

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

July 2023 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Cheers Rosarian Friends,

One down two to go!! When we meet we'll have reached the half-way mark through the Winter Calendar. Soon we will be active pruning, spraying and mulching our roses.

Good news-.....the World Rose Conference held in Adelaide in October 2022 was such a financial success that NSW Rose Society has been reimbursed with Regional Roses Society donations. Our bank account will be \$500 richer next month being our generous contribution refund.



Thank you Peter Miller for giving our club five unwanted roses from his garden.

The club provided the premium potting mix and now re-potted roses are hopefully growing happily in large pots.

With due diligence on my part they will be raffle prizes when blooming.

My latest purchase to my ever increasing miniature and miniflora Rose addiction is Diamond Eyes. This rose won the USA Rose Society 2018 Award of Merit. Swaines Rose Nursery have the Australian propagation rights to this rose. I believe Diamond Eyes is an exquisite rose and so looking forward to seeing the blooms in my garden.

Kristine Gow is our guest speaker this month. She is passionate and dedicated to Native plants, particularly the endangered species.



Kris was very active in saving the Wee Jasper Grevillea from Extinction in 2017.

Thanks to her serious propagation efforts, many gardens in the Highlands have this endangered Grevillea thriving in their gardens (mine certainly is) grown from a tube purchased from Kris.

She can tell this exciting story when you meet her.

Thank you Pam for your innovative results recording of the Show Bench. Your back up assistance is appreciated when Jane is unavailable.



Diamond Eyes

The love of the rose will bring us together this month.

Your Chairperson,

Annette

Cultural Notes for Autumn

In mild areas this is the ideal month for pruning roses.

In cold areas it is better not to prune until August.

Young growth in those areas is very subject to damage by frosts.

Immediately pruning is completed, the prunings and fallen leaves should be put in the green waste bin and the plants sprayed with a fungicide particularly aimed at killing the spores of black spot, mildew and rust.

Lime Sulphur is recognised as being effective and it will also address white scale. It is still too early to get maximum value out of manures.

Loosen the top 2-3 centimetres of the soil and remove weeds.

While it seems there is very little happening above the soil, there is still plenty happening below the surface.

Equip your garden with biological products rich in seaweed, kelp and beneficial bacteria and fungi to ensure a thriving display once spring comes around.

Seamungus and GOGO Juice are ideal for use in winter to help your plants resist frost, pests and disease as well as conditioning the soil and encouraging root growth.

Additionally, adding a layer of Whoflungdung to your garden at this time of the year will act as a 'blanket', protecting the plant roots while regulating soil temperature, improving soil structure with organic matter, and preventing erosion of top soil from heavy rain.

Seamungus, GOGO Juice and Whoflungdung are also our planting (and transplanting) tri-fecta to give plants the best start in their new home.

If planting bare rooted roses, water in well with GoGo Juice and mulch with Whoflungdung.



Don't forget to add these products to your next Neutrog Order.

Seamungus is available in pelleted form or liquid.

Using Go Go Juice—Neutrog Australia

GOGO Juice is suitable for your whole garden including natives, potted plants, lawns and the vegetable patch.

GOGO Juice is also a great kick start for your compost heap, by adding the microbes needed to help speed up the process.

Application rates

GOGO Juice is available in a 120mL and 1 litre concentrate, as well as a 2 litre ready-to-use spray pack.

1 capful (40ml) of **GOGO Juice** diluted in 10 litres of water will treat up to 8 square metres.

The 120ml concentrate makes up to 60 litres and covers up to 24 square metres.

The 1 litre concentrate makes up to 250 litres and covers 200 square metres.

If reusing the 2ltr Ready to Use bottle – mix 500ml of **GOGO Juice** concentrate with 1.5ltr of water.

Use diluted product within 1 week of dilution. For optimum results apply every month in conjunction with your existing fertilising program.

GoGo Juice is teeming with microbiology and is essentially a probiotic for your soil and plants.

These microbes activate the natural processes that occur in the soil, speeding up the decomposition of the residual organic and mineral compounds, ultimately increasing the nutrient availability and stimulating growth.

GOGO Juice combines the ‘catalytic’ power of the billions of beneficial bacteria along with the well documented benefits of applying kelp, seaweed, fish, humic acid and manure.

Hence, you are not only feeding your plants with all the goodness of a wide range of organic nutrients, but you are also providing your soil with the “workers” (beneficial bacteria) that assist in breaking down the organic matter, maximising the nutrients available to your plants.

The carefully selected microbes have been proliferated utilising complex carbohydrates and sugars through a unique aerobic brewing system in which the kelp, seaweed, humic acid and manure have been digested by the beneficial bacteria.

The resultant product provides a huge boost of the living microbiology necessary for your soil and plants to perform at their optimum level, increasing their ability to resist pest and disease and to withstand heat and frost stress.

The microbiology in **GOGO Juice** promotes plant growth as well as stimulating and improving root growth and development.



Healthy gardening.

Thank you to our Guest Presenters for our June Meeting

Teloepa Tools Mittagong

Michael from Teloepa Tools brought a selection of tools that would make our gardening jobs easier.

Among the tools that Michael demonstrated were:

The Japanese Stainless Steel Knife. Versatile for garden tasks and a handy tool to assist with removing pot bound plants from their pots.

Loppers. For those of us with arthritic hands.

Michael spoke of the difference between **By Pass Secateurs** and **Anvil Secateurs.**

By Pass are best used on green wood. **Anvil** are best used for hard wood.

Quite a few of us came home with new purchases. *Thank you Michael.*



Handy Hint from Michael :
When cutting, always have the Anvil part of the Secateur closer to the part of the wood you are keeping.

Thank you to Robyn from Mittagong Garden Centre

Robyn spoke of being taught gardening care by her grandparents who owned a nursery in Helensburgh, south of Sydney.

As our gardens have suffered over the previous couple of years Robyn advised that applying a good mix of compost dug in and around our plants will help aerate the soil lightly giving it new life.

When planting in and around our roses, try to choose annuals not perennials as they are way to much competition for our roses root systems.

With any roses in pots, use a fork to break up the surface soil if it is compacted. This will allow any water or liquid fertilizer to best penetrate the pot.

When pruning, remember, the colder the climate the harder you can prune.

Prune the rose bush removing any middle stems, weak spindly stems and any that are crossing over as they will rub, inviting disease.

Look to have the stems with the buds facing out. Remove all leaves that are showing Black Spot, especially any lying on the ground around the rose bush.



On her way to visit us Robyn was involved in a car accident. Luckily...if we can say that, Robyn was not hurt but her car suffered damage from another car crashing into Robyn's vehicle. Although shaken, Robyn still wanted to give her talk....so a huge thank you to Robyn and hope both you and your car are now OK.



Rose Society Members Honoured



Judith Oyston OAM

Congratulations to Judith Oyston on receiving The Order of Australia Medal for her contribution to horticulture, in the 2023 Kings Birthday Honours list.

We all know of Judith's wonderful work and great generosity in sharing knowledge, in conservation of heritage roses especially at the Rookwood Cemetery and in many years of conserving the history of the Rose Society of NSW, particularly in the editing of the Centenary booklet of the NSW Rose Society 1913-2013.

Judith was one of our guest speakers last year who spoke about the History of the Rose in Australia.

Dorothy Sneddon

Dorothy was a founding member and is still a very active member

of the Hunter Regional Rose Society.

Dorothy reached the milestone age of 100 and was

honoured by her friends and family

at her special birthday celebration recently.

Dorothy was also very deservedly awarded

The Bert Mulley Award for her loyalty and service to the Rose Society of NSW.

President of the Rose Society Colin Hollis, presented Dorothy with her award at the event.



From The American Rose Society Magazine

Life Span of a Rose...

All living things have a limited life span and this is certainly true of roses. With many roses, a good age is between 10 and 20 years depending on the type of rose and the conditions they are growing. After this time they will become less vigorous, less healthy and produce fewer flowers. Once they reach this age it is time to consider digging them up and replacing them with fresh young plants.

Planting a Mixed Border

English roses and modern shrub roses are excellent for a mixed border, with old roses and floribundas, and in the front, ground covering roses. When planting annuals under the roses, one golden rule is to not let the annuals grow right around the base of the roses, as they will take the lion's share of water and nutrients, leaving little for the roses.

Climbing

Climbing plants are extremely valuable in the garden and roses are arguably the best of all. When choosing suitable varieties, be sure to accurately estimate the final height you want them to grow to and do not be impatient. Remember when growing on walls, they will need support, they will not self cling and they will need pruning.

Pots

Pots planted up with roses are an excellent way of having roses close to the house, on a patio or deck. Bigger roses like English roses, floribundas and some of the modern roses will need bigger pots.

Soil Preparation

Roses ideally like a humus rich soil that holds the water well. What they don't like is a sandy soil that drains freely or a heavy clay that holds water too much and bakes in the sun.

Quote of the Month



*I have a garden of my own, But so with roses overgrown
And lilies, that you would it guess, to be a little wilderness.
Andrew Marvell 1621—1678*

This was my entry in the NSW Floral Art Association Competition held recently at Mittagong RSL.

In Novice Class 8 the title was "Putting on The Ritz"

I was awarded 2nd Place.

All the flowers were from my own garden.

My roses Elina and Best Friend featured.

Carol McVeigh



Renewal of membership

There are a few options for you to renew your membership.

By cash.

At our meeting, please see our Treasurer, Roz Mulligan.

By EFT

The banking details are: BSB 012 429 Account Number 2784 41863

Please put your membership number, your surname, initial and region in the reference section.

By cheque:

The cheque is to be made payable to The Rose Society of NSW Inc and posted to:

The Subscription Secretary, Maureen Thackeray,
31 Tallow-Wood Avenue, Narellan Vale 2567

If you have had a change of address, contact number or email, please complete a Renewal Form, which can be located on the website nsw.rose.org.au / Become a Member / Print out form and send to Maureen.

Neutrog Ordering

Members are reminded that ordering of products from Neutrog are to be for your own garden use only.

Ordering for any non member or for commercial use is not permitted and would jeopardise the contract and long standing relationship we have with Neutrog.

When the delivery date is known, we will advise you.

Our Next Meeting

10.00 am Wednesday 19 July 2023

Our meeting will be held at Renwick Community Centre

Renwick Drive, Renwick

Our Guest is:

Kristine Gow

Giving a Talk on Native Plants

At each meeting held we invite members to bring roses from their own gardens to place on both our Judging Table and our Members Choice Table .

Judging Table

For the Judges bencha single rose bloom from your garden,

That's if you still have roses.

*Please feel free to enter more than one single bloom
if you have more in your garden.*

Members Choice—Any Bloom

*A single bloom of any flower from your garden
or a floral arrangement if you feel creative.*

Help needed.

*If you are able to arrive a little early we could use some help
in setting up our room.*

*Also, at the end of the meeting if you are able to lend a hand to tidy up
that would be appreciated.*