabilia and photos on display, and those coming will receive a copy of the finally finished booklet on the history of the Illawarra Regional Rose Society. I'll send out an electronic copies to all after the luncheon.

We will be holding the AGM in July 27 and we are always looking for members, old and new, to join the Committee to be involved in the Society and help create life and friendship with our common interest in the world's favourite flower and in gardening in general. We are a happy united mob. At our last meeting we raised the issue of finding a Treasurer, and the proposal was put forward to contract a bookkeeper to look after our funds and financial reports. We do have sufficient funds to do this. We have found a suitable professional and are in the process of confirming this at the Committee level and at the AGM. However, it would be helpful to have a name of a member to be nominated as Treasurer, but without the work involved. Robert wil continue as the Assistant Treasurer and will continue to pay bills online and connect with the bookkeeper.

Kristin

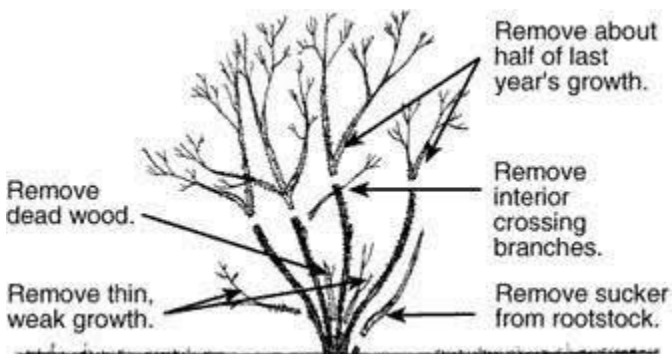
ROSE GARDEN IN JUNE

PRUNING TIME HAS COME

- Usually we prune around mid-July but we hope to have some blooms in early October, so we can give them a head start from now to mid-July.
- It also is the time for planting new bare root roses if you have ordered some.
- Weeding and cleaning around the rose bush is also another job after pruning.
- Check the pH of the soil and after the rain we've had it may be too acidic and a good sprinkle around the soil of dolomite will sweeten it.
- Some Seamungus and compost in the form of manure and then mulch will prepare the roses well for Spring.
- Don't forget to spray some lime sulphur over the pruned rose bushes and around the base of the rose bush to kill off the fungal spores.
- Sit back then and wait for Spring to work its magic.

SOME REMINDERS ABOUT PRUNING

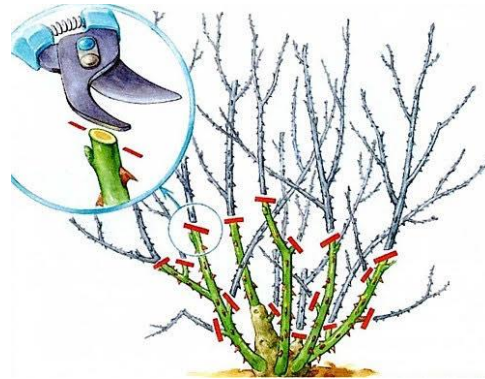
- Clean and sharpen the secateurs and loppers before beginning the job. A sharp tool stops disease from entering the plant.
- Remember 4 D's - DISEASED DEAD DAMAGED DIDDLY BITS AND CROSSING CANES
- Use methylated spirits or some other anti-bacterial substance such as tea tree oil for cleaning secateurs and other tools between bushes and after cutting diseased canes



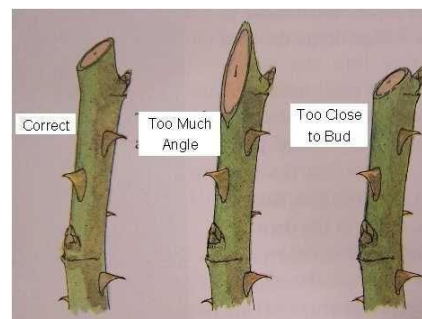
- A plastic bag to place diseased leaves into; a bag for cuttings for compost bins; gloves,

preferably elbow length for your own protection

- Use a brush and some Eco Oil for cleaning off scale from trunk and canes



- Begin by cutting off the tops of the rose bush with the leaves etc., and remove leaves, place diseased leaves in a bag.
- Have a good look at the structure of the bush before moving on further.
- Suckers come from the roots under the bud union usually at an angle in the soil beneath the rose. Don't cut but pull the sucker out. Dig down if need be.
- Pick up leaves from under the bush and spray bush and soil around it with lime sulphur.



PRUNING DEMONSTRATION AT PEACE PARK KIAMA ON SUNDAY 14 JULY AT 10 A.M.

CLEMATIS & BEARDED IRIS TO DECORATE OUR ROSE GARDENS

If you are fortunate enough to have had some clematis growing on an arch with a climbing rose this season, then it is also time to give it a good prune. Nothing so beautiful as we see the clematis emerging in spring in sync with the roses.



Pruning your clematis plant helps it to look its best and helps promote flowering. When and how you prune depends on the type of clematis you are growing. If you have an early spring flowering variety, prune it back after flowering. Autumn blooming varieties need to be pruned back in late winter by simply cutting off all top growth. Prune large-flowered varieties to 20cm above the ground in late winter. For shrub clematis, prune after flowering in late spring. Whenever you start pruning your clematis, make sure you give your plants a handful of fertiliser pellets and water in well. Clematis is surprisingly tough and will cope with the roughest prune!

[How To Grow And Care For Clematis - Bunnings Australia](#)



BEARDED IRIS

When visiting gardens in South Australia during a rose Convention there a couple of years ago, there were magnificent Bearded Iris growing amongst the roses.

In Australia **Bearded Iris** or 'Iris Germanica' are available for sale in six main varieties, Miniature [Dwarf Bearded Iris](#), Standard Dwarf , Intermediate , Border and Tall. These are tough drought tolerant plants that will flower from late winter through to summer depending on variety



All Bearded Iris are shallow rooted and when planting require a sunny well drained position. These Iris flower after tulips have finished, and before most perennials flower.

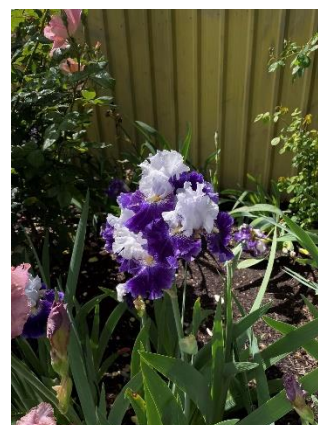
These are probably the most popular of all iris, attractive, tough and drought tolerant. With dwarf, intermediate and tall growing forms and a huge range of colours you are sure to find a suitable bearded iris for any situation.

[Bearded Iris - Care and Varieties | Nurseries Online Australia](#)



Late summer or early autumn is the right season to plant iris bulbs in Australia¹²³⁴⁵.

<https://www.dayliliesinaustralia.com.au/22>



AROUND THE RIDGES- our May meeting



We enjoyed many members coming to our May meeting catching up with some we hadn't seen for awhile.

As it was the last show bench for the season, and not a huge number for a good competition, we used the roses that were brought as an education session on roses that are used for exhibition, and also roses that grow well in our gardens. We also watched two videos – one on managing Botrytis in our roses after all the rain, and the



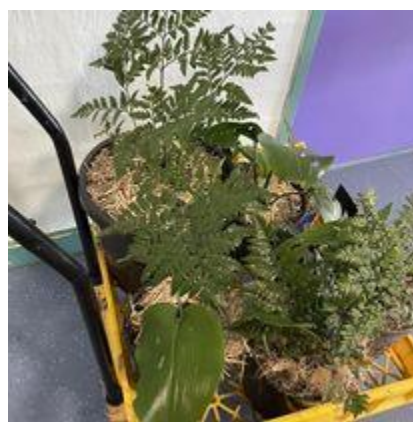
other on pruning climbing roses. The final product was a big surprise to those who watched



Photos: Top left- 3 full blooms of My Hero; top right: 3 blooms David Austin rose- Skylark;

Next: 1. Dwarf Fairy 4 stages; Pat Bleuel's Sunny Skies & a french rose; Irresistible – up to 10 blooms

Below: Sarah Anne-min 10 blooms; Frans' plants for sale for Men's Shed; Judith's plants for trading table



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL- DUE BY 30 JUNE RENEWAL IS DUE FOR ANYONE WHO WAS SUBSCRIBED BEFORE 1ST JANUARY 2023. If you subscribed between 1st 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 E: mth37405@bigpond.net.au Phone: 0417 699 846 PLEASE EMAIL HER TO LET HER KNOW WHEN PAID.*

PEACE PARK - KIAMA



The roses are beginning to go dormant now at Peace Park, given the cold weather and time of the year. The Golden Beauty rose bed is beginning to recover after the roses were stolen and bushes hacked. The volunteers were surprised with a gift of pansies from the preschool children and they planted them amongst the roses. Volunteers are always needed and Colin, Cathie and Jill looked after a stall at the Kiama Farmers markets during Volunteer Week one warm day in June.

Bill made two great banners, one for the Volunteers stall and another for pruning day. *See photos of all these activities*



DAPTO RIBBONWOOD CENTRE

Not much has happened there this past two months. However, pruning will take place on Monday 17 June by Julianne, Vanessa and Kristin at 11 a.m. Photos next month.

NEUTROG ORDER & DELIVERY

NEXT ORDER- Spring order CLOSES ON 2 AUGUST at 8 a.m. AND DELIVERY in early SEPTEMBER.... New members to let me know if you wish to be referred to Neutrog for ordering – exceptional discount on these products to all members.

No meeting in June- celebrating our 50th anniversary. Next meeting July 25 with AGM and a virtual tour of Japanese gardens and the delights in store for the International Rose Convention in Fukuyama in May 2025.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 25TH MAY 2024 OF THE ILLAWARRA ROSE SOCIETY.

1. Meeting held at North Kiama Community Hall commencing at 1.30 pm and 20 members were welcomed by Chair Kristin.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Jacky Woolcott, Gary Bickford and Jodi Hansen, Peter Goodger, Intan Kallus. Esther Hernandez, Joanne Fisher, Julieanne Faulks, Robert and Shirley Coady.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Moved as correct by Jill and seconded by Geraldine Shea.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** Presented by email by Robert Coady. **SHOW ACCOUNT** \$5,773.56 BB \$994.50 Total \$6,768.06
GENERAL ACCOUNT \$9,272.55 BB \$1,002.07 Total \$10,274.62
PEACE PARK \$1,759.55 BB \$74.90 **EDUCATION.** \$5,744.05 BB \$1.01\$ **TERM DEPOSIT** \$8,391.82

Chair Kristin put out another plea for a Treasurer but no takers. Lorraine may know a bookkeeper who may be interested, she will follow up. This was discussed and there was general approval for this proposal.

5. **CORRESPONDANCE:**

- a. Cakes on Collins, follow up on Celebration cake, confirming the dates to go on the cake.
- b. Several RSVP's to luncheon, Esther and Ava Hernandez, Chris and Rosalie Vine, Stefica, Lorraine Vost, Jacqueline Tweedy and partner, I&M Thackeray, Janet and Graeme Wright, Julianne Faulks etc.
- c. Secretary, Rose Society. Webinar Invitation 18th August 2024.
- d. Secretary, Forwarding a message from National Trial Garden for entries.
- e. Secretary, Insurance Certificate.
- f. Secretary, Neutrog Winter Advertisement.
- g. Secretary, Thushara Fowler paid but no info on her, we don't have her on our lists.
- h. Secretary, State Agenda, Subscription Secretary's report May 2024

6. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- a. Lengthy discussion on 50th Anniversary Luncheon, Commemorative booklet is almost finished by Kristin and attendees will be given a copy, possibly 1 per couple. Judith Oyston will pass on Rose Fairy to our youngest active member Sophia Hernandez. Discussion on the menu-Vegetarian options, wide variety will be offered. Slideshows will be continually played, and Lorraine has made several photo boards, also needs a couple of tables for memorabilia that members may bring along on the day.
 - b. JULY AGM Next Meeting, election of officers.
 - c. Peace Park Pruning Day Sunday 14th July, everyone welcomed and urged to come to help.
 - d. Saturday 5th October (Long Weekend) Rose Display at Burnetts, demonstrations etc. More planning after 50th Anniversary Luncheon. Kristin advised members to prune their roses early this year to have some available for the Rose Display.
7. Raffle was won by Pat Bleuel and Lorna Hamilton
 8. We had a showing of 2 excellent videos, Botrytis after all the rain we have had and how to manage it and the second was how to prune a climbing rose. Very useful to us all. A new speaker has been purchased but unfortunately didn't work without a special cable. Lorrie will sort it out for next time.

The meeting concluded at 2.35 pm and was followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

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