



Macarthur Rose

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November meeting

The next meeting of the Macarthur Rose Society will be held on 12 November 2022 at 31 Tallow-Wood Avenue, NARELLAN VALE.

Maureen and Ian Thackeray have kindly agreed to step in and offered their garden for a visit as we were no longer able to meet at the Vitocco residence.

The meeting will start at 2:00pm and we will tour the garden. Maureen and Ian have over 300 roses growing in addition to fruit trees, orchids and various other interesting plants. Their garden is a joy to visit.

Please bring a chair and a rose for the show bench. There is a map to their place on page two of this newsletter.

Neutrog Orders

The Neutrog shop is open for orders that will be delivered in early March 2023. Remember that the constant rain will leach fertilisers from your soil very quickly so it is important to apply them more frequently when we are constantly inundated with heavy rain and warm weather that encourages our roses to grow well.



Dear Rose Friends

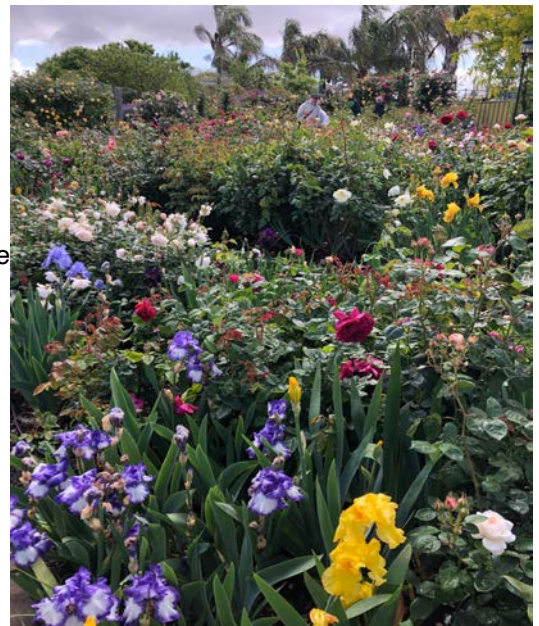
Thank goodness the weather has turned mild and sunny after the drenchings we have experienced over the last few months. This has been excellent for our rose gardens as the spring flush gets underway and rewards our hard work over the winter months.

As the warm weather establishes along with intermittent wet days, our roses can become very prone to developing die back. Our cultural notes this month are courtesy of Rosalie Vine who has put together some information for us on how to deal with die back. If left to develop, die back can gradually work its way down into the graft of our roses, eventually infecting the graft and causing the rose to die. Make sure your secateur blades are well sharpened and able to deliver a clean cut to help prevent dieback.

The warm Spring winds have also arrived so it is important to stake those lovely new red stems that are now appearing. These will be the main rose producers over the next two to three years so it is important to carefully support them in the wind.

Arrangements for our Christmas party are in full swing. Raffle tickets for the hamper and the ham will be sold starting at our November meeting.

Macarthur Rose Society was well represented at the World Rose Convention in Adelaide. The weather was bitterly cold but did not stop rosarians from all around the world enjoying the beauty of the Adelaide Botanic Garden Rose Trial Garden, the private garden of Kelvin and Melanie Trimper and several other historic and well established rose gardens in Adelaide. The photo at right is at Kelvin Trimpers' garden, which is one of the best private rose gardens in the Southern Hemisphere.

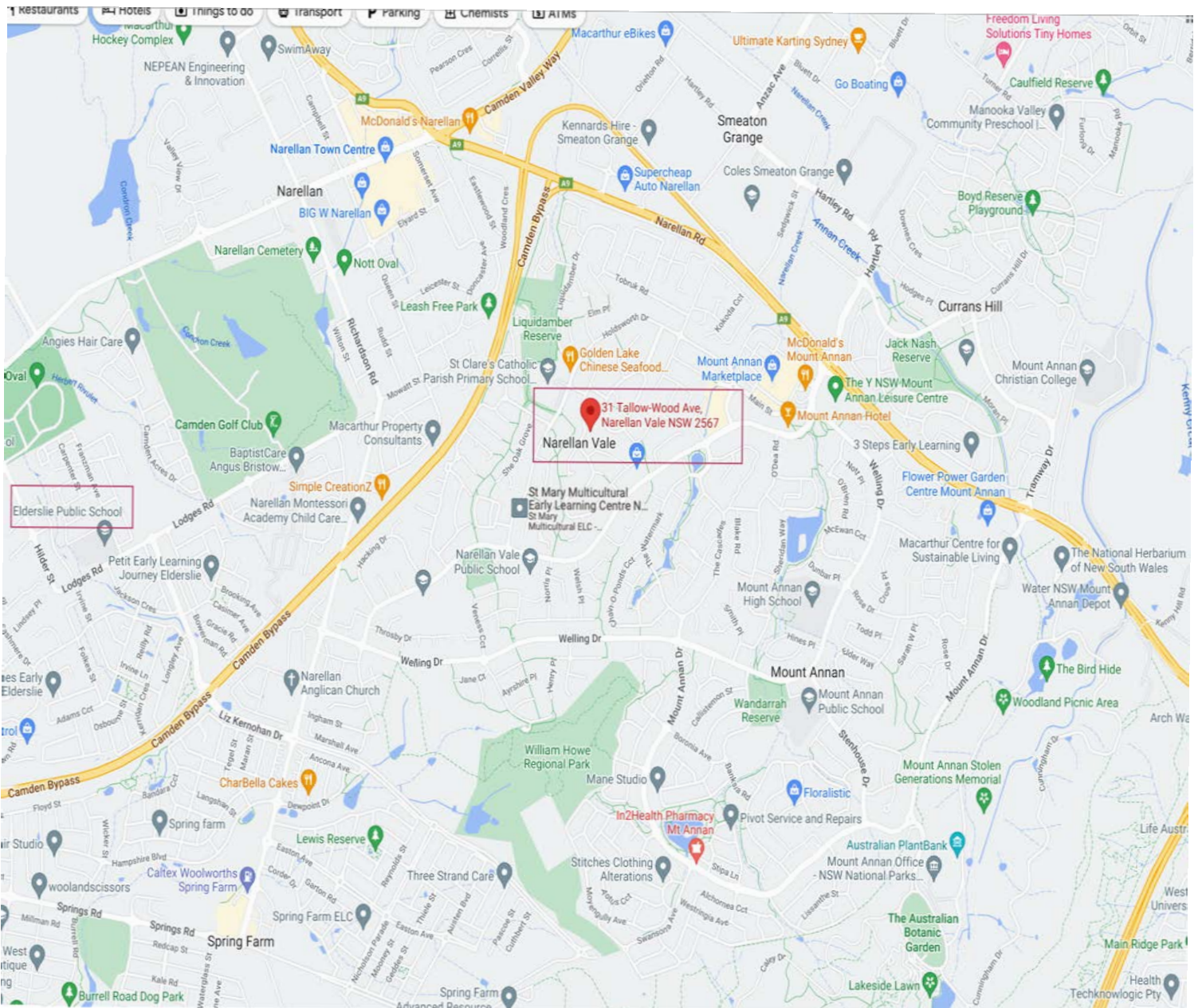


Unfortunately several attendees have been caught up in the new wave of Covid 19 infections to remind us once again that it hasn't disappeared. Our best wishes to all our members who are feeling unwell and we trust that enjoying your roses will help you to recover quickly and return to good health.

Yours in Roses

Judith

Map to 31 Tallow-Wood Avenue, Narellan Vale



Cultural Notes

Dieback in Roses

One important job as you go around the garden is to look for signs of **dieback**. If left unchecked the roses will lose vigour or you could lose a bush altogether. Branch or stem dieback of roses is seen to at least some extent in most gardens, but in certain circumstances it can be very widespread and damaging. Any adverse factors that result in stress on the plant and a lack of vigour can lead to dieback.

Fungi can invade shoots already affected by dieback or can colonise the plant through any form of physical damage. Once they have gained entry they can spread into adjacent living tissues to cause further damage.

Symptoms of Dieback

- Browning and dieback of the tips of young shoots in spring (usually due to frost damage)
- Browning and dieback of a pruning stub, which then progresses further down the branch (the result of a poor pruning technique)
- Dieback of twigs, branches, main stems or even the whole plant at any time of the year (various causes)
- Fungal structures, such as tiny fruiting bodies, are sometimes visible on the affected parts of the plant
- In some instances there may also be associated root decay. If suspected, use phosphoric acid e.g. Yates Anti Rot



Dieback is highly likely to occur when short stubs are left on canes near the bud union. Cut them off flush with the bud union to prevent the bush dying altogether.



Dieback occurred because the original cut was right on a bud junction or randomly on the stem. Re-cut to healthy wood just above the next junction.



Dieback is beginning as a result of a wound becoming infected.



Dieback occurs due to lack of water or too much water.

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Cultural Notes

Control of Dieback : Non-Chemical Control

- Plant roses in well-prepared soil, making sure that the roots are well spread out.
- Do not plant roses into soil that has grown roses previously, without taking remedial action. Change the soil at least to a depth of 50cm and a width of at least 70cm. Use Neutrog's GoGo Juice or Popul8 to help the soil come alive with beneficial bacteria.
- Avoid soils that are either prone to drought or waterlogging.
- Feed plants regularly (every 6-8 weeks with fertiliser—Neutrog's Sudden Impact for Roses).
- Remove all dead and damaged wood as soon as it is seen. Also remove weak and crossing branches during routine pruning.
- Pruning cuts should be finished cleanly, and made immediately above and sloping away from an outward facing bud.



Chemical Control—There are no chemicals with specific recommendations for the control of rose dieback. However, some incidental control of dieback may be achieved when using fungicides for the control of foliar diseases such as black spot, rust and powdery mildew.

What to Avoid

Adverse factors leading to plant stress and dieback include:

- Bad planting technique—avoid planting the bud union below soil level in Australia.
- Soil conditions that are too wet or too dry. Note that the past two years of La Niña in Australia has led to particularly wet conditions, and we are beginning a third La Niña. This can lead to root diseases e.g. honey fungus or phytophthera root rot. Spray with Yates Anti-Rot.
- Poor pruning technique, particularly when the buds are damaged or long stubs are left above them
- Frost damage
- Malnutrition
- Severe defoliation by fungal problems, insects or red spider mites.

Christmas Party



Our Christmas Party is being held 12:00pm on Saturday, 9th December at the Menangle Country Club, 170 Menangle Road, Menangle.

The cost is \$30 for each financial member of the Macarthur Rose Society. Please make sure you pay your \$30 at our meeting tomorrow and make your menu choice.

You can make your payment to either Lorraine Hawke or Maureen Thackeray at the November meeting.

Please bring along a small item for the Christmas Hamper raffle. If you can't make the Christmas meeting you can buy raffle tickets for the Christmas hamper and other raffles at the meeting on 12 November 2022.

I will forward a map to the Christmas lunch venue at a date closer to the time.



A spectacular bowl of hybrid tea roses on display at the recent Rose and Garden Expo held in conjunction with the World Rose Convention in Adelaide. This bowl won second prize in the 'Bowl of Hybrid Tea' class at the show.

Annual General Meeting of the NSW Rose Society Inc

The AGM of the NSW Rose Society is being held on 20 November 2022. All financial members of the Macarthur Rose Society are eligible to attend and vote at the AGM.

The meeting is being held at 10:00am, Sunday 20th November 2022, at the Sustainability Centre at 1 Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan.

For catering purposes please let Carol McVeigh, Secretary of the NSW Rose Society know if you are going to attend this meeting. Carol can be contacted on Carol.McVeigh@gmail.com.



The NSW display at the World Rose Convention held in Adelaide from 28th October - 4 November 2022. Cecily Rodgers was responsible for the display and it certainly reflected the spirit of NSW.

Special Events

November Birthdays

1st June Head

10th Kelvin McLean



December Birthdays

2nd Kim Baker

23rd Sheryl Shaw



MEETING DATES FOR OUR DIARIES

Macarthur Regional Rose Society Meetings for 2023 at the CWA

4th February 2023

4th March 2023

1st April 2023

6th May 2023

3rd June 2023

1st July 2023

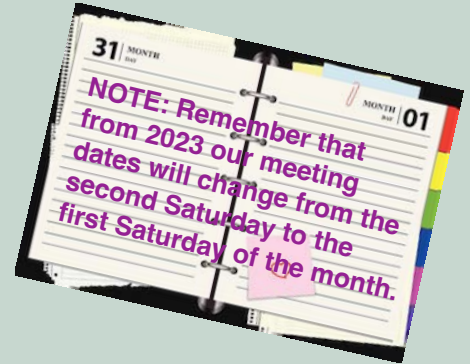
5th August 2023

2nd September 2023

7th October 2023

4th November 2023

2nd December 2023 (Christmas Party)



Contributions

Your contributions to this Newsletter are always welcome. If you have items of interest, including photos, that you may want to share or distribute please send them to:

Judith Carll, Chairperson at Email: macarthurrosesociety@gmail.com, or Tel: 0410 444 562.

Next Meeting: 12 November 2022, at 31 Tallow-Wood Avenue Narellan Vale.

COVID SAFE Our Rose Society operates in a COVID safe way.