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NEWSLETTER

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**26 NOVEMBER – next meeting is Luncheon**

## This newsletter:

-In the Garden this month

-Bruce Brundrett ARA – VALE

-Around the Ridges- Illawarra Region-

- Burnett's Fair Day
- Excursion to Paul & Jeanna Walsh's Garden
- Merribee Gardens
- Sue Kingsford memorial
- Intan at Adelaide Convention
- Peace Park.... New roses

-Minutes of previous meeting

Thinking of those who have been unwell:

Reg Fisher

Max Atkins



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: CHRISTMAS/ END OF YEAR LUNCHEON – SATURDAY 26 NOV AT THE WARILLA BOWLING CLUB- 12 MIDDAY FOR 12.30 START.

*Happy Christmas to all*

*Message from the Chair*

This is our last newsletter for 2022 – a year that has sped by so quickly but so full of many important and enjoyable activities, and especially many during the last two weeks of October and early November.

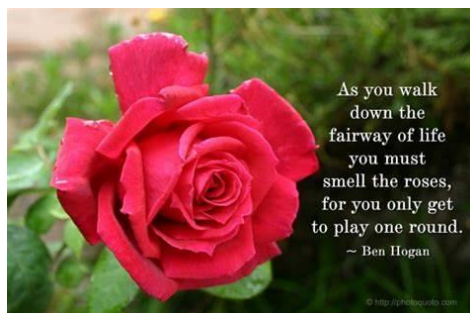
On 15<sup>th</sup> October, many members attended a most wonderful community fair day at the quarry which contains Burnetts on Barney Garden Nursery. The Illawarra Rose Regional stall was bulging with beautiful blooms brought in by members to inform the public about the varieties of roses growing in our garden. Colin and Joanne Fisher arranged them beautifully in bottles in rose types. We were delighted that Clarrie from Gardening Australia also visited our stall and took time to smell the roses. **We welcome new members, Sally Sigal from Berry, and Sarah Thatcher from Jamberoo, who joined at the event.**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October we had a most beautiful blue day to visit the garden and home of Paul and Jeanna Walsh in Nowra. About 20 + members came, enjoyed afternoon tea together, a short meeting and sharing of the rose blooms brought from members' gardens, and a most delightful stroll through a magnificent garden of Paul and Jeanna. We thank them most sincerely for their offer of hospitality.

8 November- 34 members booked into the excursion to Merribee Gardens at Nowra and enjoyed a beautiful day there. On 7<sup>th</sup> November a few members joined a celebration of 21 years of the Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, and on 9<sup>th</sup> November Colin Hollis was a special guest at a planting of a rose at the Harper's Mansion Berrima honouring Sue Kingsford. Unfortunately, I could not be there for this special event. The next event on the calendar is our Christmas luncheon at Warilla Bowling Club, and on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. Southern Highlands Rose Show.

Some of us attended the International Rose Convention in Adelaide during this time – Intan did us proud, (and check inside the newsletter as to why). We also were sad to hear that our most wonderful rose breeder Bruce Brundrett passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

*Kristin - Illawarra Chair*



# THE ROSE GARDEN THIS MONTH

Despite all the rain falling across NSW, I came back from Adelaide to find the soil and garden very dry. So, with windy and sunny days, **ENSURE YOUR ROSES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN POTS, ARE WELL WATERED. ALSO DON'T FORGET TO STAKE YOUR ROSES.** With large clusters of blooms on tall canes, the wind can break these special canes. This is a cane of my miniature Irresistible which was not tied to a stake, bent in the recent winds, and had to be cut off.



## MORE CHALLENGES IN THE GARDEN THIS MONTH

Warm dry winds bring in a **couple of pests** our roses dislike because they make marks on them, and especially on lighter coloured roses:



**HIBISCUS BEETLE** – (HIBISCUS/SAP BEETLE *Aethina* most prevalent in our gardens) is a **small oval-shaped black or dark brown beetle**, 3-4mm long, which can be found on various flowers, including hibiscus, abutilons, dahlias, roses and even some weeds. The beetle hides in the flowers' buds, feeding predominantly on pollen and nectar, though they do like to snack on petals too. I've heard them referred to as a rose flea, and that's what they appear like to me, with the quick pace these little black pests move around when trying to catch them.

If troublesome, use cultural control measures, such as hand picking, making sure to check at various times during day and night for the highest populations. Try soapy spray from sunlight soap, with a little pyrethrum. Alternatively, use a commercial pesticide made from neem oil, following the instructions. Sprays with commercial pyrethrum, or home-made from chilli fruits also have potential. A white dish with soapy water can also be effective under a rose bush as the beetle is attracted to white. Silver foil wrapped around the base of the rose trunk is also another eco deterrent.



**THRIP** - these are tiny little insects barely seen by the naked eye, that nestle into the bud and bloom. They seem to favour the lighter-colored blooms and will typically leave red spots and brown streaks on the petals. The flower buds are often deformed and typically will not open. One of the reasons thrips can be so hard to control is that they live inside the buds and blooms of the roses and other flowering plants in the garden. Both the young and mature thrips feed on the sap within the petals by rasping the tissue of the petals to suck the sap out. The thrips usually start out breeding on various grasses and weeds. Once those

sources are cut down, they move onto attacking the ornamentals in the garden. The number of thrips attacking our gardens can grow very quickly once they have found the blooms of our gardens. The complete life cycle for the thrips can occur in two weeks' time, so their numbers do indeed rise very quickly if a method of control is not started as soon as possible. Control mechanisms as for Hibiscus Beetle can be utilised, or insecticides specific to this pest. Sometimes simply depriving them of food by cutting off the blooms and disposing in plastic bags in garbage can control thrip to some extent.

**GRASSHOPPERS** - [HTTPS://DRECAMPBELL.COM/NATURAL-WAYS-GET-RID-GRASSHOPPERS-PLANTS/](https://drecampbell.com/natural-ways-get-rid-grasshoppers-plants/)

Plants that repel **grasshoppers** include Dianthus, Lantana, Chinese Brake Fern, Moss **Rose**, Verbena, Jasmine, Sage, and Crepe myrtle. You can make your own insecticidal soap by combining 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil, 1 teaspoon of dish washing liquid and 1 cup of water





## VALE – BRUCE BRUNDRETT ARA



Many of us met Bruce at the National Rose Show at Kiama in April when he was presented with the Australian Rose Award at the National dinner. We also met him at Government House in Canberra when we the *Lady of Australia Rose* was launched and planted by Her Excellency Linda Hurley and Colin Hollis. This beautiful medal winning rose was bred by Bruce and prepared for commerce by Wagner's Rose Nursery.

The following message was placed in the National Rose Society of Australia FaceBook page:

it is with much sadness that we announce the passing of our very dear rose friend and one of our greatest rose breeders - Bruce Brundrett on Remembrance Day Friday 11 November. Bruce passed away peacefully at the age of 82. We express our condolences to Gayle and all his family and friends, who must be so grieved at this time

Bruce has bred many magnificent award-winning roses over many years. Some of his best-known roses are Shirley's Rose, Jessica's Rose, Happy Birthday, Lady of Australia and the most recent soon to be released in 2023 Australian Beauty

Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley, patron of the National Rose Society of Australia requested a yellow rose to celebrate the women who served Australia as wife of Governors General. On November 11, 2021, many of our members joined Bruce and his daughter, Gayle Chilver with the planting of the rose at Government House in Canberra. It was a joyful occasion, and the rose was given a baptism with a glass of champagne. This rose was also selected by Australia Post as one of the stamps representing Australian bred roses

Another of Bruce's roses well recognised was the rose selected as the Convention rose - Australian Beauty-declared at the opening of the International Rose Convention in Adelaide in October. Unfortunately, due to his ill health Bruce was unable to be present on this occasion.

On 30 April this year, Bruce was presented with the Australian Rose Award at the National Rose Society dinner at Kiama, for his great contribution to the promotion of the rose in Australia. This is the highest award presented by the National Rose Society of Australia

We are most saddened by this loss but look forward to growing his beautiful roses for many years to come in our gardens across Australia.

We are grateful to Brian Wagner who has commercially released these roses -

Brian has written some very moving accounts of Bruce Brundrett the man which is available on his FB page and website

May Bruce Rest in Peace and thank you for the beauty you have given us.



*Shirley's Rose*



*Lady of Australia*



*Happy Birthday*



*Jessica's Rose*

## Intan's special moment at the World Federation Rose Convention in Adelaide- at the opening ceremony.



Following on from the Bruce Brundrett story – Bruce also bred the rose chosen as the Adelaide Convention Rose. We were all invited to name this rose before the Convention, with the announcement at the Opening Ceremony. How proud we all were that our Illawarra Rose Member, the effervescent Intan Kallus was the winning entry for the name of this beautiful rose. She named it: **Australian Beauty**. We were fortunate to be present at this

ceremony, as Intan received the certificate from Henrienne de Briey, the President of the World Federation of Rose Societies.



## THE WORLD ROSE HALLS OF FAME

*Another activity we engaged in at one of our Illawarra Rose meetings was to vote for the modern rose, and the old garden rose to be entered into the World Rose Halls of Fame. The winning roses were also named at the Opening Ceremony.*



### THE WFRS ROSE HALL OF FAME AND OLD ROSE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED!

Mr. Anthony Tesselaar and Mr. Reinhard Noack were in Adelaide to receive the painting and acknowledgement of **'Flower Carpet Pink'** being inducted into the WFRS Rose Hall of Fame at the Opening Ceremony of the 19th WFRS World Rose Convention at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The creator of 'Flower Carpet Pink' Werner Noack passed away recently at the age of 95. Fortunately, his son who is carrying on the family business Noack Roses attended to receive the award. Anthony Tesselaar, based in Victoria, has managed the Flower Carpet collection of roses globally since its inception. Sales of this rose now exceed 100 million plants globally in 34 years.



Werner Noack bred 'Flower Carpet Pink' in Germany in 1988 and he was one of the first to market his new varieties as "ground cover roses". Flower Carpet Pink was introduced in Australia in 1991. It features small deep-pink double blooms, produced in clusters, throughout the season, with arching, bushy and spreading growth (60cm tall x 1-2m wide) with glossy, disease-resistant foliage.

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There is no better proof of performance than multi-year trials held around the world. To date, the Flower Carpet collection has received 11 gold medals and 14 other international awards. Noack's Agent in Australia, Tesselaar, also carry out their own trials to ensure that new varieties will be outstanding performers in our region as well. Flower Carpet® now has 12 varieties in the collection.

Inducted into the **WFRS Old Rose Hall of Fame** was **'Comte de Chambord,'** a repeat flowering Portland rose from 1860 bred by Robert Moreau. This is a charming rose with true Old Rose character. It has a light magenta colour and large flowers which open flat and quartered. Blooms have a lovely intense Old Rose Damask scent. It is a hardy upright shrub bush growing up to 1.5m. This rose is stocked by [Wagner's Rose Nursery](http://Wagner's Rose Nursery)



## AROUND THE RIDGES OF THE ILLAWARRA

**BURNETTS ON BARNEY- FAIR DAY-----** Some photos



**VISIT TO PAUL & JEANNA WALSH'S BEAUTIFUL HOME AND GARDEN AT NOWRA - SOME PHOTOS**





**MERRIBEE GARDENS AT NOWRA - SOME PHOTOS**



**MEMORIAL TO SUE KINGSFORD AT HARPER'S MANSION AT BERRIMA-**



Colin Hollis represented the Rose Society of NSW at this special even to honour our life member: the late Sue Kingsford OAM. ARA Her adult children, Peter & Sally planted the rose **Yvonne Rabier** in her honour in a specially dedicated rose garden.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AT P&J WALSH NOWRA**

An informal meeting was attended by approximately 20 members, mainly to communicate information about coming events, to accept the financial report for this month, and to share the roses brought by members from their gardens.

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** As presented by Robert: Everyday Account \$3,694.59. Show Account \$6,293.51, Friends of Peach Park \$322.99, and Fixed Deposit \$8,099.56. Grant Application for \$1,500 for Peace Park has been prepared and submitted. Kiama Council Hall Hire confirmed. Finance Accounts accepted for October- Moved: Robert Coady Seconded: Colin Hollis Carried
2. **Next Meeting:** Our Christmas luncheon will be held on the next meeting date; 26 November 2022 at Warilla Bowling Club.
3. **Meeting Concluded** at 2.00 p.m. with members enjoying a tour of the garden.
4. **Our thanks to Lorraine Vost for organizing the afternoon tea for us all.**



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