

# Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society



Signature Rose Best Friend

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## National Rose Convention

As I did not attend this event, I have no photos to include in this edition of our newsletter.

I will be asking those members of the NSW Rose Society who attended the event, if they would be able to provide some photos for me to include in our December edition.

I understand it was very well attended and the visitors from overseas arriving through Sydney were hosted by our Annette Lane, and many of our members volunteered at the Australian Botanical Gardens at Mt Annan event.

Well done.

## November 2022 Newsletter

Hi everyone,

I am back from my overseas holiday travelling with my brother, with a bag full of lovely memories. One of the main reasons for our trip was to try and locate the graves of my Grannies first husband and his brother, both of whom served with the Royal Irish Rifles in the First World War and were killed three days apart in August 1917. To our delight, we were able to locate both graves.

They are buried in separate military cemeteries not far from each other in Belgium. While visiting the Menin Gate our guide and driver had secretly arranged for my brother and I to place a wreath in their memory during the Last Post Ceremony.



**Sgt Frank Elliott**  
Royal Irish Rifles  
Recipient of the  
Croix de Guerre  
7 August 1917



**Lance Corporal  
Joshua Elliott**  
Royal Irish Rifles  
4 August 1917



My brother James  
and I at the Menin  
Gate for the Last  
Post Ceremony.

I was also invited and honoured to recite The Ode in front of all the visitors. A very emotional journey. Their third brother, William who served in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers was listed as missing, presumed dead on 26 August 1914. His body has never been found. Imagine the sorrow endured by their parents, losing their three sons.

It was so sad visiting the many cemeteries reading the names and ages of the young soldiers who all lost their lives, loyally serving their country.

**Lest We Forget.**

Carol McVeigh

Some of my Flanders Poppies along  
my driveway welcomed me home.





## Fields of Fromelles Rose

Historian for the Rose Society of NSW, Doug Hayne, prepared an article for the State Council meeting in August on **Roses of Remembrance**, featuring the **Fields of Fromelles Rose**.

As my trip included travelling to Fromelles I was able to see the rose growing in some of the Military Cemeteries in Northern France and Belgium that we visited.

As you will notice in my photos the gardens are still recovering from the very hot summer most of Europe suffered through.

However, it was evident that the cemeteries are well cared for by the Commonwealth War Graves and we saw some of the work crew attending them, carefully and respectfully.

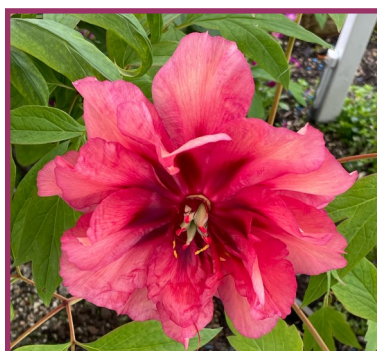
The families of those brave young men resting here should know that their resting place is being well cared for.



## A Garden Visit

Members were invited to visit the delightful garden of Dominic Wong, who, having moved recently to Renwick has continued his passion for the Peony.

So many beautiful colours.  
Thank you to Kerry Bourke for these lovely photos.



## Rose Care for November—Courtesy of Bob Stibbard

Roses love Banana skins used as an addition in your mulch around the base. They look rather unsightly; but if covered with leaves or Lucerne straw, they can rot down out of sight. And the fruit is good for you!

There are times when pests and diseases will attack, and a spray or dust will be necessary if Mildew, Black spot, and Aphids threaten your roses.

Chemicals used to control garden troubles are called pesticides and are safer than the nicotine, arsenic and mercury compounds used in grandfather's day.

But they should still be treated with respect and there are a few simple rules to follow.

The weather must be neither sunny nor windy.

During the flowering season spray in the evening, when bees will have stopped working.

Leaves should be dry.

Use a fine forceful spray. It is wise to keep all sprays off the skin and wash off any splashes. Spray the top and underside of the foliage thoroughly until run-off occurs

Buy dust in ready-to-use puffer pack form.

Apply a fine cloud, covering each leaf with a thin, almost invisible film. Never coat the leaves thickly.

Insects and other small pests are controlled by **insecticides** which are used at the first sign of attack.

A **Systemic Insecticide** enters the sap stream – in this way new growth will be protected and insects hidden from the spray will be killed.

**Fungicides**, are designed to prevent (not cure) diseases and so spraying must start before the attack begins and repeat spraying is usually necessary.

**Read the label carefully;** Follow the instructions—do not make the mixture stronger than recommended. (Big mistake, waste of product) and never use equipment which has contained weedkiller.

When you have finished wash out equipment thoroughly. Wash your hands and face if the label tells you to do so. I'd wash anyway.

Do not keep the spray solution. Make up a fresh batch of spray each time you treat your roses.

Store packs and chemical containers in a safe place. Never transfer chemicals into a beer bottle or any unlabelled container and never keep old illegible boxes and bottles.

It is, of course, possible to keep a regular watch on your roses and then spray or dust with the appropriate pesticide when each insect appears or each disease appears.

Some keen rose growers prefer to follow a routine programme each year, and just add extra treatments as the need arises.





# Highlands Garden Society

Combined Rose and Garden Show

From 11.30am Friday 18 November 2022

Mittagong RSL



The Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society will be sponsoring Champion Mini Rose and have donated a Perpetual Trophy to be awarded annually to the winning entry.

## Yikes....!!!!!!!

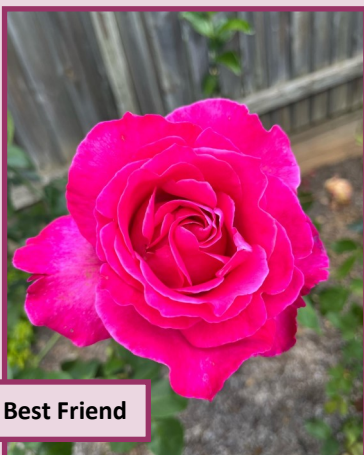
Arriving home after nearly seven weeks away to find my garden wild and weedy was heartbreaking.

Among the many weeds my plants were trying to survive and with all the rain Sydney had during the time I was away, the soil was quite saturated.

I have been weeding and mowing since I have been home. I will be adding Popul8 to all my garden beds to revitalize the soils. Among the little joy was seeing that my Foxgloves were all still blooming, I thought I would miss these.

**Carol**

Golden Child Rose



Best Friend



Elina



Altissimo

# Our Next Meeting

## Annual General Meeting

10.00 am Wednesday 16 November 2022

*Our Special Guest is*

**Colin Hollis**

**State President**

**Rose Society of NSW**

Our meeting will be held at Renwick Community Centre

Renwick Drive, Renwick

*Morning tea will be served.*

*Members are invited to bring something to share.*

### **Judging Table**

*For the Judges bench .....a single rose bloom from your garden.*

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

### **Members Choice**

*A single bloom or arrangement of your choice from your garden which features the rose.*

## *Quote Of the Month*

Nor will the sweetest delight of gardens afford much comfort in sleep; wherein the dullness of that sense shakes hands with delectable odours; and though in the bed of Cleopatra, can hardly with any delight raise up the ghost of a rose.

Sir Thomas Browne 1605—1682

