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ILLAWARRA REGIONAL
ROSE SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER

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28 May – next meeting

A simple meeting and a celebration of our great event

Bring whatever rose(s) left blooming in your garden to share – no formal showbench

Rose show – photo slideshow

Share key ideas from the lectures

Popul8 – some sharing about this

Bring celebratory afternoon tea.

FLORAL ART – GIVE IT A TRY-

Theme: "Autumn-to winter"

This newsletter:

- Our rose garden this month
- Popul8 / Neutrog collection
- Key moments of the National Rose Show & Conference and Mrs Hurley's speech
- Welcome to our new members



PATRON: MRS JILL EAST



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 28 MAY

Photo- Floral Display at National Rose Show- by floral art team lead by Joanne Fisher

Message from the Chair

Dear Illawarra Rose Friends

At long last we were able to celebrate the National Rose Championships & Conference in preparation since 2017 when Colin Hollis and I went to the Kiama Pavilion and the Kiama Shores Motel to book in the fourth weekend of October 2020 for the event.

The Illawarra Rose Regional must be congratulated, as well as the State Conference Committee on a most successful, memorable, and joyful event. It was wonderful to see so many pitch in, not only over the four years of planning, but from Thursday with the many people present helping Joanne Fisher prepare the roses for the floral display, to Friday with the setting up, and I thank those who helped with table carrying, placing tablecloths, organising the shelving for the exhibits, and helping prepare the floral displays. I would not be exaggerating to say that there would have been more than 30 Illawarra members helping over those two days, and then throughout the weekend on the rose show, stewards, runners, rose prizes, entry, and raffle table, attending to catering, looking after volunteers, radio promotions, setting up for the formal dinner, clearing the decks on Sunday. Our thanks as always to Hans & Lyn Van de Haar for the transportation of the boat, oars, tables, shelves, and other rose show requirements both to and from the Pavilion. Our hard-working Illawarra Committee also had worked throughout the weekend – what a great team.

We were very concerned there would not be many exhibits because the rain had ruined most of our roses the weeks and days before the show, but thanks to Ted & Meryl Morphett, and to Gavin Woods from South Australia, as well as all those who brought what they had – the show looked quite presentable with some beautiful roses. We also had a wonderful time at the social functions, many attended the lectures, and our visitors enjoyed the excursions. We welcome ten new members to the Illawarra-

Kristin - Illawarra Chair

THE ROSE GARDEN THIS MONTH

It has not been a normal summer and autumn this year – so we are continuing to manage sodden soils, blackspot, rust, dieback, and botrytis. Our roses are becoming dormant earlier now, although some did begin to bloom in those few days of sunshine that warmed us.

So, it is a matter of managing our soil, and turning it over gently when the rain stops to oxygenate it and stop it compacting and suffocating the roots. Cut back the dieback on canes to the green cane or stem. Maybe try out that new magic liquid that Dr. Uwe has developed – Popul8 (I've attached some information below about it), and don't worry too much about the blackspot, as the foliage will soon drop off, and we will be preparing for pruning in late June to mid-July. Cleaning up the debris around the rose bushes and the spray with lime sulphur after pruning will help to rid us of the disease that has accumulated over this very wet season.

POPUL8



This is an excerpt from a Facebook page featuring Dr Uwe Stroehrer and his new product

So much Research & Development (R&D) time and effort goes on behind the scenes before our products reach the point of being released to customers.

POPUL8 is the culmination of over 10 years R&D, which makes days like today pretty exciting!

This is the first ever commercial pallet of POPUL8 being bottled and packed ready to ship to the team at [Elders](#) Pakenham in Victoria for their customers.

There are plenty more bottles and drums to follow this lot, but 'firsts' are worth celebrating!

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NEUTROG DELIVERY – 6 MAY – Our thanks to Lorraine Vost, Paul Walsh, Graham Perry, Bruce Robertson, and Peter Goodger for organizing the deliveries for those who ordered. If you ordered, you were able to include a free bottle of Popul8. I noticed that some did not take advantage of this. Hopefully we might be able to next time.

NEXT ORDER- Spring order CLOSING ON 8 AUGUST AND DELIVERY ON 2 SEPTEMBER.... We do not do a delivery in winter to the Illawarra, as members usually have sufficient product over this period. New members to let me know if you wish to be referred to Neutrog for ordering – exceptional discount on these products to all members.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NATIONAL ROSE SHOW & CONFERENCE

This was as stated earlier, a wonderful, joyful experience where so many people were involved in making it a success.

Some photos of a few of the special activities – up as far as the opening- there are still more to show later:



SETTING UP: Esther was excellent in organizing the round tablecloths; Intan & Deidre assisting Carol McVeigh with the Southern highlands Exhibit; Marg and Jenny Swan in background- almost finished; Jill and Peter checking for more cloths and tables; Joanne and the floral art team organizing the stage and the Kiama rose display; Janet's floral arrangement representing the Illawarra Region..... and many more actively involved in getting ready.....



WELCOME TO KIAMA –THE MAYOR NEIL REILLY – AT COCKTAIL WELCOME

There were almost 70 people present to be welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress.

The food provided by Culinarius was excellent.

THE ROSE SHOW- There was the usual staging of the roses at the crack of dawn ready for judging:



Judging in top row – and second photo of Ted Morphett with steward, Intan Kallus and Michael Brooks; the Champion Unit won by Gavin Woods from South Australia -*Bunch of 6 -Veteran’s Honour(City of Newcastle)* Gavin also won the *Autumn Rose Championships*; Beautiful floribunda *Tuscan Sun* from Ted & Meryl Morphett; Janet Bowden’s winning floral exhibit; on bottom row- some of the photographic display, Lorraine’s winning photograph first on second row; the setting up of the Regional floral arrangements on Friday afternoon; and historical trophies set up by Judith Oyston

THE ARRIVAL OF HER EXCELLENCY MRS HURLEY & THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

We were delighted to welcome our special guests, greeted by Kiama Mayor & Mayoress, Colin Hollis & Kristin Dawson Greeting the Wollongong Ambassadors; interest in the Heritage rose table; opening the Show & receiving the posy from Samara & Faith – Jill & Roger Millburn's granddaughters.





Speech

Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley

I would like to begin by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, the **Dharawal People**, and pay my respects to their elders, past and present, and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders gathered here today.

- **Councillor Neil Reilly** (Mayor, Kiama Municipal Council).
- **Ms Fiona Phillips MP** (Federal Member for Gilmore).
- **Mr Gavin Woods** (President, National Rose Society of Australia) **and Mr Colin Hollis** (President, Rose Society of NSW).
- **Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen.**

Good afternoon, everyone.

It is a pleasure for David and me to be in Kiama and with you all for this significant event on the National Rose Society of Australia calendar.

The National Rose Championships and Conference is an opportunity to showcase champion roses, and for members of the Society and visitors to experience the joy of roses and attend various events.

Welcome to those who have travelled from near and far, including from Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Western Australia.

Upon arriving today, David and I were fortunate to receive a viewing of the floral display. The roses and displays are stunning and a credit to all exhibitors. Congratulations to the winners of the respective classes.

This year, the National Rose Society of Australia celebrates its 50th anniversary.

It is fitting the anniversary fall at a time when the Society's strength and enduring nature have been particularly evident. These championships have been postponed twice, in 2020 and 2021, because of the pandemic. The recent floods and the 2019-20 bushfires have also impacted the lives of many growers.

Indeed, many involved in the organisation of this event live in the affected regions and have faced huge personal challenges over the past few years.

It is testament to the strength and resilience of members of the National Rose Society of Australia and the Rose Society of New South Wales that we are all here today.

In many respects this gathering represents a celebration of what can be achieved when people and communities come together in a spirit of friendship.

It is why I am proud to be Patron of the National Rose Society of Australia.

David and I have had a long association with the Society at both state and national levels when David was Governor of New South Wales and now as Governor-General.

Two Australian-bred roses honouring the wives of Governors of New South Wales and of Governors-General have in recent years been planted in the gardens of the Sydney and Canberra residences.

'The Governor's Wife' rose, and the 'Lady of Australia' rose are available commercially and their respective breeders, Richard Walsh, and Bruce Brundrett, are here with us today. I want to again thank Colin Hollis, the immediate past President of the National Rose Society of Australia, for liaising with me over the past few years to find these special roses. The Society is full of amazing people who dedicate themselves to encouraging not only the cultivation of the rose in Australia but also in spreading kindness.

I also would like to commend the Society for compiling an informative, engaging, and timely conference program.

The sessions on how to manage gardens to better adapt to the changing environment will be extremely well received, as will the tips on how to use roses and other flowers in an artistic way, to help bring beauty into our homes.

But there's one overriding reason this year's National Rose Championships and Conference is so important.

It provides an opportunity for members of the National Rose Society of Australia and visitors to come together, renew friendships and experience the joy of roses.

And, this year, our interactions can be face-to-face and not over zoom!

In closing, I would like to again thank all involved with the Rose Society of New South Wales for organising this wonderful event.

It is now my great pleasure to declare the National Rose Championships and Conference, open.

Thank you Mrs Hurley and His Excellency David Hurley Governor General for your generous giving your time and interest during this special event.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



We are so pleased to welcome ten new members to the Illawarra Rose Regional who joined during the Conference.

Frans Buskermolen and Aki Nakayama from Wollongong. *Frans has a long history in growing roses on a rose farm, once visited 40 years ago by our eminent floral artist, Joanne Fisher when she was at TAFE, and could bring the tea shirt from that time to show Frans when he was helping her prepare the roses for the display. We will be calling on Frans for some ideas on rose growing.*



Bev Emmet from Fairy Meadow. *Bev joined in over the weekend in preparation of the roses for display and as a Wollongong Ambassador*

Carol-Ann Trist from Kiama Downs. *Carol-Ann attended the lectures over the weekend.... I look forward to meeting her.*

George & Diane Hatherley from Culburra Beach. *I did not meet you both, but it is great to have two new members in our beautiful Shoalhaven Region... we look forward to catching up.*

Deirdre McLoughlin from Kiama Heights. *We met Deirdre at the various social functions and enjoyed her enthusiasm and joie de vivre... hopefully we might catch up again at one of the meetings.*



Shaheena Muniruzzaman from Horsley. *Shaheena is a near neighbour to me, but I didn't get to meet her. Welcome Shaheena and we look forward to hearing about your roses growing in Horsley.*

Clinton & Mercia Smith from Kiama Heights. *I didn't get to meet you both but look forward to catching up at one of our meetings or events and hearing about your roses.*



Friendship built through our common interest in roses - we vary like the rose but all with its own beauty:

Roses- Gold Medal, Marilyn Monroe, Pink Parfait, and Spirit of Gallipoli

Kristin Dawson

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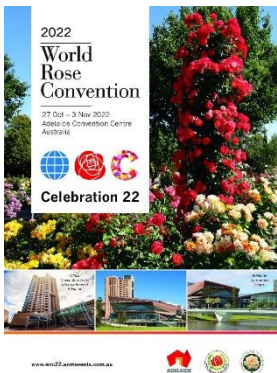
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The World Federation of Rose Societies World Rose Convention will be held from 27 October to 3 November 2022 in the beautiful City of Adelaide, in South Australia.

The Convention will proceed as both a "face-to-face" convention as well as offering "online" registrations to rose lovers around the world. The world-class Adelaide Convention Centre will provide a high-quality streaming service for the Opening Ceremony, 3-day Lecture Series and WFRS Gala Awards Dinner for Online Registrants.

Several exciting before and after tours offer an incredible range of holiday experiences for the international delegates and we know they are going to enjoy our iconic attractions and see many beautiful gardens. **For more information visit the website -**

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