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ILLAWARRA REGIONAL
ROSE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**27 August at the North Kiama
Neighbourhood Centre –
Propagating roses from cuttings
and yellowing of foliage – Peter
Goodger**

Bring to meeting:

- Any flower from your garden
- Some change for raffle-
- Something to share for afternoon tea
- But especially yourself.

FLORAL ART

Roses in a Teacup and/or Roses in a
SeaShell

THIS NEWSLETTER:

**In the garden this month- New foliage
means food for some pests we don't want**

Aphids/ Curl Grubs

Around the Ridges

The Illawarra Festival of Roses-

The Rose of St Mary's

**Thinking of Bev Irvine who has been
seriously ill.....**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE FOR
ANYONE SUBSCRIBED BEFORE JAN
2023 See inside for details.- Thank you to
the many members who have already
renewed**



Meets on the fourth Saturday of each
month at the North Kiama
Neighbourhood Centre, Meehan
Drive, North Kiama 1.30-3.30 p.m.

Next meeting: Saturday August 27 at
Neighbourhood Centre 1.30-3.30p.m.

*Photo- new foliage for spring-
Dusky Moon August 2023*

Message from the Chair

Dear Members,

With lots of sunshine and thankfully some beautiful rain, our pruned roses which were just sticks in the ground only a few weeks ago are now bursting with colour green and some red in beautiful fresh foliage. It won't be much longer to wait now before we have the beauty of roses and their perfume to bring us good cheer.

However, as our roses begin to green, some predators come looking for fresh delicious food. The first to arrive are usually the aphids, and then with blooms can come thrip and hibiscus beetle, and in summer the grasshopper. As the foliage fills the stems and canes, it is time to fertilise and prepare the roses for blooming. Watering is also very important to keep up with especially as the days grow much warmer and possibly much drier this season. So, in this newsletter I will use some notes from Macarthur Region on managing aphids, and curl grubs which can inhabit our gardens but particularly the potted roses and ruin them.

We are expecting the Neutrog order early September, possibly around the 8-9th September in time for spring fertilising. Laurie Irvine is unable to audit and organise the delivery this time as Bev is very unwell in hospital, and Laurie likewise has been unwell. **WE WILL NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST THE ORGANISATION OF THE NEUTROG DELIVERY.** I will let you all know when the order is ready for collection, and this can only be after the audit and organisation into individual orders.

Our thanks to Peter Goodger who presented on propagation and pruning - we will view the final video of propagation from cuttings and on yellowing of foliage on roses at our meeting on Saturday. Floral art is Roses in a Teacup and/or Roses in a Seashell.

We will want to keep our roses ready for our rose show in October. Please read the section on our rose show as we plan a true feast of roses for the Illawarra/Shoalhaven and want you all to join in. **Welcome to new members:** Roslyn & Kimberly Davis who joined at the pruning day at Peace Park Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

Kristin - Illawarra Chair



THE ROSE GARDEN THIS MONTH-

SOME TASKS THIS MONTH

- fertilise your roses in September - encourage basal shoots that become the new canes with a dose of Epsom salts – be aware of visits from aphids – watch for powdery mildew and spray with full cream milk, one part to ten parts water – water well and deeply at least once a week – keep an eye out for curl grubs especially in pots.

APHID CONTROLS



APHID Aphids are small sap-sucking insects and members of the superfamily Aphidoidea. Common names include greenfly and blackfly. Aphids have soft pear-shaped bodies with long

legs and antennae and may be green, yellow, brown, red, or black depending on the species and the plants they feed on.

A few species appear waxy or woolly due to the secretion of a waxy white or grey substance over their body surface. Most species have a pair of tubelike structures called cornicles projecting backward out of the hind end of their body. The presence of cornicles distinguishes aphids from all other insects.

These insects have several natural enemies, including other insects, insect larvae, and birds; and they move rather slowly, making them easy to remove by hand or target with sprays. They multiply quickly, so it may take a combination of methods as well as repeated efforts to completely control them. Be persistent and patient; it may take a little time to see results.

Spraying aphids off plants with a strong stream of water from a garden hose. This method is most effective early in the season before an infestation has fully taken hold. It may not be a good choice for younger or more delicate plants, but it works well on plants where you can use higher water pressure.

You can knock/wipe them off the stems, leaves, flower buds, or wherever you see them, and into a bucket of soapy water to kill them. Or if the infestations are small, you can quickly wipe them off and squash between your fingers.

There are several insecticides readily available that will deal with the aphids. But be aware that they will kill all the insects rather than just the aphids.



The organic compounds in Neem Oil act as a repellent for aphids and other insects, including mealybugs, cabbage worms, beetles, leaf miners, ants, and various types of caterpillars. However, it may

repel beneficial insects, so use caution when and where they are present and spray early in the morning to avoid killing beneficial insects.

Make a homemade aphid spray by mixing a few tablespoons of a pure liquid soap (such as castile) in a small bucket of water. (Avoid using detergents or products with degreasers or moisturizers.) Apply with a spray bottle directly on aphids and the affected parts of the plant, making sure to soak the undersides of leaves where eggs and larvae like to hide. The soap dissolves the protective outer layer of aphids and other soft-bodied insects, eventually killing them. It doesn't harm birds or hard-bodied beneficial insects like lacewings, ladybugs, or pollinating bees.

You can also purchase ready-to-use insecticidal soaps online or at a local nursery.

Adult lady beetles (ladybugs) don't eat nearly as many aphids as when they are in their larval



stage. This is why many people are disappointed with the lack of control they see after releasing purchased live ladybugs into their garden. There needs to be a large enough aphid population in your garden to keep the ladybugs fed long enough to mate and lay eggs — because it's the larvae that eat the most aphids. Live ladybugs can be purchased online at www.bugforbugs.com.au

CURL GRUBS CONTROLS



Curl Grubs are the larvae of beetles in the family Scarabaeidae i.e., scarab beetles. This family is one of the largest beetle families in the world, with more than 2,200 species native to Australia. Species found in our lawns, gardens and pot plants include the

African Black Beetle, the black-headed pasture cockchafer, Christmas beetles and Scarab beetles.

They generally have distinct 'C' shaped pale cream or white bodies, six prominent legs and usually have a swollen darker tip to the abdomen. Larvae grow to 20 – 60 mm long depending on the species. The heads of larvae may be black, brown, red, or yellow depending on the species.

Curl grubs will feed on the roots of a wide range of plants except for legumes (e.g., beans and peas). Potted plants are very vulnerable as their root system is limited by the pot size and any loss will affect growth more than if they were in the ground.

For plants in garden beds, they may simply fail to thrive for no apparent reason, until you dig up the soil and find loads of curl grubs! The life cycles of Curl Grubs vary in length from one year to every two or three years depending on the species. Because of these varying generation lengths, you may find Curl Grubs in the

As with ladybugs, green lacewing larvae do the work of controlling aphids rather than the adult lacewings. Green lacewing eggs can also be purchased online at Bugs for Bugs

We must be careful not to mistake the ladybird larvae for aphids -

garden at any time of the year, depending on which species is involved.

Female beetles lay eggs in the soil, which hatch and pass through about three moults feeding on plant roots, before pupating in the soil. Adult beetles emerge from the soil and may be drawn to lights at night.

The African Black Beetle has a one-year life cycle with the most damaging grubs being active in late spring and throughout summer. Adults may be present from late summer and autumn to late spring the following season.

Seeing suspiciously plump curl grubs amongst the roots of prized garden plants can be alarming, but please don't automatically reach for insecticides. The chemicals used to control curl grubs will harm all scarab larvae, regardless of whether they are pests or not.



The best way to control the curl grubs is to use organic control methods.

- You can pour a mixture of water and biodegradable detergent on the affected areas in the garden. This will force the grubs to come to the surface and they will become easy prey for birds.
- You can keep the lawns well-watered during spring and summer so that the adult beetles will not be able to lay eggs on your lawns. Beetles need dry places to lay eggs.

- Applying organic insecticides as a soil drench during mid spring to mid-summer prevents hatching of eggs and kills the hatched larvae near the soil surface.
- Homemade white oil prepared by mixing 1 cup vegetable oil and ¼ cup dish wash soap can be diluted to the ratio of 1 tbsp per litre of water can be sprayed to kill the insects and grubs.
- Reduce the use of outdoor lights and garden lights as the lights will attract the adult beetles which will lay the eggs in your garden soil.
- Using tea tree oil or [molasses mixture](#) is also effective in controlling the grubs
- You can use a simple soapy solution with a watering can. They dislike this and will head to the soil surface where they can be picked off by



any resident birds such as magpies and currawongs, or chickens if you keep them. Soap solution is made by grating soap into a bucket of water, leave until it softens and swish it around to dissolve it. Water it on with a watering can.

[Easy, Beginner DIY Liquid Castile Soap Recipe - Oh, The Things We'll](#)

[Make! \(thethingswewillmake.com\)](http://thethingswewillmake.com)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – Many thanks to all those who have renewed these past two months. There still are about 20 more to come in for the Illawarra. If the renewal has not been received by the end of September the member is deleted from the list. Only financial members are eligible for Neutrog products through the Rose Society.

1ST JANUARY 2023. If you subscribed between 1ST january and June 2023, your renewal is not due until June 30 2024 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

You can also pay by cash at a meeting and the Treasurer will send the payment on to Maureen with your name and member number.

Or: **Make a direct deposit at an ANZ branch** using the above BSB and Account number. NOTE: If you choose to bank your renewal in person at a branch you will need to use your membership number as a reference.

Feed & protect in winter for a head start in...

Spring!



NEUTROG ORDERS WILL BE READY FOR COLLECTION EARLY SEPTEMBER- WE WILL NOTIFY YOU WHEN THE ORDER IS READY

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ORGANISE THE ORDERS

- please let me know if you are available on a weekday so the orders can be prepared for collection.



AROUND THE RIDGES OF THE ILLAWARRA

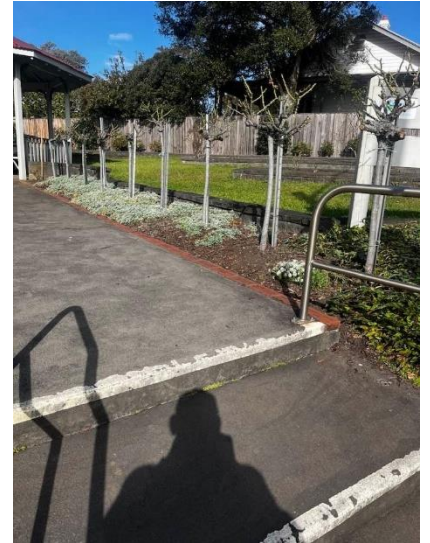
Pruning at Peace Park



There was not a great turnout of people to prune unfortunately but we did have about 6 of the public come to observe the pruning demonstration. However, most of the roses were pruned over the day and completed by the Peace Park volunteers during the following week.

Peace Park Volunteers had a lovely surprise visit from students and teachers from Kiama Preschool and they brought lots of plants to go amongst the roses. The children planted them all then had morning tea with us, looking forward to another visit soon, the plants should be well under way by then.

- Children planting in the rose garden.
- Jill pruning the roses and Robert collecting the pruning.
- Colin thanked those who came to prune on Pruning Day.



Congratulations to the team at the Quarry Café at our favourite nursery, Burnettys on Barney The food is the most delicious one can eat at the Café. Go and enjoy some lunch or afternoon tea whilst looking for your favourite plants including roses.



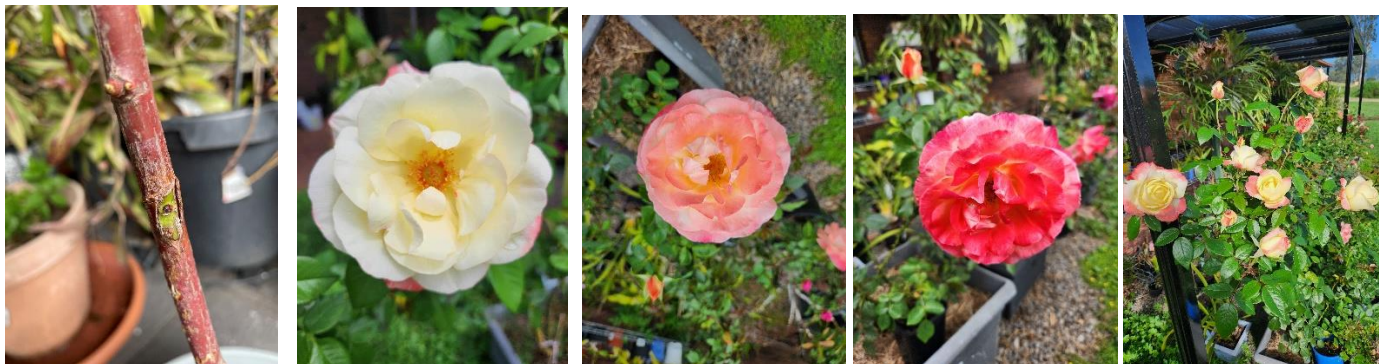
SOME ROSES ON SHOWBENCH AT OUR LAST MEETING – THE VERY LAST ROSES OF SUMMER

1. *Summer of Love* – Kristin's
2. *Dr Ven Hage* – Joanne Fisher
3. *Esther, Ava & Sarah* brought some beautiful David Austins' but unfortunately, we did not get photos.... next time.

BRING ANY FLOWER FROM YOUR GARDEN, ROSE OR DAISY OR ANY FLOWER THAT IS GROWING FOR OUR AUGUST MEETING.

The Rose of St. Mary's

this year St Mary's College in Wollongong celebrates 150 years since its establishment. This year, my class of 1963 marks 60 years since leaving St Mary's, so we decided to have a rose bred and registered to celebrate this special year. Louise Baldo from Queensland bred and registered a beautiful rose for this occasion. Though I only have a bud grafted on to a multiflora rootstock to take to the celebration on Saturday 19 August, it will be a real metaphor for the budding of the College onto the rootstock of the Good Samaritan sisters and the Benedictine tradition, which has nourished the spirit of the College for girls' education throughout 150 years. The red tips of the petal turn the pale cream rose red with the sun and represents the compassion of the Good Samaritan. I hope that we will soon have sufficient budded and growing well for the College Garden.



Illawarra Rose Show – Festival of Roses 28-29 October 2023

The Committee has been very busy preparing for the Rose Show.

- We will have the usual competition of **exhibits of roses and floral art**- and the schedule is almost complete.
- Colin Hollis will be the Chief Steward, and Julianne Faulks the Show Secretary, and those entering the competition are to phone in or email the classes you are entering by 9p.m. on Thursday 26 October.
- **DISPLAY OF ROSES- CELEBRATING ROSES IN THE SUBURBS OF ILLAWARRA AND SHOALHAVEN FOR THOSE WHO PREFER TO DISPLAY RATHER THAN COMPETE.**
- This year we want to invite people from the suburbs of the Illawarra and Shoalhaven who grow roses in their garden to bring them along for **a display of roses grown in the community.**
- So please bring your roses along and invite your neighbours also if they have roses in their garden.
- They can be brought along in any disposable container, or else in a vase to be collected on Sunday afternoon.
- Robyn Hambly has generously offered to coordinate the placement of these on the display.
- They are to be brought to the Jamberoo School of Arts Hall between 4-5p.m. on Friday 27 October, or before 9.50a.m. on Saturday.
- Each container of roses to have a card (provided) with name of the gardener, the suburb and names of roses if known.

HERITAGE ROSES - Intan Kallus is preparing a display of Heritage roses and will be the person to contact if you have any of these roses to display. There also is a competition of bowls of Heritage roses- The Sue Kingsford Memorial Award

DAVID AUSTIN ROSES – Esther Hernandez will coordinate the display of David Austin Roses- there also are a few competition classes with the David Austin display. If you wish to display only, bring the roses to Esther same time as above

DECORATION AND ARTISTIC DISPLAY- Joanne Fisher is coordinating this and will also display competition of Roses in a Teacup, in a Seashell, the artists palette and the box of roses. Children can enter a small basket of roses, or a decorated hat.

TRADING TABLE- Judith Oyston is organizing the trading table - it is time to pot up some plants for selling on the table, or some craft items, jams etc..... Contact Judith if you want some more information or have some more questions.

RAFFLE- As we need to cover prize money for the rose show we need to raise some income for that purpose. The Committee decided not to have an entry fee to save on numbers being rostered at the entry, but to direct people to the raffle and to either donate \$2 - \$5 or buy tickets in the raffle at \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The committee thought that a **Christmas hamper** would be a good first prize, and we are asking members to donate something to the September meeting that could go into the hamper, such as a Christmas cake, etc. for the raffle.

PRIZES- We are also looking for sponsors for various sections of the Rose Show- Section A- A grade exhibits; Section B- B Grade Exhibits; Miniature Roses, Illawarra Championship; The decorative section: Roses in a TeaCup, in a SeaShell, palettes; boxes; Elina the signature rose of the Illawarra; Sue Kingsford Memorial Award for bowls.....If you would like to contribute as a sponsor we would be grateful for your help.

We hope that the rose show will be a joyful occasion where we can all work together to celebrate roses and have a good time.

MEETING ON 22ND JULY 2023- This was our AGM and many thanks to those who took on responsibilities.

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE ILLAWARR ROSE SOCIETY HELD ON 22ND JULY 2023 AT 1.30 PM

- 1. WELCOME:** Meeting commenced at 1.30 pm and Chairperson Kristin welcomed all who attended and paid tribute to the traditional custodians of the land.
- 2.** 18 Members were in attendance including Esther Hernandez's daughter Ava and her sister Sara, special welcome to Suzanne Garritt.
- 3. APOLOGIES:** 11 Apologies received: Deidre McLoughlin, Rosemary Singleton, Bev Emmett, Julianne Faulks, Intan Kallus, Marguerite Kennedy, Debra Keller, Nina and Harvey Bailey, Karen Vitale, and Jill East.
- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM:** Moved as correct by Geraldine Shea, Seconded by Janet Bowden.
- 5. TREASURERS REPORT:** As presented by Robert Coady. Everyday account \$8,916.81. Show Account \$6,350.64. Friends of Peace Park \$231.26, Education Account \$6,994.28. Fixed Deposit \$8,119.81. Moved as correct by Robert, Seconded Peter Goodger.
Motion 1. That thanks be given to Phil Saunders for auditing our books. Moved Robert, Seconded Lorraine Vost.
Motion 2. That authorized signatories by members of the Committee. Moved. Robert. Seconded Janet Bowden.
Motion 2. That our Term Deposit be moved ahead of expiry date (14th Feb 2024) to obtain a better interest rate. Moved Peter Goodger. Seconded Moira Etheridge.
Motion 3 That money received back from the Adelaide Rose Show be used for our 50th Anniversary. Moved by Lorraine Vost, Seconded Janet Bowden.
- 6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Overseen by Colin Hollis who thanked Kristin and the Committee for their efforts over the previous 12 months. The Following Members have agreed to be on the committee:
CHAIRPERSON: Kristin Dawson.
VICE CHAIRPERSON: Lorrie Zammitt
SECRETARY: Jill Millburn
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Jenny Swan (unofficial)
TREASURER: Robert Coady
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Janet Bowden
STATE COUNCIL DELEGATES: Kristin Dawson, Jill Millburn, Marguerete Kennedy, and Geraldine Shea (Alternate).
CATERING: Lorraine Vost
PASTORAL CARE: Shirley Coady
PEACE PARK COORDINATOR: Colin Hollis.
TRADING TABLE: Judith Oyston
SHOW SECRETARY: Julianne Faulks
RAFFLE COORDINATOR: Janet Bowden
LIBRARIAN: Phil and Lyndal Sanders.
Colin declared all positions filled and thanked everyone for their participation.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 2.30 PM