



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

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IMPORTANT DATES

7th September- Bunnings Spring stall Kembla Grange

Neutrog delivery probably 13th September- TBC

15th September- Excursion to Grevillia Park Bulli (This
replaces the September meeting) See details inside

1st October- Friendship Day – Garden Clubs Uniting
Church Hall Russell Street Albion Park (numbers ?)

5th October- Rose display at Burnetts on Barney

26 October – Rose Show Southern Sydney @Loftus

Wed 30 October- Visit Heritage Rose Garden at
Rookwood Necropolis (see details page 5 newsletter)

30th November- Christmas Party @Warilla Bowling Club

January- Agricultural shows-Albion Park, and Kiama,
Feb 22- meeting at the Centre

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

NEXT MEETING: at Kiama Centre February 22, 2025
Excursions and Rose Display September, October, and
Christmas/end of year celebration November 30

Message from Chair: **Dear Members**

Spring has sprung early in our gardens with the unusual heat of the last week of August. Already there are lots of buds on my rose bushes and even a ramdon bloom. This looks positive for a good rose display at Burnett's Nursery at Kiama, on 5th October. Please see the attached flier that has outlined the program for the day, We would like our members to bring along a rose(s) in a container to place on the table in the Palm Pavilion as a display and to be able to share our beautiful spring roses for the public. The café will be open for morning & afternoon teas and lunch – luscious food and some with a rose theme, so come along and enjoy a day out.

We welcome new member- Leigh Holt from Kangaroo Valley.

Sad news also- our Jan Roxby passed away on 16th August- our condolences to Ian & Family. Also Jane Stockel after a short illness. Jane used to sell linen at our Rose shows.

Last meeting we enjoyed a wonderful presentation on growing orchids successfully, by Daniel Webb, who also produces our State Rose Journal. Daniel's orchids are magnificent and some of us bought one, and Intan was fortunate enough to win one in the raffle.

This month we have a letter and photos from our travellers in France, Gary Bickford & Judi Hansen. Looking forward to meeting as many as can come to Grevillea Park at Bulli for a wander and a picnic. Lorraine will bring coffee & tea facilities. Bring a picnic to have or share. See the information inside the newsletter. Also 5th October- our display day...

Happy Spring roses- *Kristin*

ROSE GARDEN IN SEPTEMBER

Spring time – and the foliage will be looking spectacular. Time now to check for diseases and pests. Aphids can begin to fly in to feed on those tender shoots and, on hot days with cool nights, powdery mildew can begin to show on foliage of some of the rose bushes. A spray of 1 part full cream milk and 9 parts water can help to eradicate the powdery mildew. At least the hot dry weather we are experiencing will kill off fungicidal spores such as blackspot.

Mulching now as hot weather approaches is important to keep the ground cool, retain moisture and to stop the weeds from growing. I use WhoFlungDung with a mixture of CockNBull, and cover with any of the mulches – sugar cane, mushroom, lucerne etc... keep away from the trunk of the rose bush to stop rot, and make sure the ground has been well watered before layering the mulch.

If you haven't fertilised yet, it is time now to spread the Sudden Impact, or whatever rose fertiliser you prefer. Enjoy the Spring blooms.

AROUND THE RIDGES- EXCURSIONS & EVENTS CLOSER TO HOME

SEPTEMBER 15TH EXCURSION TO GREVILLIA PARK AT BULLI- REPLACING SEPTEMBER MEETING



Gathering at 11.00 am for Tea/ Coffee

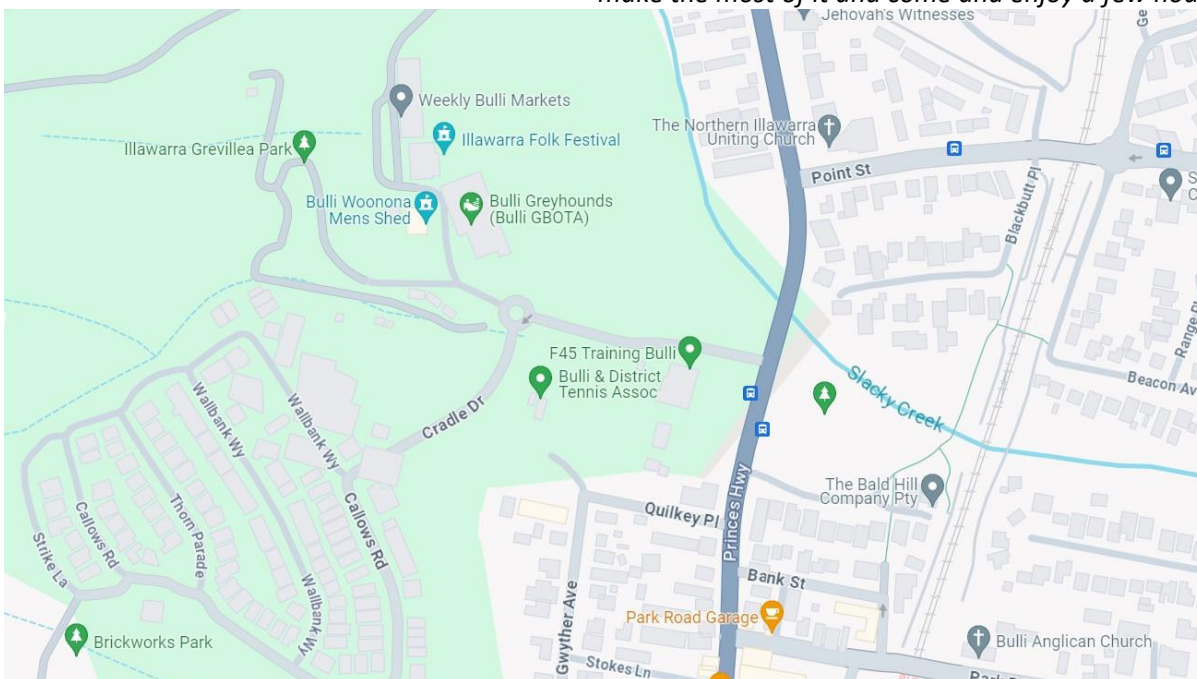
Walk through the park and then meet for

A shared picnic lunch finishing around 2.30pm

Native Plants will be available to purchase

Let us know if you need transport – we will organize it for you.

The Park is only opened for two weekends in July and September, so make the most of it and come and enjoy a few hours together.



ROSE DISPLAY- SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER AT BURNETT'S ON BARNEY

We are planning now for the Rose Display Day at Burnett's Nursery on Barney at Kiama. This will replace the annual rose show - as the number of exhibitors has declined and the ageing committee have not the physical stamina to set up a rose show.

WE NEED YOU –

- to bring along roses (7.30a.m.-9.00 a.m.) in a container for the display so we can share them with the public
- come and join in for a couple of hours.
- A few of our members will conduct sessions on rose growing, looking after roses, propagating roses from cuttings, budding roses on rootstock, cross pollinating and hybridizing roses, growing roses in pots and arranging roses in posies or as a table decoration. A couple of members will stay at the pavilion to give advice as a rose doctor.
- The café will be open throughout the day, there will be a theme of roses in cooking
- If you have any other ideas about the display/sessions, please let me know by the end of this week as I'm preparing a brochure for distribution and promotion.



NEW NEUTROG DELIVERY PLACE TO AVOID DISRUPTION AT HARDWARE MAN, THE NEW DELIVERY PLACE FOR NEUTROG WILL NOW BE: 234 BERKLEY RD., UNANDERRA (UTJ INTERIORS) IT IS VERY CLOSE TO HARDWARE MAN

OUR MEETING – 24 AUGUST - DANIEL WEBB SPOKE ON ORCHIDS (ROSES NOT IN BLOOM IN AUGUST)



A few important ideas from the session:

- Orchids need to be potted not in Orchid mix, but 50% pine bark, 30% coconut fibre and 20% perlite;
- Water as needed by dipping the transparent pot with holes in sides in water for about an hour, drain before placing back in a pot (ice cubes are definitely not for watering tropical orchids);
- Orchids blooms are triggered by cold (12-20 degrees) place in a cool room during part of winter to trigger the blooms.



Some blooms from the gardens of some of our members, plus a most magnificent white orchid brought along by Daniel.

HELLO FROM FRANCE – GARY BICKFORD & JUDI HANSEN’S EXPERIENCE OF SUMMER IN FRANCE



Well, it is well and truly summer. Temperatures mostly high 20s to mid 30s although we did manage 40C last week. Of course, this does not bear well for the roses, but we have really missed the main flowering time of May and June. So here in August we are into their second or third flowering, but many of the roses are now finished their flowering cycle. There are still



plenty of blooms, and I thought you might like a bit of French colour in this month's newsletter. Here is a sample!! (they also have beautiful snails on their roses).

We are staying with our friends in the same house we stayed in 2022 in the south of France, near Toulouse and Carcassonne. The wheat has been harvested, the sunflowers are ripening, and the grapes still have a way to go before they are ready to be picked.

This is a view from our rooftop terrace looking out over the farmland.

We visited one of our neighbours who has a lovely garden and a pool. The house is only recently built, in the last 10 years, as opposed to our friend's house built 400 years ago. This photo is viewed from their pool, up the slope to the house. Salvias provide colour most of the year and at this time roses and lavender add to the picture.



Our friends have decided that we should plant a climbing rose. So, here goes my attempt at planting my first rose in France. As I showed you on our last trip, the French cut these very small squares out of the concrete footpath and plant their roses in these small spaces.



My friend purchased a rather large (say a 40cm pot) potted rose for me to plant. After much coaxing I convinced the rose that this was its new home. It looks pretty good, so with a bit of water it should be OK. I will prune it before we leave at the end of October.



The rose is described thus: The Alibaba® Hybrid Tea climbing rose is a very pretty new rose that will form a very beautiful shrub which will be covered in flowers throughout the summer. Its roses are double, wavy, a beautiful salmon orange, but also very fragrant. They are highlighted by beautiful dark, semi-matte foliage, very resistant to

diseases. An easy, floriferous and resistant rose bush, within the reach of all gardeners (even Australians I hope).



I trust it is getting a little warmer there although it still looks like it is quite cold. At least you have had a bit of respite from the rain!

Cheers for now,

Judi and Gary

Thank you Gary and Judi for sharing your experience of growing roses in France. What a beautiful place you came to rest in. Well our cold weather stopped abruptly with some very warm days and no rain. We look forward to welcoming you back and wish you safe travels as you go to Judi's mother country.

EXCURSION TO THE HERITAGE GARDEN AT ROOKWOOD NECROPOLIS WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2024

Visit from the NSW Rose Society Regional Groups

- Wednesday 30th October 2024 participants to arrive between 9:30am and 10:00am
- Meeting Point on the Village Green opposite All Souls Chapel, behind the car park in Hawthorne Ave. Tables, chairs and purple sun canopies will be set up so you cannot miss us!
- Park in the carpark opposite All Souls Chapel. Bus may be better parking in Hawthorne Ave. The bus can turn into Hawthorne go past the office and around the roundabout then come back along Hawthorne and park next to the lawn area.
- All participants to bring their own picnic morning tea and lunch. Sun hat, sunscreen and good walking shoes will be necessary.
- On arrival Rose Society members to meet with Heritage Roses members and enjoy their morning tea.
- 10:20am progress into the All Souls Chapel and we will have 2 presentations, the first being by Mark Bundy who is the Rookwood historian and he will give a talk on the history of Rookwood. Following Mark's presentation Glennis will tell the story of Barbara's Garden. We have been given access to the chapel from 10:00am until 12:00 midday.
- Following the presentations in the chapel, Heritage Roses members will guide the Rose Society members around Barbara's Garden.
- Picnic lunch.
- Following lunch we will drive around to the old heritage Anglican section and be guided through this romantic old Victorian area where roses are still growing on graves and also walk down to the serpentine. The ground in this area is a little rough so sturdy shoes are necessary.
- **Once we have completed the walk through this old area of the cemetery the tour is completed.**

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TRANSPORT TO THIS EVENT.

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING 24TH AUGUST 2024 HELD AT NORTH KIAMA NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE.

WELCOME. Meeting commenced at 1.30 pm and Chair Kristin welcomed members attending and also guest speaker Daniel Webb who spoke on Orchids, Daniel's mother Mel accompanied him. Jan Roxby and Jane Stockal have both passed away recently, Colin attended Jans funeral.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Peter Goodger, Jenny Swan, Geraldine Shea, Gary Bickford, Judi Hansen, Deidre Hill, Leigh Paton. Moved as correct by Judith Oyston, Seconded by Moira Etheridge.
2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Moved as correct by Shirley Coady, Seconded Joanne Fisher.
MINUTES OF AGM Moved as correct by Judith Oyston, Seconded Colin Hollis.
3. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Presented by Robert Coady, nearing end of process to change our accounts to Bendigo Bank except for Term Deposit.
Show Account \$6,771.69, General Account \$4,941.05, Peace Park \$1,775.37, Education Account \$5,745.06. Term Deposit \$8,391.82. Moved as correct by Robert, Seconded by Colin Hollis.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

-State Secretary, Accommodation booked at motel next to Mittagong RSL for Miniature Rose Show.

-Agenda Items for State Council. -Orchid Central 2024, Spring Orchid Show 4-6th October.

-New Invite to Webinar. -Maureen Thackeray, new member Leigh Holt from KV. -State Secretary, - Miniature Rose Show Flyer

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- a. Brochures are now available for the Miniature Rose Show next year.
 - b. Colin advised members that Welby Nursery in the Southern Highlands has a large range of good quality roses including miniatures.
 - c. Colin thanked the members that made themselves available to help prune Jill Easts roses.
 - d. Intan, spoke about a special book she has on loan from Rose Roses SA.
 - e. September 14 will be a visit to The Illawarra Grevillea Park at Bulli. This will take the place of our September meeting.
 - f. 5th October will be our Rose Display and Information Sessions at Burnetts on Barney, topics will be Companion Planting, Propagation, Budding and Cross Pollination, Floral Art ladies will demonstrate posy making.
 - g. 30th November will be our Christmas Party at Warilla Bowling club, Venue has been booked and deposit paid.
6. Daniel Webb gave an excellent and informative talk on growing Orchids and brought many beautiful plants for display and sale.

Kristin thanked him and presented him with a thank you gift.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 3.00 PM FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS AFTERNOON TEA WHERE WE HAD OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE.

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