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ILLAWARRA REGIONAL
ROSE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**24 June at the North Kiama
Neighbourhood Centre –
visiting guest speaker- John
Elton on growing natives.**



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 June 24 at Neighbourhood Centre 1.30-3.30p.m.

Photo- a beautiful photo of Lyn Van de Haar at last month's meeting with roses from Esther Hernandez's Garden

Message from the Chair

Bring to meeting:

- Last Roses of summer to share
- Some change for raffle-
- Something to share for afternoon tea
- But especially yourself.

THIS NEWSLETTER:

In the Rose Garden this month:

PRUNING ROSES

Around the Ridges

Our JUNE Meeting; Some glimpses of the International Heritage Rose Conference in Belgium
Minutes of last meeting;

**PRUNING DAY AT PEACE PARK-
SUNDAY JULY 16 (more details in letter)**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE BY
30TH JUNE FOR ANYONE
SUBSCRIBED BEFORE JAN 2023**

See inside for details.

Dear Members,

We had a most enjoyable meeting last month at the home and garden of Lyn & Hans Van de Haar. The weather was blue and sunny, the garden spectacular, the hospitality of Lyn & Hans very warm, the company fabulous and the spread of lunch delicious. Colin gave us information about the new Neutrog product: Human Beans. Thank you to Lyn & Hans, and to all who were able to come to join us and bring such a spread of goodies.

Congratulations to Judith Oyston OAM – we are so very proud that Judith was recognised in the King's Birthday Honours with the Order of Australia Medal for her contribution to horticulture.

NEXT MEETING: We are very pleased to have John Elton come as a guest speaker to speak to us about the plants that are as dear to my heart as roses. They are our native plants, and John will speak about natives in general, their suitability in this region, his garden, and the Grevillea Park at Bulli where he is very involved. Jenny Swan tells me he has a wonderful garden near Coolangatta Winery.

NOTICE OF AGM- JULY MEETING 22ND JULY.... We are always looking for members to join the committee as a member of the Committee or taking on one of the roles of the executive. We try not to make it too onerous and have an enjoyable time planning. We still do need a Treasurer who might stand in for a year as an assistant Treasurer to learn the ropes before fully committing. (Attached is notice and the nomination form)

Looking forward to catching up with you next Saturday.....

Bring along your last roses of summer to share.... or any hips you have on your roses now.

Kristin - Illawarra Chair

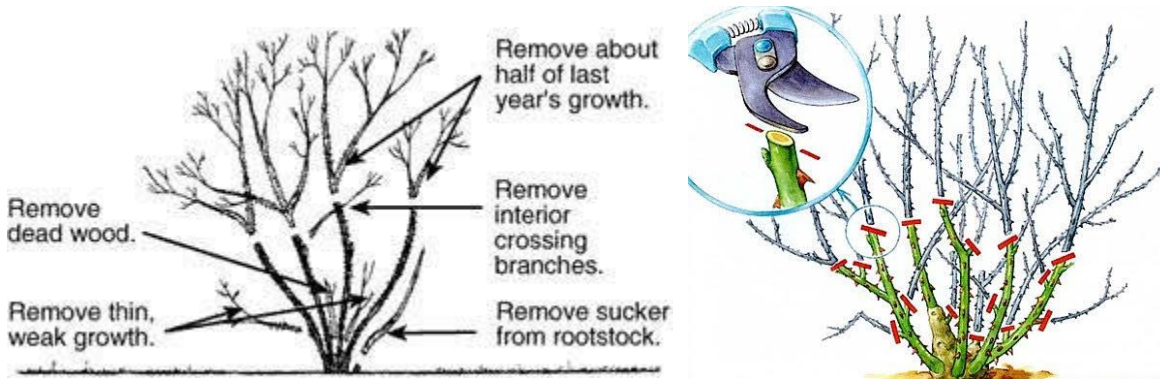


THE ROSE GARDEN THIS MONTH-

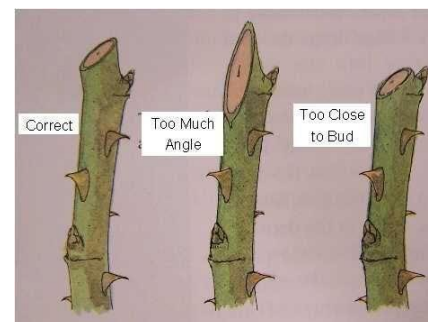
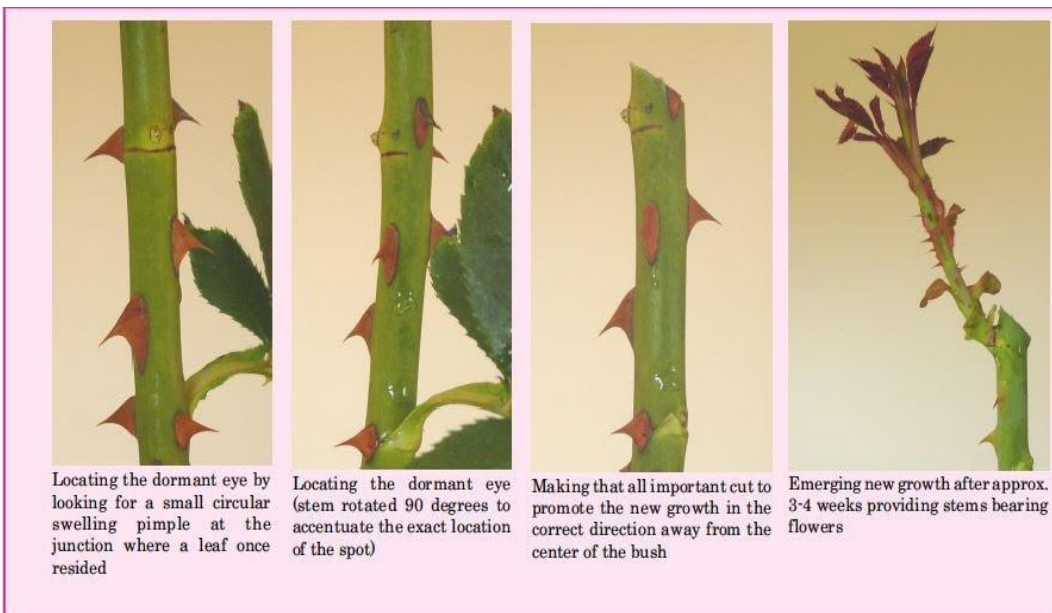
PRUNING TIME - revisiting the pruning process:

Procedure: Ensure you have sharpened tools- secateurs, loppers and pruning saws, 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; plastic bag to place diseased leaves into; a bag for cuttings for compost bins; gloves, preferably elbow length for your own protection; a brush and some Eco Oil for cleaning off scale from trunk and canes; lime Sulphur for spraying onto completed pruned rose.

PRUNE: Remember 4 D's - DISEASED DEAD DAMAGED DIDDLY BITS AND CROSSING 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.



Some advice from Sandra Turner President of Victoria Rose Society as in Neutrog Pooh Bah Times:

Bush Roses – Cut your bush back by half or by two thirds of its height. Remove all dead wood or old canes which did not produce good growth in the previous season. Also remove any thin and twiggy growth and remove crowded branches. Always prune to an outward facing bud and cut on a slight angle about ½ cm above the bud.

Standard Roses – Use the same procedure as above whilst retaining a rounded ball shape.

Climbers – Your climbing rose is unlikely to require pruning for the first few years. If it's a juvenile, just tidy and remove any dead branches. During its youth is the best time to get your climber into the position to be a real showstopper. If you monitor your climber for a few years, you'll be able to observe its flowering habits. After spring flowering is generally the best time to prune your climber by removing any laterals back to a strong frame. If you're planting a new climber, keep in mind that it's often much easier in a pruning sense to simply tie the rose to its support. If you weave stems in an out, it makes the plant more difficult to prune. Plants which are tied back can easily be untied, pruned, and tidied and then re-tied.

Do not remove the long new climbing canes, as these will produce next season's flowers. Tie canes into position over the arch, or fan out against the structure they're growing against. The more horizontally trained, the better. This will mean more laterals and therefore more flowers. Every couple of years, remove an old cane to ground level, which will encourage a strong new water shoot.

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to apply [Seamungus](#) throughout your garden. The soil will be bursting with health and life, and when you apply your first application of Sudden Impact for Roses in spring, the results will be brilliant. I always like to mulch after pruning as well, as access is easier and there are less thorns to deal with. You'll find that [Whoflungdung](#) keeps your soil temperature constant over winter, which means an optimum result when flowering starts. Let's face it – we rosarians do love the flower. (From *Neutrog Pooh Bah Times* – June 2020)

Come to our pruning day at Peace Park Kiama – Sunday July 16 10a.m.-3.00p.m. either to watch the demonstration, or to help prune the roses there. Every secateur there helps. Clean and sharpen your secateurs beforehand. Even to come for an hour will help.

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 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

NEWS FROM ILLAWARRA MEMBER, FRANS BUSKERMOLEN – VISIT TO THE FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS OF EUGOWRA



The Rotary Club of Liverpool West gave the public school, the Catholic and the preschool \$1000 each.

On the SATURDAY we gave a free BBQ and soft drinks to the village and handed out 70 \$50 vouchers to buy food in the local supermarket plus food for the BBQ and soft drinks, sausages and minute steak all bought in Eugowra.

The butcher opened only 1 week before we arrived, having closed from October until the 3rd week in May.

Frans is at the right-hand end of the third photo. Great work by the members of Rotary, including replanting trees lost

AROUND THE RIDGES OF THE ILLAWARRA – SHOALHAVEN

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FOUNDING ILLAWARRA ROSE MEMBER- JUDITH OYSTON OAM.



We were so proud and happy that Judith was awarded the Order of Australia Medal with the King's Birthday Honours, for her contribution to agriculture. Judith has more than 50 years of her life dedicated to the promotion and conservation of the rose, and its history in our Rose Societies. She is a founding member of the Illawarra Region which celebrates 50 years next year. Judith has been very generous in maintaining and sharing the history, including the editing of the Centenary Book of the Rose Society of NSW 1913-2013. Judith was always generous in following through requests for information on roses from many sources across the country. For many years she has also worked with a group conserving the heritage roses at Rookwood Cemetery.

We celebrate with and congratulate Judith and are inspired by her love of roses.

SOME GLIMPSES OF OUR MAY MEETING

A wonderful happy day at the home of the Van de Haars.... some photos to tell the tale.



1 Chatting away near the fantastic cactus garden. 2. Lyn and Hans during the stroll around the garden. 3. beautiful exotic rare plants. 4. Geraline Shea, Bev Irvine and Judith Oyston; 5. Some of the beautiful statues and garden art 6. a wonderful garden on a beautiful day.



Deidre & Shirley preparing lunch Lorraine with a wonderful spread More garden Jill and Marguerite pausing awhile. We were very pleased that about ten of the members from the Southern Sydney Region were able to join us on this enjoyable excursion.



PEACE PARK KIAMA PROMOTION DAY AT CORONATION PARK- LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Colin and Jill looking after the beautifully organized stall at the Kiama Expo at Coronation Park. More volunteers are needed to help maintain the park.

"Thank you to Jill, Mario and Bill who assisted at the Volunteers Expo at the Kiama Farmers Market last Wednesday. Although we obtained no new volunteers, it was I believe an important "Flag Waving Exercise". We made contact with Kiama Community Radio, who want to do an interview. Much favourable comment about the park." Colin Hollis

INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE ROSE CONFERENCE IN BELGIUM- A GLIMPSE

If you ever get a chance, joining an International Rose Conference can be such a treat. Our member Jenny Swan is enjoying this conference now in Belgium. Here she is with some other Australian and a German member – living it up. Visits to the most spectacular rose gardens is one of the features of these conferences.....



KRISTIN IS GIVING A TALK AT THE OAK FLATS LIBRARY ON 28TH JUNE- ITS FREE AND WILL FOCUS ON WINTER ROSE CARE.

Just a note to let you know that your Winter Rose Care session is now bookable at [Green Thumb: Winter rose care for summer success Tickets, Wed 28/06/2023 at 10:00 am | Eventbrite](#) It would be lovely if you could share this with any of your contacts who might like to attend. Catherine Saunders – Library Resource Officer.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING 27TH MAY 2023, ILLAWARRA ROSE SOCIETY.

A very brief informal meeting was held at the home of Lyn and Hans Van De Haar commencing at 12.30 pm and Chairperson Kristin Dawson welcomed everyone present.

ATTENDANCE: 38 Members attended including 10 from Southern Sydney Rose Society.

APOLOGIES: Robyn Hambly, Lorrie Zammit, Intan Kallus, Diane Westgate, Bev Emmett, Julianne Faulks.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. Moved as correct by Jill, Seconded Lyn Van Der Haar.

TREASURERS REPORT: Everyday Account \$2,778.95, Show Account \$6,550.64, Friends of Peace Park \$231.26. Fixed Deposit \$8,119.81. Moved Robert Coady, Seconded Jill.

CORRESPONDENCE: Email received from Southern Sydney Rose Society re Visit to the Van De Haar's Garden. Details given and 8 to 10 members will be attending. Carol McVeigh, Interim Insurance Certificate from Garden Club of NSW Colin Hollis, Nominations have been called for the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award for 2023 and nominations are now open for 2023 Bert Mulley Award. Carol McVeigh, request from Janet Wright concerning records being held as historical material. Carol McVeigh, GCA Insurance Certificate 23/24.

STATE COUNCIL: Kristin advised that there is a new State Secretary, Stefica Bikes, who will remain until the AGM.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

There are 14 Boxes of old records of the Society that are being stored by Janet Wright who is looking for a solution on future storage are they still needed as information has been documented in Judith Oyston's book on the history of the Rose Society.

Colin Hollis advised that \$27,000 will be returned to the State as it was not needed for the World Championships 50th Anniversary held in Adelaide last year. It was suggested that our share could be used for our celebration next year when it will be 50 years.

The State Journal will be issued twice yearly instead of quarterly.

We will be having John Elton speak on Native plants at the next meeting.

Best Wishes to Jenny Swan who is going to Belgium for the Heritage Rose Conference.

Sue Marshall from Southern Sydney thanked us for the invitation to attend this meeting and invited everyone to their next meeting at Loftus on 17th June where there will be a representative from Neutrog speaking.

Hans challenged us to a Show and Tell where he had a very old Dictaphone to show us, a couple of members guessed what it was.

Colin gave us a very informative talk on Human Beans, the new coffee-based product from Neutrog.

We then had a beautiful lunch at 1.15 pm followed by a guided walk through the beautiful garden by Hans and Lyn.

NEUTROG- next order closes on 10th August for early September delivery.

We don't fertilise from May until August, then when the foliage begins to appear in Spring – begin to fertilise. Now is the time to use some Seamungus when planting new bareroot roses, and when preparing the soil for planting.

Strike Back for Orchids is a good product to use with potted roses. Kahuna is great for camellias flowering now.



NOTE: THE ILLAWARRA GREVILLIA PARK- Princes Highway, Bulli New South Wales 2516 OPENS ON ONLY TWO WEEKENDS EACH YEAR- July 1,2,8,9 this year..... massive plant sale there [About the park](http://illawarragrevilleapark.com.au) (illawarragrevilleapark.com.au)