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"Prickles"

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Message from the Vice-Chairman

As Vice- Chairman I am writing this report on behalf of Chairman, Bro Jeff.

Many of you may be aware Bro Jeff Regan has been critically ill with Covid-19 and has been on a ventilator for over twelve days and things were getting very dire Friday a week ago. However, it is with great joy that I can report from today's news that he is still in ICU, has had the tube removed from his throat. He is now conscious and aware of his surroundings and has spoken with his brother Terry and sister-in-law Carol. He has been our Easter miracle and the medical team in the Nepean Hospital ICU used all their knowledge and skill to turn him around. We pray for his speedy recovery and as we receive updates Glynis will send out emails directly to members re his condition. Please keep him, his family and his medical team in your prayers.

Our meetings will be on hold until we are given the all clear to get to normal life as we knew it before this terrible disease created a Pandemic. We certainly are living in a world very foreign to all generations. Isolation for me obviously has become second

nature having been diagnosed with Vasculitis and quarantined for seven months prior to the pandemic isolation rules. Apart from a couple of flare-ups I am in reasonable good health and in good spirits, being looked after by an excellent nurse, eating more and more restaurant quality meals and taking my exercise in the rose garden. I also take this opportunity of thanking you for all your kind messages, phone calls and look forward to catching up with you all as soon as possible.

Thank you to Jim Cunningham for a very indepth demonstration on *How to Bud a Rose*. Jim was also presented with "Jim's Gift" a rose bred by Gary Wootton as a thank you to Jim's encouragement of his hybridizing.

Unfortunately, Kim Hamilton was unable to present on Cactii and Succulents due to a family emergency and we hope her father has recovered.

We were extremely lucky to have Di Cox member of NBMH and former President of the Iris Society at our March meeting and stood in for Kim with a very informative presentation on how to Plant and Care for Irises. Thank you Di.

Instead of the normal Monthly Show Bench we are holding a Virtual Rose Show and I have included the Classes. It means you stage your roses as you would a show - photograph it - send with details to me by the 30th April and it will get judged from the photograph. All normal exhibiting requirements will be the same. I hope some of you may like to put in an entry or two.

Thank you to Gary who has written a couple of good articles for you to read and perhaps try out yourselves.

The Australian Annual is out and we congratulate Paul Hains on yet another good publication. Some very good reading.

Please be aware Renewals are now due - you can send your renewal directly to NSW and this will save double handling or continue to send directly to Glynis.

Please ensure you fill in the Membership Form when renewing as this is a legal requirement and is sent to the Rose Society of NSW's Public Officer. I have attached a form just in case the one you received in the mail has been misplaced.

Due to all that is happening we are holding off purchasing our Neutrog products as I am unable to have visitors to my home and Jeff was trying to organise for the delivery to his home for pick up. When we are able to discuss this problem I will contact you with further information. I apologize but these circumstances are beyond our control at present.

Wishing you all safe and good health during this trying time. Please continue to follow the rules put into place to keep you safe.

Doug

Notice of Meeting and Meeting Information No Meetings Until Further Notice

Happy Birthday to the following Members

March

2 Erica Ward

7 Di Cox

14 Glynis Hayne

May

12 Rosemary Grima



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.

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Cultural notes for March/April/May

Black Spot is rife in the garden thanks to the weather we have been experiencing. Unless you were very vigilant with your spray program you would not have been able to contain the spread. Many of our roses have defoliated due to the disease and will bounce back after the Autumn prune.

As the new growth emerges the spray program will control the disease. Use Eco-Fungicide with a half strength Eco-oil at least weekly to control the Black Spot.

The removal of dead wood, twiggy growth, autumn prune and a last feed with Sudden Impact for Roses will give you a good flush before the roses decide they will 'shut down' for winter. Remember it is best to prune roses on the plains and in the mountains after the frosts which is generally in August.

Many of you may have already ordered your roses. Now is the time to prepare your beds for the arrival of your plants.

I have also included a Glossary of Rose Terms which you might like to peruse. There are terms you may have heard or read and explanations are given.

Happy rose growing!!

Photos from February and March



Gary presents Jim with the rose he hybridized and named after Jim



Championship miniatures - first time Gary entered - BTFB is a Walsh bred miniature
and right Di Cox giving a presentation on Irises



Some of the other exhibits and
right Angelina Rusten's winning bowl of
Leonardo de Vinci



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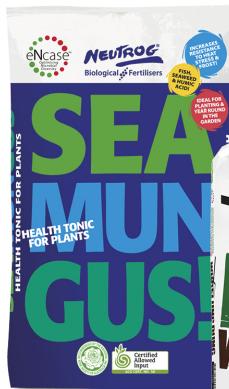
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