

# Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society



Signature Rose Best Friend

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## August 2022 Newsletter

Greetings to all.

Yes we are back from sunny Queensland, we felt for you all here in the Highlands with temperatures in the low single units. But even in Queensland they were complaining about how cold it was there for this time of the year.

I noticed when we got back that the roses were shooting so out with the secateurs and the mulcher and by the end of the second day all was done.

The rain while we were away has certainly left the soil waterlogged so I haven't applied Sudden Impact yet.

I hope you enjoyed your July meeting. Thank you to Lorrie for taking time out of his busy schedule for being guest speaker.

Thanks also to Carol and Annette for conducting the meeting in my absence and also those who came along early to set up.

I am looking forward to our August meeting and our guest speaker Jane Stockel.

Regards to all,

Peter

It's that time again.....Memberships are now due.

**Single** \$40.00      **Dual** \$45.00 ( 2 members per household)

**If electing to pay by EFT online the banking details are:**

The Rose Society of NSW Inc

BSB 012—429 Account Number: 2784 41863

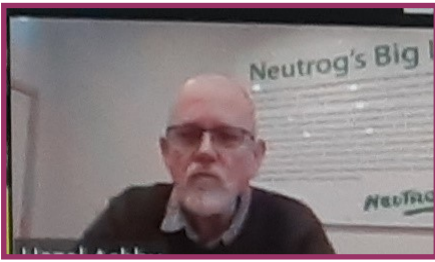
Please put your Initial, surname and membership number as reference with your payment.

**If you wish to pay by cash.....**

Our Treasurer, Annette will be able to take your membership at the meeting and provide you with a receipt.



# Dr Uwe Stroehler from Neutrog Webinar Presentation



Dr Uwe Stroehler, Microbiologist from Neutrog recently conducted a Webinair presentation on the new product .....**Popul8.**

This product is as Dr Uwe describes **“Go Go Juice on steroids.”**

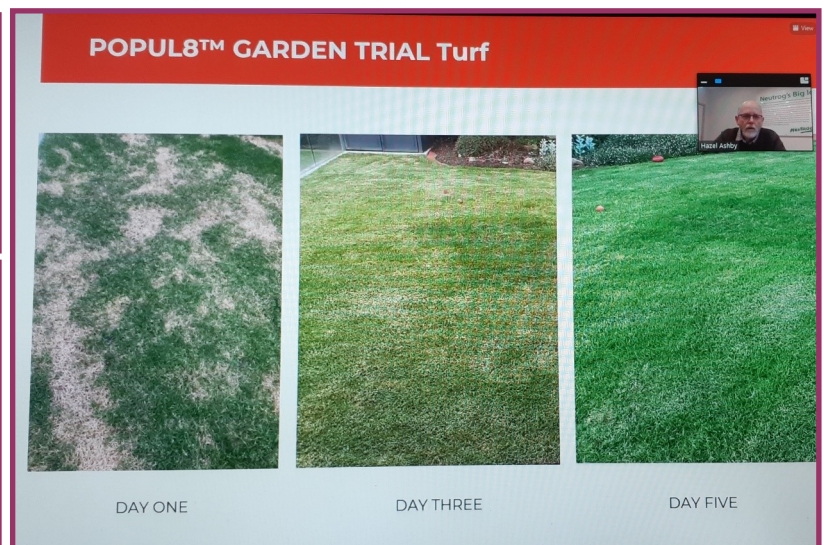
Dr Uwe spoke about the benefits of using Popul8 on our plants to improve their growth.

Some advantages of applying Populate is to achieve healthier plants, larger fruit, thicker stems on plants that can support flower heads and fruit . Dr Uwe also mentioned that a non stressed plant will produce more flowers.

Dr Uwe suggested using it as a drench for new plants and stressed that if using as a foliage spray only use late in the day.

Some information from Dr Uwe for the dilution and application of Popul8.

- 1 The microbes in Popul8 are in a form of stasis and as such need to be diluted for them to wake up.
- 2 Dilution of Popul8 is very simple, just add 40ml of Popul8 to a standard 9 to 10 litre watering can and add water.
- 3 Then simply water around the drip zone of your plants.
- 4 Popul8 can also be used as a soil drench prior to putting new plants out.
- 5 Using the same procedure, simply soak your plants either in pots or bare rooted and then plant.
- 6 Popul8 is designed to be used on the soil, although foliar application for disease suppression can be undertaken.



The above photos are from Dr Uwe’s presentation showing growth comparisons of Popul8 treated tomatoes and capsicums where you can see the difference in growth from those not treated, and the garden trial of lawn over just five days.

Dr Uwe suggested not using Popul8 in your compost bin but rather continue to use Go Go juice.

Popul8 should be stored in a dark space.

**Dr Uwe’s Webinair presentation is available on the Neutrog website.**

## Don't they know it's winter....?



The roses on the day I brought them home in May.

You may recall I came home from our National Show in Kiama via the amazing Burnetts on Barney Nursery and purchased a few roses.....just four.

Two were Golden Child Rose standards and they were in full bloom. Well, they have not stopped blooming and I took photos this morning

Do I prune?

I think I should, but they look so nice.

The stems are a bit thin so a prune will encourage thicker growth.



I am flying overseas to France shortly, so if I prune now maybe the new growth and blooms will be coming out when I get back in late October.



Golden Child Rose  
Such a pretty shade of yellow.



I underplanted the standards with  
Poppies and Foxgloves



Looking at this, you would think it  
was new Spring growth....!!

## Members Bench for July

With no roses in our gardens to bring for the show bench we invite members to bring an arrangement using flowers and foliage from their gardens.

Our gardens have now got their winter look. Still we can look around and find some flowers to make a pretty table arrangement.

Thank you to members who brought their arrangements to share with us last meeting.



### 19th World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) World Rose Convention

Being held in Adelaide at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The convention offers a unique and engaging eight day program running from 27 October to 3 November 2022

This event is hosted by the National Rose Society of Australia.



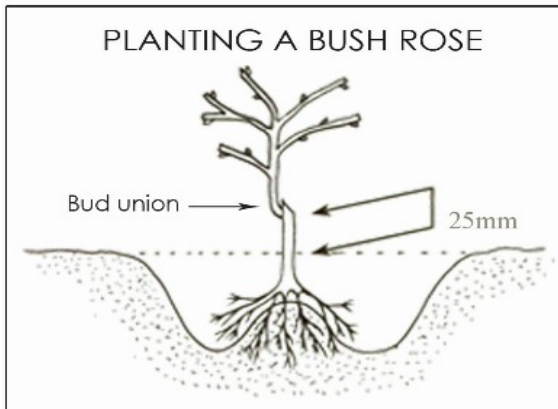
Details of the Convention are available on:

[www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au](http://www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au)

# Rose Care for August —Courtesy of Rosalie Vine

## Planting Bare Rooted Roses

Before planting bare root roses soak the plants in a bucket of water with seaweed solution for at least two hours. Prune roots that are broken, injured or too long. Make a mound of soil in the hole and place the roots over and down around the mound. The bud union needs to be facing north or west and sitting 2.5 - 3cm above ground level. Backfill the soil halfway up the hole. Water well, poking around the roots to maintain soil and root contact. Let this drain for 15-20 minutes, then back fill to soil level and water lightly. This will minimise air pockets.



Do not use fertiliser in the planting hole as this will likely burn the new roots that develop.

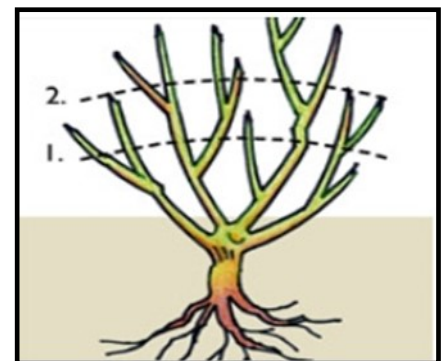
Neutrog's Seamungus however can be used as it is an excellent soil conditioner, gentle acting, and it will help plants settle in and get growing new roots and shoots ready for spring.

Use Seamungus in conjunction with Popul8 when planting out a new rose bush.

From late July through to August is the ideal time for pruning roses. In parts where it is colder, it is better not to prune until late August. Young growth in those areas is very subject to damage by frosts. Pruning too early can result in short stems and smaller flowers. Cut thin and spindly growths down until you reach the size of a pencil.

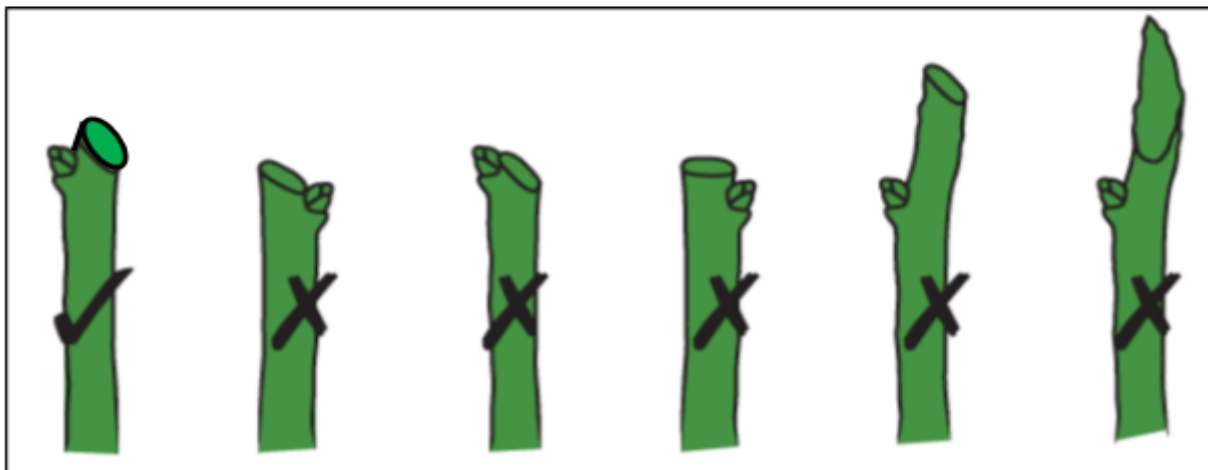
Remove canes that are crossing over another cane, and any dead wood. Cut out any old grey stems that are warty or crinkly, making sure there are at least 2-3 canes left on the plant to support the next season's growth. Brush off any old flaky bark from the bud union to encourage new shoots.

1. Prune older bushes down to about 1/2 their normal height.
2. Prune young bushes less harshly by about 1/3 of their size.



## Where and How to Prune on the Rose Stem

Cut 1 cm above an upward and outward facing bud at an angle of 45°.



## How to Prune a Watershoot

As it grows, the watershoot produces a candelabra type head with a flower on the central stem and on each side stem. To prune the watershoot, simply remove the central part of its head and clip the remaining two or three stems just above a pair of leaves or leaflets that are to be found on each of them. Often the lateral stems bear more than one pair of leaflets. The growth-buds in the angles between the lower leaves and the stems will be stronger, and pruning should be done at these levels.

By cutting into the main branch you would be calling on very immature growth-buds to throw out lateral growths, and the buds would probably fail and the whole branch would die. If the upper parts only of the watershoot are shortened, these immature buds on the main branch will, in the course of the following few months, throw out strong lateral branches. At the same time the upper part may weaken and need to be shortened to the highest well-placed strong lateral. Complete removal should be done only when the shoot is very badly placed, is very crooked, or is very immature, for watershoots are very precious in plant-building. Lightly pruned, they will build up a big, new, vigorous section of the bush. If still in any doubt as to how to prune a watershoot, simply break off the seed-pods, which is better than cutting into the shoot itself. Nature will work out quite a good solution. This same procedure applies to watershoots throughout the whole year.



This is a watershoot of 'Glorious' which grows very vigorously in my garden. Of the six candelabra side stems, I removed the three inner ones which were also the thinnest on the central stem, and shortened the others to approximately three buds.

Immediately pruning is completed, the prunings and fallen leaves should be put in the green waste bin and the plants and surrounding soil 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. Loosen the top 2-3 cm of the soil and remove weeds. A 5cm layer of mulch will keep new weeds at bay.

When the new growth appears on the rose bushes towards the latter half of August, it is time to begin feeding the roses, though in cold areas this can be delayed until September. Rake back the mulch, apply Sudden Impact for Roses and cow manure, and then cover with the mulch again. Give the roses a good deep water. If a few aphids are seen they should be dealt with, for they breed at a tremendous rate.

Happy gardening.....*Rosalie*

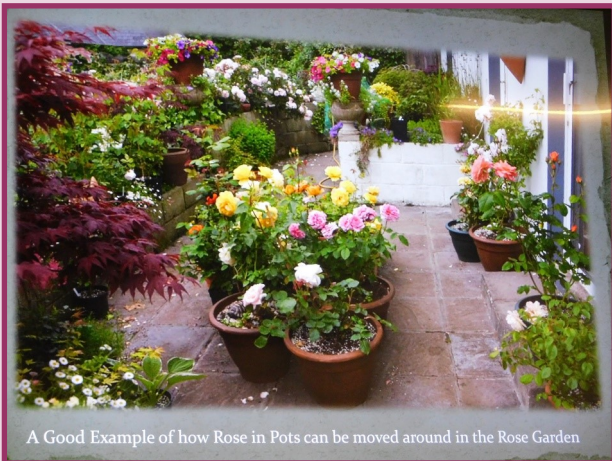
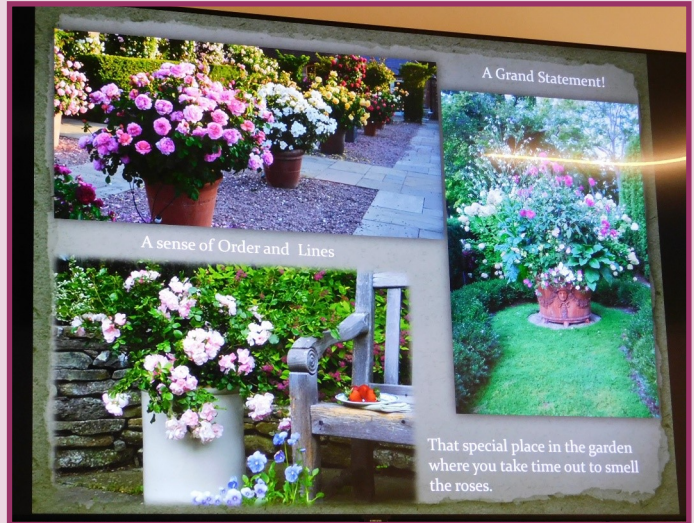
# Thank You

Thank you to our guest speaker for our July meeting, Lorrie Zammit.

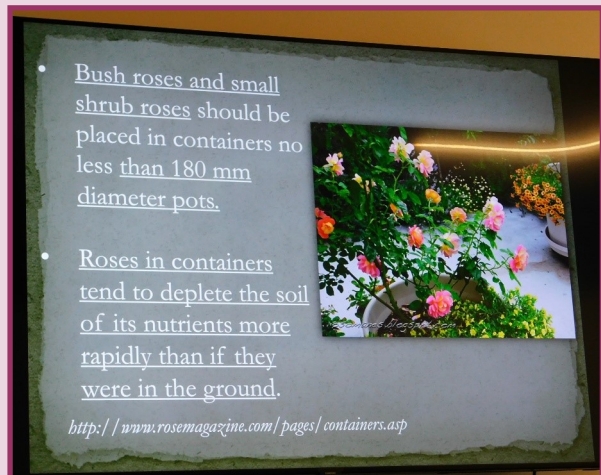
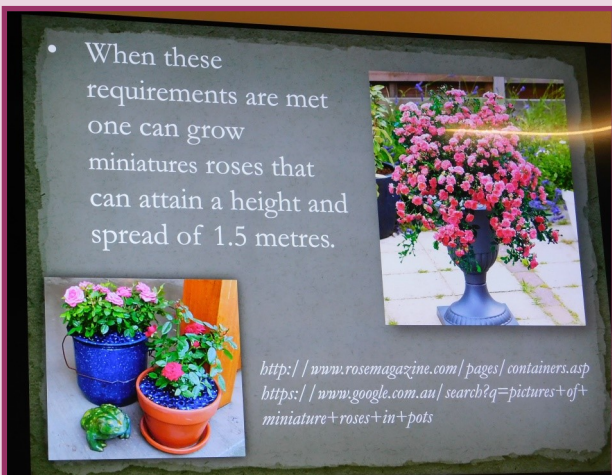
Lorrie is the Education Officer for the Rose Society of NSW.

Lorrie gave a very interesting and informative presentation on Growing Roses in Pots which we all enjoyed.

With some of our members downsizing from large properties to a smaller garden this was very appropriate.



Annette presented Lorrie with a gift of thanks for coming all the way down to the Highlands to talk to us.



# Our Next Meeting

10.00 am Wednesday 17 August 2022



*Our Guest Speaker is*

***Jane Stockel***

***Chelsea Flower Show***

*Morning tea will be served.*

*Members are invited to bring something to share.*

## ***Members Choice Table***

*As we may not have any roses in our gardens at the moment members are invited to bring a small Table Arrangement using flowers and foliage from your garden to place on the Members Choice Bench, where judging will be by popular vote from the members with points being awarded.*

## ***Judging Table***

*For the Judges bench a single bloom from your garden.  
Can be any flower that you have growing in your garden.*

## ***Quote Of the Month***

*How doth the little busy bee  
Improve each shining hour,  
And gather honey all the day  
From every opening flower. Anon*

