

Nepean Blue Mountains Hawkesbury Regional
Newsletter

“Prickles”



'Joyce Abounding'
Signature Rose of
the Regional



'Imp'
Foundation Rose of
the Regional

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Dates for your Diary 2020

5 September
Zoom
Members' Forum
10.00am

3 October
Zoom
Members' Forum
Virtual Monthly Show
Bench

Message from the Chairman

These past few months have certainly been very different for all of human kind with the pandemic.

I am slowly recuperating, still get tired and doing my physiotherapy but as you can see from some of the photos Glynis has put in the newsletter getting stronger each day.

Thank you to Angelo and Stephen who assisted with the upacking of the delivery of Neutrog - \$6,686.00 worth. Congratulations - this has set a new record for our Regional. I would like to thank Melanie van Meulen who has taken over from Yvette Franklin at Neutrog and Velux the company who delivered the product for their smooth operation. Many thanks to Glynis who co-ordinated all the logistics and specially to members who picked up the product in a timely and safe manner. The pickup operation went very smoothly and I do apologize for not being able to spend more time speaking with many of you as time was so short during the pickup timetable. It was terrific to meet up with some of you again.

Please note, your Renewal is also due now and you must fill in the Renewal Form as it is a legal requirement. If you have sent your forms directly to Ralph Parsons please let Glynis know so that she can check and update our records as well. If you decide not to renew please note that the September issue of the NSW Rose News will be your last as your name will be removed from the Public Officer's list.

Prizes for the Show Bench have been

distributed to those who won a class or classes during the pick up their Neutrog products. Angelina, Karen and Gary we will endeavour to get yours to you as soon as we are able.

Our first Zoom Meeting (forum) was a success with 15 participants. One of the suggestions was that we hold a virtual monthly show bench come October when the first flush of Spring arrives. The logistics are being worked out and you will be able to participate as soon as we are able to work out the Virtual Schedule. I encourage you to participate in the Zoom forum. Glynis is organising a Zoom forum on our normal meeting date which is for 5 September at 10am. The forum will be a Question and Answer format and discussion as opposed to a meeting which is more formal. So if you have a question you would like answered send it to Glynis via email prior to the date and she can organise to have it answered during the forum. This will save time.

During the year we have had new members join and hope to hear from you either via zoom or email.

Sadly we had the passing of Anne Corrigan and Suzanne Swane in the past couple of months. Thank you to Denise for sending condolence cards on behalf of the Regional.

Wishing you all safe and good health during this trying time. Please continue to follow the rules put into place to keep you safe. Once again thank you all for your prayers and kind wishes.

Jeff

Notice of Zoom Members' Forum Saturday, 5 September 2020 commencing at 10am via Zoom

Time: Sep 5, 2020 10:00 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82500653026?pwd=QnozRU1zVTZYOW1vZGpyemRWcHZDZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 0065 3026

Passcode: J7RLZd

Dear Members

We encourage you to download the Zoom App on your mobile phone or iPad etc. and join us in a Members' Forum. A forum is more of a discussion tool than a meeting which is formal.

We have 40 minutes for the forum. If you have any questions relating to roses you would like answered, please send them to me by at least Friday 4, so we can have your answer ready for you when you join the Forum.

Above is the link for our forum and I will open the waiting room 9.55 am on the morning of the meeting - please be prompt as we only have 40 minutes. As you click on the link, you will come up on my screen and I will accept you. You should then be able to see all who are attending the forum.

Closer to the date I will contact you to see if you will be joining us via Zoom and if you have any issues please contact me on 0427 104 944. If you are not very tech savvy please don't hesitate to contact me for assistance.

Kind regards

Glynis

Happy Birthday to the following Members

August



11 George Lohman

September

2nd Angelo Grima

2 Gary Wootton



Copies of Prickles

"Prickles" was set up as an electronic based newsletter for Regional Members to keep costs down. However, we understand some members do not have email but would still like to receive this newsletter. If you wish to receive a printed copy of "Prickles" please supply Glynis with self addressed and stamped envelopes for six months and she will print a copy and post it to you.

Opinions and views expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Rose Society of NSW Inc.

Cultural Notes for September

Roses will be sprouting healthy red leaves by now. So you don't want Black Spot! Black spot is preventable so it is best to start a spray regime early. Once black spot appears it is very hard to eradicate.

Depending on how pedantic you wish to be a spray program of every two weeks is good if you want to keep the black spot at bay. Sprays that are registered for black spot can be purchased from any of your nurseries or hardware stores.

Keep a look out for Aphids. They love the new young growth on plants. Fingering them off or using soapy water and then spraying them off with the hose helps. However, the best time to do this would be in the morning so that the leaves can dry and not be wet or damp overnight.

Your roses should be leafing up well and a good handful of Sudden Impact for Roses will give the roses a good boost for the spring flush. GoGo Juice will help the plant take up the nutrients of the organic fertilizer as the weather and ground warms up.

A good soaking about twice a week will keep them going well and this can be continued right through summer. Roses are more drought tolerant than one thinks. Roses in pots should not be allowed to dry out completely and perhaps a watering every second day for these will prevent that. A moisture meter is a good tool to have especially in summer to test how dry the pot is. Mulching helps keep the moisture in and this can all be done now.

If you planted new roses, do not feed until the beginning of October. This helps them to settle into their new home and adjust to the soil. A seaweed solution is best every one to two weeks.

Now we wait for the first flush of the Queen of Flowers.

Happy rose growing!!!

NBMH Regional Office Bearers and Appointments for 2019-2020

Patron:

Rodney Watson OAM

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Jeff Regan - 0412 933 248

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Doug Hayne - 4735 1730

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Doug Hayne, Jeff Regan, Glynis Hayne

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Barry Thomas, Joanne Furtner, Denise Murphy

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Doug Hayne - 4735 1730

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Show Manager: - Doug Hayne

Assistant Show Manager: - Gary Wootton

Show Secretary: - Glynis Hayne

Assistant Show Secretary: - Erica Ward

Show Secretariat:- Karen Houssenloge, Beth Madden, Erica Ward, Chris Serrao, Denise Murphy

Monthly Show Bench: - Jeff Regan

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Neutrog Delivery to Bro Jeff Regan for Distribution



Top three photos of all the Neutrog ordered by members

Karen Allen is going to do so much work around her acreage.



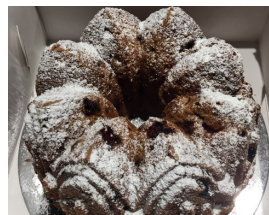
Gary Murphy loading his products



Right top - Jeff showing he is getting stronger each day delivering some orphaned product who have since found owners

Right bottom - Special delivery for hard work - cake baked for Jeff by Chris Serrao - I believe it was delicious.

Photos - Jeff Regan, Karen Allen, Denise Murphy, Glynis and Doug



Getting Ready for Spring



Glynis preparing potting mix for a special delivery from Paul Hains in Queensland



Special delivery planted.



Glynis is hoping that she has an 80% strike rate with her cuttings this year.



Jeff is hoping that he has an 80% strike rate with his cuttings this year.



Don't forget to send in your questions for the Zoom meeting.

Seasoned performers for **Spring**

Whoflungdung is a biologically activated, nutrient-rich, weed-free, absorbent super mulch that introduces a wide diversity of beneficial bacteria to the soil.



Sudden Impact for Roses is ideal for all flowering and fruiting plants, not just roses! Its organic base provides a full range of plant nutrients in a slow release form, whilst the carefully selected water-soluble nutrients have been added to maximise the performance of each application.



GOGO Juice is teeming with beneficial microbiology and is essentially a probiotic for your soil and plants. GOGO Juice combines the "catalytic" power of the billions of beneficial bacteria with the well documented benefits of applying kelp, seaweed, fish and humic acid.



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