

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

June 2023 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Hello Rosarian Friends,

Welcome to our new member Jeff Lawrence who attended the May meeting as my guest.

We met at the Botanical Gardens Information Marquee.

It was your friendship and hospitality that convinced Jeff to join our club after the meeting.

Brrrr!.....Winter is my least favourite season and I feel it began in May not on the official June 1st date.

Our roses are in sleep mode and I wish I could hibernate with them.

May was a very dry month so please give the roses a deep water to prevent new root growth close to garden surface.

There is still time to order bare root roses for August planting.

Wagner's Rose Nursery is my preferred supplier.

They have a wonderful range of rose breeds shown on their very informative website.

Rose Society members receive a 10 percent discount on orders when you quote code **100%ROSES!**

I have ordered miniatures this year from Wagner's.

Bright Smiles caught my attention.

Thank you Pam and Ray for officiating on our Show Bench Report in Jane's absence.

Please do not allow wintry weather to deter you from joining our very chatty group at the June meeting.

A quote for contemplation:

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

Your Chairperson *Annette*



Bright Smiles



News from Neutrog

Neutrog are excited to announce that they are commencing a world leading environmental product trial with partners [Foodbank SA](#), On the Run (OTR), Detpak and Biobag which will give customers the power to redirect their coffee waste from going to landfill with the added benefit of supporting locals in need.



Neutrog Australia Managing Director Angus Irwin says its Human Beans™ – Grounds For Good product trial which will divert coffee waste from development partner OTR's stores across South Australia away from landfill by converting it into fertiliser could readily grow into applications for horticulture and agriculture.

And something that won't surprise anyone who relies on a morning cup of coffee to get the day off to a great start, coffee ground-based fertilisers could be a game changer.

"It's universally agreed that bees love caffeine. Caffeine is also recognised for its potential for inhibiting nematodes, improving sick soils while also repelling pests like slugs and snails. These are all attributes not normally available in a fertiliser." Angus Irwin, MD Neutrog Australia.

Neutrog have had coffee grounds on the radar for more than eight years, but the difficulty has been to find a way to effectively pick up the bulk that would be required. The opportunity of working with Foodbank and its relationship with OTR, will look to take coffee grounds fertiliser from being something of a novel product produced for sustainability purposes to a level where it has its place in both the home garden and in agriculture.



Head of R&D at Neutrog, microbiologist Dr Uwe Stroehler points out that, "used coffee grounds are a unique biological input, but unprocessed can negatively impact plant growth. What releases all of their potential is the process of composting the raw coffee grounds.

From a microbiology perspective, I'm really interested to see if the trial of Human Beans fertiliser, can further explore coffee's ability to inhibit pathogenic microbes whilst at the same time proliferating the number of beneficial microbes."

A recent Planet Ark report stated that Australians consume around 6 billion coffees per year with the waste created by our favourite hot beverages being added into landfill almost immediately. In South Australia alone, an estimated 14,500 tonnes of coffee waste go to landfill each year.

The Human Beans™ – Grounds For Good product trial aims to break this cycle by instead collecting the waste and converting it into fertiliser, which will be sold in retail outlets for use in home gardens and, on a larger scale.

Part proceeds from sales will be donated to Foodbank SA to help expand its services to families in need. Each 1 kilo pack sold will put five meals on the table of those in need.

Cultural Notes for Autumn

Courtesy of Jacqueline Tweedie - Rose Society of NSW

It would appear we have reached the end of the warm weather and the ground will start to cool.

Stop fertilizing now as the roses are starting to close down for their brief dormant period, less watering will help dormancy.

When watering, remember to water early in the day so the foliage dries before nightfall.

Now is the ideal time to clean up the garden beds, collecting fallen leaves and add to the compost heap.

Clean and sharpen those pruning secateurs, saws etc. in preparation for the pruning time.

If you live in an area that is frost prone, leave pruning until the frost threat has passed.

Frost can burn new emerging leaves.

Buy a fresh stock of Lime Sulphur, (liquid version mixes easier) if your current stock is over 3 years old. This product is used at the recommended strength once you have completed pruning to help control disease that can still be present on foliage and fallen leaves.

Your garden spraying unit needs to be checked to ensure it is in working order prior to being needed.

There are a number of ways to prune, bushes will still grow even after the toughest of pruning if given time and sufficient care to recover.

If there are new growths that have come from above the bud union but have not flowered leave them alone. If a newer cane has flowered leaving a group of stems at the top (candelabra) just shorten them not the whole stem.

Maybe your new bare rooted plants have or are about to arrive in June.

Remove the wrapping from your purchases, wash away all gunk, soil, sawdust or whatever, slightly trim away about 3cms of the root system and place in a bucket of tap water with some liquid Seamungus added.

Leave there for 24hours.



Cultural Notes for June Continued

The reason for this is, many plants arrive by post and tend to dry out to varying degrees. Placing them in water gives them a good soaking which will be most beneficial in rejuvenating them to the same standard they were in when dug up by the nursery.

If you don't plan to place them in your garden right away, you need to 'heel' them in!

That is make a hole somewhere in your garden, place all your new roses really close together and place them in the hole, cover them well with soil above the bud union.

Water well every couple of days.

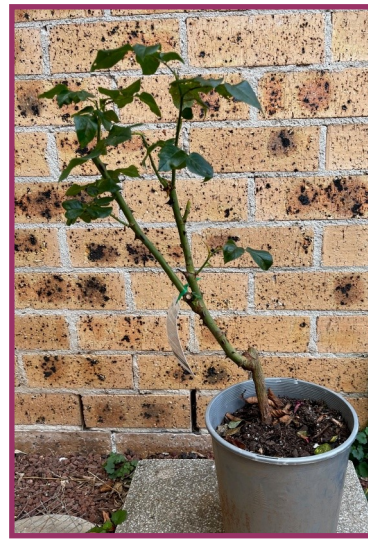


The roses
I purchased
for our
Raffle Prizes



The day I purchased them
bare rooted.

Soaking in Seamungus
overnight.



They are all coming along quite nicely.

Your bushes will keep successfully until you are ready to plant them in their intended spot.

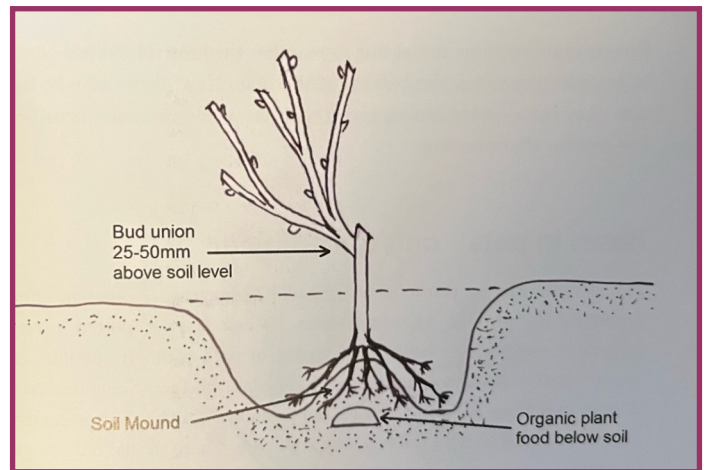
If your garden has already been prepared for the new roses, make the hole about 30cm deep and about 45cm wide.

Make a mound in the centre of the bottom of the hole about as big as your fist.

Take a new rose bush and spread out the roots in a spiral shape, placing the centre of the bush on the mound and check if the bud union is level with the ground of your garden bed. If, too high, adjust the level of the hole, if too low, add more soil to the mound.

Do not have the bud union too high above ground level or too low. Some members suggest 5cm gap showing between soil level and the bud union.

If the garden bed will not be ready you can plant each one into a 30cm pot and re-plant them later as a potted rose.



Planting a Bare Rooted Rose



Planting a Potted Rose

Strong winds can cause the bush to snap off if the bud union is too high. Place part of the removed soil back over the root system.

Water this area, it will help remove air pockets and then place the remaining soil to fill the hole. Water again and thereafter every couple of days. By giving your bushes a good start, you are well on your way to having success.

Do not fertilize these newly planted bushes until at least November, thus allowing the new roots to grow, as fertilizing too soon will burn those tender new roots.

*Do you know what the pH of your soil in your rose garden is?
Roses prefer a very slightly acid soil pH, ideally about 6.5 to 7*

Bush or shrub roses have the bud union near ground level.

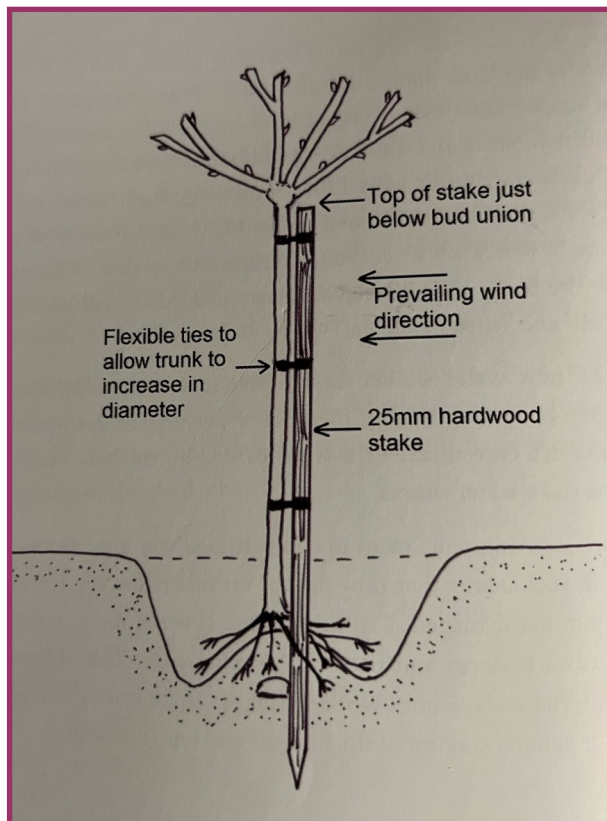
Standard roses have the bud union atop a growing understock stem up to 1m long. This long understock stem is devoid of leaves.

If planting standard roses, sometimes called tree roses, place a stake securely in the planting hole first. Position the bush so that the stake will be on the side of the bush that will get the hot summer sun. Secure the stem of the bush to the stake with a soft material, particularly just below the bud union.

Moving an established bush is best done now, even planting a rose that has been in a pot.

If scale is a problem in your garden, clearly visible once pruning has been done, you should try using a smothering agent like Pest Oil at the recommended strength.

You can very gently use a brush to remove the scale.



Planting a Standard Rose



Scale on a Rose Stem

What is Scale?

An Exert from Paul Hains book

“Growing Roses in Sub Tropical Climate”

Scale is an insect that sucks up sap from roses, usually the canes of the bush.

The females are protected by a covering shield which resembles a series of scales when infestation grows. They raise their young under the shield.

White scale is the most common rose scale and is usually seen first on old neglected roses.

When unchecked they breed fast and will spread to nearby bushes.

The best method of eliminating scale is to seal the scales preventing the insects from breathing.

This is achieved with an oil based spray.

Our Next Meeting

10.00 am Wednesday 21 June 2023

Our meeting will be held at Renwick Community Centre

Renwick Drive, Renwick

Our Guests are:

Michael from Telopea Tools

Talking about garden tools.

And

Robyn from Mittagong Garden Centre

Demonstrating pruning of potted roses.

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.

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.

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.