



Macarthur Rose

**Macarthur Regional Rose Society
Newsletter
Vol 27, August 2019**



Signature Rose Hilton Edward, bred by Robert Stibbard, founding member of the Macarthur Rose Society.

In this issue

Chairperson's Report	1
Cultural Notes	3
Our activities in July	5
Birthdays	6
Neutrog Products	6
Diary Dates	6

Dear Rose Friends

Despite the winter cold, July has been a busy and productive month for the Macarthur Regional Rose Society. We started the month with a very successful Bunnings BBQ and Cake Stall. On the day there was some competition for customers from Cobbitty Markets and as it was the first Saturday of school holidays there was no families at the sports field. However both events were still very successful.

Carol McVeigh and Stephanie Judges took overall charge of the cake stall and ensured that every single contribution was sold. They were ably helped by several other people throughout the day including June Head, Brenda Morrison, Maureen Kennedy and others. Many thanks to you all for your contributions and support of this fund raising event.

The cake stall was held in conjunction with our annual Bunnings BBQ. Thanks to many dedicated volunteers it was a huge financial and social event success. The volunteers included Robert Stibbard, Graeme Wright and Ian Thackeray, who all ably demonstrated excellent sausage and onion cooking skills throughout the day. Rosalie and Chris Vine, Maureen Thackeray, Janet Wright, Jan Priestly, Bill Riley, Maureen Kennedy and many others supported our chefs with shopping, bread preparation, sausage and drinks sales, esky management and money collection.

Many thanks to all our volunteers who generously gave time, effort and support for these successful events. The BBQ funds will allow us to make a welcome contribution to the 2021 Adelaide International Rose Convention.

Our July meeting was held on a bitterly cold Saturday afternoon at Camden Park House. This was combined with a rose pruning demonstration and tour of the historic garden. Despite the cold, the meeting was well attended with many welcome visitors from the Southern Highlands Region - some of whom travelled from as far afield as Goulburn.

After the meeting, Bill Riley guided us on a tour of the historic Camden Park House gardens. At the rose garden, Graham Wright took up the challenge of demonstrating how to prune the Iceberg rose that had been made available for pruning.



Observing the rose pruning at Camden Park House.
Photo: Ian Thackeray



Ready to prune
Photo: Ian Thackeray



Half the rose is pruned.
Photo: Ian Thackeray



Rose pruning completed
Photo: Carol McVeigh

The hardworking volunteers of Macarthur Rose Society stepped forward once again last week to prune the large amount of roses at Rose Cottage in Camden. Thanks to these valuable and dedicated volunteers, the pruning was completed in a single day. This included cleaning up and filling seven green waste bins with the rose clippings. Thank you to Graham and Janet Wright, Maureen and Ian Thackeray, Margaret Kennedy, Bill and Judy Riley, Carol McVeigh, Robert Stibbard and Sheryle Albeck for your efforts and commitment. The Rose Cottage strata committee are deeply appreciative and have donated \$200 to our funds.

I am sad to report that Stephanie Judges has resigned as Secretary. Unfortunately, Stephanie has found that balancing her increasing work load with the rural fire service work and her family has become too difficult to continue as Secretary. I would like to thank Stephanie for the work she has undertaken for us as the Secretary for the last year. Her work on behalf of Macarthur Rose Society is greatly appreciated.

August is a month of great anticipation as we wait for the cold weather to pass and the roses to begin their tremendous spring growth spurt. Now is the time to begin thinking about ordering your Neutrog products. Recently 20L containers of GoGo Juice became available. This is a real cost saving if you have a large garden and/or use GoGo Juice to replenish your soil and give your roses and garden a great boost. Many other products are also available. Check out Neutrog products on their website and ask Graham Wright to order the ones you want for inclusion in the next order. Contact details for Graham are on page 6 of this newsletter.

Best wishes

Judith



Macarthur Rose Society members gather around the pruning demonstration at Camden Park House. Even the chickens came to inspect progress.

Photo: Carol McVeigh

Cultural Notes

There are two main groups when it comes to climbing roses – those that only flower once in spring and those that repeat flower from spring till autumn. Spring flowering and old fashioned roses bloom only once a year and are pruned after the spring bloom in November or December.

Pruning these climbers now will actually prevent flowering. However they can be fed Neutrog Seamungus throughout winter to give them a good boost for the spring flowering.

They can then be pruned hard at the end of spring flowering to get their size under control. Although you can leave them for many years without pruning, they can often get very large and out of control. When this occurs give them a hard prune after flowering to keep them tidy.

Encouraging repeat flowering

Repeat flowering, climbing roses such as the popular climbing Pinkie, climbing Gold Bunny and climbing Pierre de Ronsard are pruned in winter from mid-July to mid-August. Pruning now encourages new wood production that will start flowering on older branches in spring and then the current season's growth in autumn.

As a general rule, there is no need to prune climbing roses for the first three to five years. Simply trim and train them, tying canes into position horizontally to encourage flowers along the stem.

Rather than train your roses through wire mesh or lattice, it is better to simply tie climbing roses on to the front of their climbing frame. Then when it comes to pruning time, you simply undo all the ties, prune out the growth you don't want and re-tie the remaining laterals into position.

Just as with bush roses, you need to be prepared, be dressed appropriately, have good gardening gloves and the right tools – sharp secateurs, loppers and a good pruning saw. You will also need a rag and jar with diluted bleach, or a rag soaked in tea tree oil, to disinfect your tools between roses.

Rose structure

Untie the rose from the structure it is growing on. Begin removing as much foliage as possible from each rose. This helps prevent disease by removing dormant fungal spores and allows you to see the rose's branching structure as you prune. Remove any diseased, injured or spindly and crossing or awkwardly placed branches. Cut them flush with the cane from which they emerge. Prune any older, woody branches that haven't bloomed well during the previous season. Give a preliminary trim to any canes that have outgrown their supports.



David Austin rose Gertrude Jekyll attached to a lattice on the wall. Photo: Pixar photos



Some Neutrog products that are available



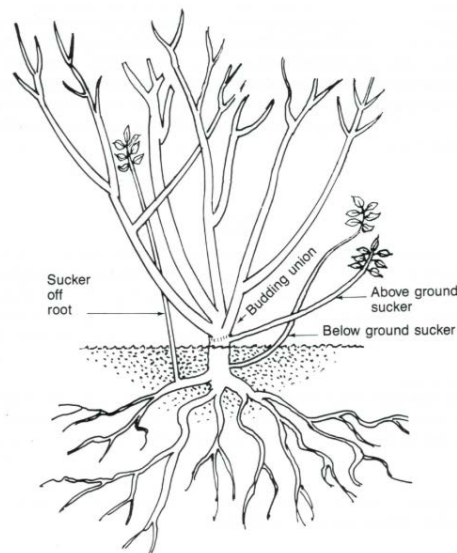
Water shoots on spring roses

Now step back and look at what remains. Choose branches that will form the plant's main framework for the upcoming season. This means that if your climbing rose has six canes that arise from the base, you completely remove two of them.

The colour of the cane indicates its age, with new wood looking light green and fresh, darker wood is one year old, and old brownish limbs are three or more years old. Look for strong, healthy canes with plenty of swelling buds or side shoots (called laterals). Remember to keep enough vigorous canes at various heights to cover the support from top to bottom without crossing.

Suckers

When dealing with roses of any kind, it is important that you look out for suckers from the rootstock. If these are left unattended, they weaken and eventually take over the whole plant. They are vigorous shoots which appear from below the graft union and should be removed immediately from their point of origin. Ideally, they should never be cut as this simply encourages them to branch more. They should be pulled off with a heel which will hopefully scar and prevent them from re-appearing.



Water shoots

Rose suckers from the rootstock should not be confused with water shoots, which are also vigorous growth, but these appear from above the graft union. They are healthy new canes, often purple in colour and are the new canes that will flower in autumn and the following Spring. Carefully bend these new water shoots down horizontally and tie them to keep them in position.

Now remove any twiggy side branches and strong laterals that bore last year's flowers and the thin tips of new canes. Make sure you cut and trim to fit the support and account for new growth. Shorten the lateral shoots down to two to five buds always cutting about 0.25cm above and parallel to a bud.

Retying the rose

Reattach the main branches to the support horizontally as this will encourage flowering along the length of the stem. Prune and train the lowest of the chosen canes first. Set the lowest wire about 45cm off the ground and space subsequent wires 30cm apart. If training roses up pillars, arches or pergolas, twist the main shoots gently around the uprights, keeping them as horizontal as possible, to encourage flowering shoots to form low down.

When tying climbing roses, always use a soft flexible material that allows the cane to grow. Strips of old panty hose, old T-shirts or soft, flexible plastic strips are ideal. Plastic coated wire should be avoided as these can cut into the bark if not maintained.

After pruning, clean up around your plants, removing the old leaves and clippings and spray with Lime Sulphur according to the directions on the packet. This will help to kill off any fungi or diseases ready for the new season. You can also spray the soil around the base to help kill off any fungi that may have attached from old leaves. This will help to keep the rose healthy. Applying Seamungus now to give them a gentle spring boost is a good idea. Remember to mulch well with the Neutrog Who Flung Dung to keep the soil at an even temperature. Your climbing roses are now ready for their spring to autumn bloom for another year.



*Photos from
Camden Park
House and
Rose Cottage
pruning days*



Ian Thackeray cleaning up.
Photo: Maureen Thackeray



Janet Wright pruning at Rose Cottage.
Photo: Ian Thackeray



Bill Reilly guiding Macarthur Rose Society members on a tour of the historic Camden Park House gardens. Photo: Ian Thackeray



Carol McVeigh and Maureen Kennedy
volunteering at Rose Cottage

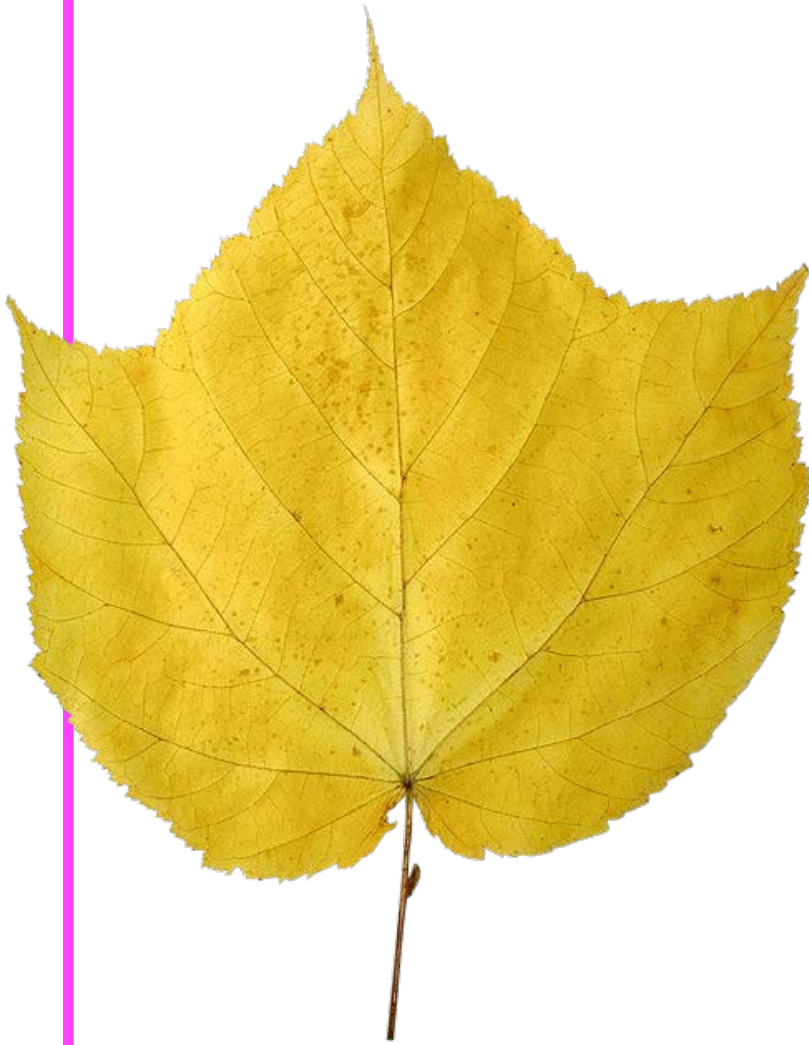


Completed rose bed at Rose Cottage
Photo: Ian Thackeray



Maureen Thackeray pruning at Rose Cottage. Photo: Ian Thackeray

Happy Birthday



1 st	Adam Pearce
1 st	Janet Wong
3 rd	Margaret Hudson
8 th	Jim O'Hearn
14 th	Bill Riley
20 th	Michael Riley
22 nd	Brenda Morrison
23 rd	Pauline Bell
24 th	Maureen Thackeray
27 th	Mary Camilleri
27 th	Sheralyn Rudd
28 th	Grant Yang

Neutrog Products

Remember that as a member you are able to purchase Neutrog products at special member prices. Products available include: **Sudden Impact for Roses**, **Kahoona**, **GoGo Juice (includes 20L containers)**, **Seamungus**, **Gyganic**, **Blood and Bone**, **Who Flung Dung** and many more that can be viewed on the Neutrog website.

Simply give Graham Wright a call on **9606 5888** to order and arrange a time to collect these great products.



Contact Us

Your contributions to the newsletter are welcome. Please send items of interest and photos to the:

Chairperson: Judith Carl Email: macarthurrosesociety@gmail.com, Mobile or 0410 444 562.

Diary Dates

Next Meeting: Saturday 10 August 2019, at Elderslie Primary School, 170 Lodges Road Elderslie 2570 at 2:00pm.

NSW Rose Society State Council Meeting: Sunday 11 August 2019, Macarthur Sustainability Centre, 1 Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan at 11:00am.