



# *Southern Highlands Rose Society*

*December 2020*

*Newsletter*



Dear Members, .

Another year is done and dusted. Southern Highlands Region Rose Society managed three meetings this year, the first in February when we had a great meeting and a demonstration of dahlia growing. Covid then took hold with no meetings until October this year which was held in the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens. The final meeting and enjoyable meeting was on 25<sup>th</sup> November and was both meeting and end of year gathering. Those who attended seemed to have an enjoyable time and we even managed to hold a meeting of sorts. At the meeting we discussed plans for next year and members are strongly encouraged to send in ideas about what sort of meetings and events would suit those members who are able to attend meetings. The meeting venue was discussed as the CWA rooms are not suitable for as long as Covid rules are in place. Renwick Community Centre is a possibility and the executive is looking at other options as well.

The new membership cards were also discussed (more will appear later in the newsletter).

The new ordering system for Neutrog was also touched upon. Details are still a bit sketchy but members will be kept informed. The changes will not come into effect until March 2021. The current order remains the same as previously (a reminder further into the newsletter). Once the business was out of the way we enjoyed rambling around two gardens, morning tea and lunch.



*Happy Snaps from meeting 25 November*



*Morning tea over, time to go from Jo's*



*Peter – a willing helper at Jo's*



*Just time for a quick group photo*



*Jo's frog pond (just to fill a space)*



*And at Annette's – time to relax and enjoy lunch and a ramble around Annette's garden*



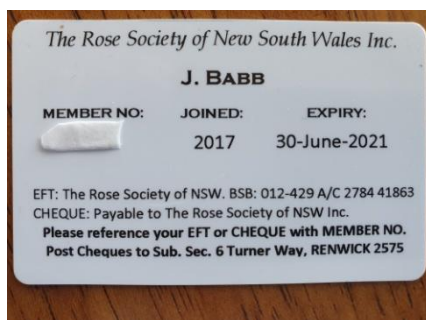
## MEMBERSHIP CARD SYSTEM

### THE ROSE SOCIETY OF NSW

The general move to EFT, problems with paper forms and tracking payments, less face to face contact and the benefits of having a membership card has led to the introduction of membership cards for all members.

#### With the new card members will

- will only have to fill out a membership form when they join, not every year (new member details will be shared with regions and the State branch)
- Members will have proof that they are members
- Members will know that they have paid and are up to date
- Cards can be used where discounts to members are offered (eg Neutrog)
- Members will have a constant ID number to simplify membership and help in identifying which region a member belongs to
- Membership cards are being distributed presently
- ID numbers will streamline membership payment



Your new card will look like this



### **Neutrog Products - Orders now open**

*As mentioned above the ordering system for Neutrog products will change in March 2021. This will be the last time the ordering will be done as we know it. How this will affect us is yet to be determined but if in doubt, order up now! Delivery is expected at the end of January.*

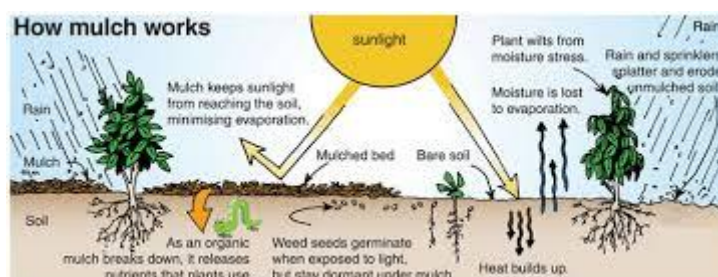
*You should have received an order form from Peter Costigan on Tuesday 1 December via email. If you did not and you would like to place an order please contact Peter straight away on 0428468120*



Remember, prices are very discounted for members and are fabulous products.

## MULCH BENEFITS

A layer of mulch limits moisture loss from the soil and saves you the job of weeding. The trick is getting the depth right. Generally, you need a 50-75mm layer. But only mulch to about 50mm in native gardens or gardens that aren't irrigated. If the mulch is too thick, rain won't always make it down to the soil.



## *Next Meeting*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of February - probably  
10.30 - Venue and topic to be advised  
Put it in your diary now.*

*(If anyone would like to volunteer to present a session, please get in touch)*

***Don't forget:*** *Kiama in October (surely we will be free to travel?)*

*Adelaide in 2022 - How about a holiday that includes roses? (World Rose Convention -October)*

*Season's Greetings and all the best for 2021*

*Stay safe, water well; enjoy the predicted rain and happy rose growing.*

***Jo Babb - Secretary, Peter Miller - Chairperson and  
Annette Lane - treasurer***