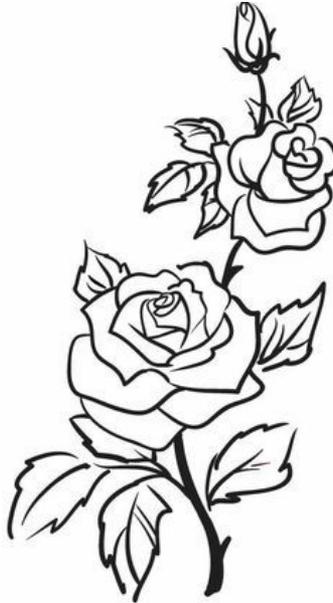


# Sydney Regional Rose News

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Monthly meetings are held on the first Friday of each month starting at 8 p.m. at the Newington Community Centre, Cnr Avenue of Europe & Avenue of Asia Newington  
*Visitors are welcome*

## Meeting nights

Friday, April 1, 2022 @ 8.00 p.m.  
at the Newington Community Centre

Friday, 6 May, 2022  
at the Newington Community Centre

*It is anticipated that these meetings will go ahead.  
If in doubt, please check with Jacqueline on 9872 1862*

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Monthly Committee meeting)

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new members who have joined recently. We hope to see you at a meeting. Do you have any questions about the care and maintenance for roses you purchased from Wagner's Nursery?

On February 4<sup>th</sup> we met at our usual venue, the Newington Community Centre, and members had sufficient blooms to hold a rose preparation and problem solving evening. **Hopefully members will now be more knowledgeable and feel more confident to enter into shows. Try your hand at a monthly meeting where guidance will be given by some successful exhibitors. Ask for assistance.**

The March film night was enjoyable. It was not your usual 'society how to do it' but a story about a French rose breeder who inadvertently breeds an award winning rose and the people around who help her. Amazingly we had some exhibits on the showbench that survived the rain downpour.

Your Summer pruning/trimming may have been set-back by the rain but don't let this stop you now doing some trimming. Rain is said to help bushes prepare for the next flowering period. Rain is beneficial, but this time floods have devastated many areas. If you have been affected by excess water we hope you are not too severely affected and

your home is safe. Gardens can be replanted.

Our next meeting is Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April at Newington. The show schedule covering the special National classes at Kiama National Show at the end of April will be discussed so members can fully understand all the details for exhibitors. Visitors may see many varieties or cultivars that will encourage future purchases.

But prior to our April meeting you are asked to register for the National Rose Conference by using the detailed form from the last NSW Rose or from the webpage. Numbers are needed so event bookings and accommodation requirements are finalised. Please mention you belong to the Rose Society of NSW for the cheaper rate at the motel as vacancies are filling fast.

The Royal Easter Show commences on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April with roses being on show on three different days. More detailed information will be on the R.A.S web site [www.rasnsw.com.au](http://www.rasnsw.com.au).

Our May meeting on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> will feature a power point presentation by Richard Walsh showing how to hybridize - create new plants from seeds.

Richard will start his presentation at 8.20pm so please make sure you are in attendance at 8pm so we are ready for his presentation.

Organising a visit to Roxborough Park Rose Garden in Baulkham Hills will not be able to take place until 2023 as new roses are due to be planted in new garden beds that will make this council garden a 'picture of colour'. It will take one year for the new bushes to show good sized blooms. We will need to be patient.

The next ordering period for Neutrog products will be between 6<sup>th</sup> June and 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022. You still have ample time to contact Neutrog and open your ordering account and see what specials they have on offer. You may also get some specials during the same period which will be delivered with your order. If you want more information please contact

Neutrog. Details on back cover.

Do you want to join our facebook page? We can be found as Sydney Rose Group on Facebook. As stated earlier, the page will start being for our Regional members only with it then extending to all members of the Society and invited visitors later. If you want to join please contact Kerry Hurst, her details are listed on page 1. You can also speak to her at a meeting.

As I have written a number of times, we make sure there is sufficient space between members at our meetings and have masks and hand sanitizer available for members who want to use them.

Hopefully your home and garden have survived the deluge but if not please realise that we will have you in our thoughts.

If you have not been well we hope your recuperation is quick and that we will see you at a future meeting.

Hope to you see you at a meeting. Your questions are always welcome, no question is too small.

*Jacqueline*

*A PARTIAL QUOTE FROM  
A RECENT COLUMN 8  
IN THE SMH.*

Gabrielle Merten decided to grow a rose over an arch. The bases of this arch were always in shadow – a problem for a rose. She planted ‘Albertine’ on one side of the arch, placing a mirror every day so that it directed sunlight onto the rose, moving it to ensure the rose had sufficient sun. ‘Albertine’ thrived and grew to cover the arch – it was huge.

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*In 1952 Dr Selman Waksman won the Nobel Prize for Medicine. As he was proceeding to the dais to receive the award from the King of Sweden, his way was blocked by a man with a beautiful child in his arms. She gave him three glorious red roses. The father explained that there was one for each year of the child’s life. Dr Waksman was the discoverer of Streptomycin and it had been instrumental in saving the little girl’s life.*

## *MONTHLY SHOW BENCH – 2021-2022*

<b>CUMULATIVE POINT SCORE 21-22</b>			
	<b>JULY 2021/JUNE 2022</b> Classes 1-10	<b>NOVICE ONLY</b> Class 11	<b>EVA LOUISE TROPHY</b> Class 12
Greg & Robyn East	32.50		12.00
Sharon Matthews		6.50	
Ailsa Wareham			18.00
Greg & Robyn extra 3 points included			
Our monthly meetings are a good place to learn about preparing and putting blooms onto the show bench. If you get the bush growing correctly blooms always follow.			
Roses on the February showbench: 'A Blooming Miracle', 'Baby Boomer', 'Baby Jack', 'Black Jack', 'Bridal Pink', 'Delicious', 'Lemon Star', 'Michelle Meiland', 'Tequila Sunrise'			
Roses on the March showbench: 'Baby Jack', 'Don Bradman', 'Joyce Abounding', 'Papageno', 'Paradise', 'Queen Elizabeth', 'Red Gem', 'Seduction', 'The Governors' Wife'			
<i>FLORAL ART</i> - no entries			
<i>BEGINNERS OR NOVICES</i>			
Class 11 is expressly for Novices. You are invited to place <u>one stem or cut of any rose variety</u> in this class. A cut carries one bloom and bud / buds or more than one bloom with or without side buds. A stem has one developed flower, i.e. no bud or flower has been removed to encourage growth in the remaining bloom. Any new member can enter into this class.			

### *EXTRA CLASS*

#### **Any potted plant in a pot up to 30cms (12") diameter.**

Where is your competitive spirit?

The above class of a potted plant operates all year round.

### *SOIL TESTER*

Do you have the means to easily test the PH level in your rose garden?. We have a PH soil test meter. Just push it into moist soil wait a few minutes and the answer appears on a dial at the top of the unit. If and when you borrow the unit you will be expected to return it in good condition. If it is lost, broken or damaged while in your possession you will be held responsible to replace the unit. A register to record each member as they borrow the tester will be kept and the borrower will need to return the tester to the Chairman at her home or at the following monthly Friday meeting.

## *CULTURAL NOTES*

The earlier cultural notes had a 'bit each way' on the weather expected. There was no way of knowing that it would turn into a deluge that has caused problems with houses and gardens. They have forecast more rain over the next month or two.

Autumn provides us with the most beautiful roses of the year, but it may be later than mid April owing to the deluge, as a lack of sunlight causes growth to slow down. The colours will be much richer because the intensity of the sun is reduced therefore less bleaching of the blooms occurs. Blooms are usually larger due to the cooler nights.

The nutrients have most probably been washed from the soil, a little fertilizer in early April will help the bushes absorb food for the winter dormancy. A foliar version can be used instead if you really need to fertilize. There is usually no need to fertilize from May to August, beginning again in September.

Do you still have mulch left on the garden? If not, you are advised to add mulch cover now to help the soil recover and suppress weed growth. Mulch also keeps plant roots warm during the colder Winter period. Lucerne hay and sugar cane are the preferred mulch as it provides nutriment for the soil as it breaks down. Fresh organic matter like grass clippings and wood chips take nitrogen from the soil as they break down. Autumn conditions may have already started, but the soil will still be too wet to start any kind of garden digging or new bed preparation. Moving a bush from the garden into a pot can be done now, as long as you have prepared the soil or use a commercial product. Some will grow better in a pot than in the garden bed. Roses growing in pots will need watering before the garden grown ones unless you did not get as much rain as the majority of the State coastal areas. Check before watering. If your bushes have spindly growth, (stems less/below pencil thickness) then you should trim.

Trimming is the removal of spindly canes to encourage new growth that will have a bloom at the tip for most hybrid teas while a bunch of buds on a floribunda. You should not remove too much healthy foliage from the bush. Cut or trim the entire bush if needed to remove spindly growth but only cut down to the last two sets of leaves, (this also applies when cutting stems for the house) from which the next flower stems will grow.

Water shoots may start to appear as a result of all the rain received in the last month. If we get strong winds they will need protection by attaching them loosely to a wooden stake to stop the new growth being torn off at the base.

Aphids have decided that new growth will be just right for them. Spray with the product best suited for your needs. A systemic spray will be best to rid your bushes of aphids as it goes into the sap and is not washed off by rain. Aphids multiply very quickly.

Using anti-fungal sprays has been difficult between the days of rain. High humidity will help fungal disease. Grey mould (Botrytis) will likely be present on your multi-petaled blooms. There is nothing you can do except cut off ASAP and discard damaged bloom to the garbage bin.

If you spray every 7-10 days with the appropriate chemicals then there is little chance the leaves will succumb to black spot or powdery mildew. Powdery mildew appears as light grey or white powdery spots on foliage and can appear on new growth when we have warm days and cooler nights.

You do not have to leave your house to be tempted about buying new roses. Now is the ideal time to order or view online new catalogues from rose suppliers here and interstate. Order early to avoid disappointment. Swanes Nursery at Dural and GreenE Plants (Roses) at Galston deserve a visit to see what plants you can be coerced into wanting.

Preparation of new garden beds will have to wait for the soil to become drier. Manures and decomposing mulch will help with water retention and soil composition so your new or moved roses will have the best of growing conditions. The best suggestion is to prepare early. Do not wait for the new roses to arrive. New beds should be dug a spade deep (about 50cm) and let stand for a few weeks before turning the soil over as well as the manure and compost. Superphosphate can be added to the soil, when incorporating manures. Some Neutrog Seamungus can be added to the bottom of the hole when planting the rose.

More details next issue about moving an existing bush.

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*Purple roses get their colour from the breakdown of red pigments, not from a mix of red and blue. Researchers in the US, Japan and Australia are trying to create a blue rose by splicing the 'blue genes' of the petunia or delphinium onto the DNA of the rose.*

*KIAMA NATIONAL  
ROSE SHOW  
30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2022*

You received a coloured brochure in the last NSW Rose quarterly. The closing date for motel accommodation and event registration is 31<sup>st</sup> March for catering and seating purposes.

The Kiama National Rose Show schedule is available on line. The Saturday Night dinner a 3 course menu looks good, the entertainment will be different, 'unexpected'.

The rain has caused many members various degrees of despair. As stated, earlier accuracy of trimming will be determined by seasonal conditions. If you didn't trim each bush, you will still have roses available to put entries onto the show bench. Roses in light soils will develop quicker than those in heavier clayey soils.

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*Why is pizza made round,  
packed in a square box  
and eaten as a triangle????*

*MAY SPEAKER  
AND TOPIC  
HYBRIDIZING  
BY RICHARD WALSH*

Richard is known throughout the Rose Societies in Australia. He was awarded the Australian Rose Award for his work within the society and he and Ruth have had success with breeding quite a few very good roses winning certificates and awards at the National Trial Grounds against overseas breeders. One of their cultivars has been planted in the rose garden at Government House, Sydney to represent each spouse of each Governor of New South Wales.

*RENEWAL OF  
MEMBERSHIP  
DUE 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2022*

The cost of renewal this year has risen. For a **single membership it will be \$40** and for **dual membership it will be \$45.00. Associated membership will be \$40. Junior membership will be \$5.** Please check your membership card for the expiry date and year.

If you joined via Wagner's Nursery, your membership is financial until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as printed on your membership card. **You will from now only be supplied with one membership card on joining or original issue for longer standing members. If you have lost your card you will need to apply for a new one at an additional charge.** You can find out your membership number by contacting Sydney Regional Secretary, Kerry Hurst or Chairman, Jacqueline Tweedie.

Payment is via the usual means of direct bank deposit or from a Regional meeting. Your membership number is important so please reference your membership number with payment. The banking account details are on the membership card. Please ignore the postal address as Ralph Parsons is no longer involved with accepting payment. **The new address is Mrs. G Hayne 25 Forbes St, Emu Plains 2750.**

All the above information and form is available on the society web page.

## *SYDNEY REGIONAL ADDITIONAL PAYMENT*

From the Regional Committee  
It has been the normal position for all Sydney members to pay an additional amount to help cover the running costs of this Regional.

The amount for this calendar year is \$10.00. It becomes payable NOW and will be re-negotiated early in 2023. This amount is less than some earlier years of \$15.00.

This payment covers one or two persons at the same address.

You can make a direct deposit into our account at the ANZ bank BSB 012 branch 263 account number 0086 88516 or pay at a monthly meeting. If making a direct deposit please reference your membership number or surname so your payment can be noted.

We do not receive any funds from your membership payment to cover the expenses incurred during the holding of meetings, raffles, printing and postage, etc. When you attend a meeting, you find out information about growing roses, meet people

who also love roses as well as helping fund this regional from raffle and supper income. We understand some members live a great distance from Newington and may find it hard to get to a meeting each month, but we are there for you.

## *ELECTRONIC INFORMATION HIGHWAY*

The web address is [www.nsw.rose.org.au](http://www.nsw.rose.org.au)  
It has been designed to be interactive with anyone who locks on from anywhere. Member information about events, Rose Consultants, photos of various roses from around the State submitted by members. Log in, will be 'rmember' The password is printed in each edition of the NSW Rose quarterly.

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*A garden to be a garden, must represent a different world, however small from the real world; a source of comfort in turmoil, of excitement in dullness, security in wildness; companionship in loneliness. Gardening offers a chance for man to regulate at least one aspect of his life, to control his environment and show himself as he wishes to be. Anne Leighton. 1984.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>FLORAL ART</i> <i>FEBRUARY 2022</i> <b>‘Beautiful blooms with perfume’</b> Any flowers, any embellishments</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>FLORAL ART</i> <i>MARCH 2022</i> <b>‘Accompanying a card’</b> Any flowers, any embellishments.</p>
<p>Some flowers come with the above benefits, it does suit roses, but the weather has made it hard to obtain fresh rose blooms from your garden. In Floral Art you do not necessarily have to have grown the flower or foliage used in arrangements, so you have the choice of any kind of design, free flowing multiple blooms, Modern using minimum materials or a simple bowl of flowers. You must use more than one bloom, but it could be a multiple headed stem with blooms that have some perfume. The word perfume- means a different thing to everyone. Any hint of perfume is okay for this title.</p>	<p>First item – obtain a card with a flower or flowers displayed. You have a wide choice for selection either Mothers’ Day, engagement, birthday, any kind of anniversary, etc. Try if possible to match the colour/s of your flowers/s you are using. You do not need to match all the various colours that may be on the card. You will need to display the card near your design. If it has a single flower, which may be a rose then you can use one bloom in a nice bud vase with a little foliage. If it is a basket of flowers then you should consider also using a basket for your design.</p>

### *DID YOU KNOW?*

Only female mosquitoes bite and drink blood. Male mosquitoes do not bite - they are vegetarians and feed on the nectar of flowers. Mosquito repellents don’t actually repel. The spray blocks the mosquito’s sensors so they don’t know you’re there. Mosquitoes are attracted to the colour blue more than any other colour. The smallest mammal in the world is Thailand’s Kittis hog-nosed bat which is about the size of a bumblebee. One bat can catch over 1,000 mosquitoes in an hour.

# HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

## Words accredited to Mothers

Who do you think you are?  
Ask your father (closely followed by "Ask your Mother")  
Bored! How can you be bored? I was never bored at your age.  
I'll treat you like an adult when you start acting like an adult!  
Look at me when I'm talking to you.  
Don't you roll your eyes at me!  
Don't pick it, it'll get infected.  
I don't care if "*insert child's name*" Mum said yes.  
You'll put your eye out with that thing!  
I'm going to give you to the count to three.  
Don't put that thing in your mouth, you don't know where it's been.  
Wear clean underwear in case you get in an accident and have to go to hospital.  
Don't cross your eyes like that, one day they'll freeze that way  
I don't care who started it, I'll finish it!  
Don't EVER let me catch you doing that again!  
Why? Because I SAID SO, that's why!?!  
If '*such and such*' jumped off a cliff, would you jump too?  
If I catch you doing that one more time, I'll...  
Your father is going to hear about THIS when he gets home!  
If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.  
How many times do I have to tell you, don't throw things in the house!  
Do you think your clothes are going to pick themselves up?  
"I don't know" is NOT an answer!  
I know it's not fair. Life isn't fair.



## *'NEW PAPA MEILLAND'*

At our March meeting, Kerry drew our attention to a new rose 'New Papa Meiland' developed by Wagners –and I quote, with permission, from their website:

Please note that you're ordering a bare rooted rose that will be dispatched in winter time only, from July 2022 to September 2022. Cancellation fees may apply. Cost: \$23.95.

Bush (bare rooted)

What better way to honour the original 'Papa Meiland' than this stunning new rose from the Meiland® family. 'New Papa Meiland' has classic deep velvet red perfectly formed blooms



each with a strong fragrance that begs to be sniffed. Producing flowers continuously throughout the growing season, cut and enjoy the blooms inside as well. Hardy and healthy, here is a red rose to delight in garden or pot. Absolutely brilliant!

Fragrance: Strong

Height: 150 cm

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## *WHY ARE ROSES GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?*

In providing the seeds that make it possible to grow more plants, flowers benefit the environment by **creating more carbon dioxide absorbing and oxygen-radiating plants.** .. In addition to cleaning the soil, flowers and other plants also cleanse water.

*AND WHILST WE ARE ON THE SUBJECT OF NEW ROSES,  
HERE'S SOME FROM RICHARD AND RUTH WALSH*

*'DEANO', A  
TRADITIONAL HT*

named for prominent Australian rosarian, Dean Stringer, founding secretary of the National Rose Trial Garden in Adelaide and the inaugural National Rose Society Chairman of Judges. He has been a mentor to many and an example to all.



*'SINGAPORE FAR EAST MOON', A COMPACT HT*



This rose commemorates the lives of the 21 Australian Army Nurses killed by Japanese soldiers on Bangka Island on February 16, 1942 and is in memory of all World War 2 Far East Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees.

2022 is the 80th anniversary of the Fall of Singapore. On February 15, 1942, 15,000 Australian servicemen were placed in Changi prison. Many were sent to work on the Thai Burma railway, where 12,000 Allied servicemen, including 2,700 Australians, died. The 'Singapore Far East

Moon' rose will help families to remember these people.

Less well known is that over 44 boats carrying evacuees - largely women, children and elderly men, and servicemen en route to Java - left Singapore in the days just before the Fall. 40 of these boats were bombed and sunk, with loss of life of about 5000 people. Those who

reached land were killed or imprisoned in harsh prison camps, where one half of the men and one third of the women died during the following 3 and a half years.

The tragic massacre of 21 Australian Army Nurses, civilians and 60 servicemen who reached shore from their bombed boats occurred on Radji Beach, Bangka Island, on February 16, 1942. Nurse Vivian Bullwinkel was the sole Nurse survivor of this massacre. The 65 Nurses from the SS Vyner Brooke, (comprising 12 who drowned, 21 who were massacred, 8 who died in the prison camps and the 24 who survived the War caring for other prisoners), were commemorated by the Australian Government by a 20-cent coin in 2017, for the 75th Anniversary of 1942.

Mr Vivian Bowden, Australia's Official Representative to Singapore was shot and killed in Muntok, near Radji Beach on February 17, 1942.

Memorial services are now held in Muntok, Bangka Island each February 16 to remember these victims. Australian, British and New Zealand Embassies attend, together with Army Nurses' and Civilians' families. A Walk for Humanity is held on the Beach, where all present hold hands and walk towards the water, as the Nurses did in 1942 before being shot, and all hope and pray for Peace. In 2020, a Tree for Peace was planted in the former Japanese camp commandant's garden in Muntok. This Tree is a rose bush.

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### *WHO MAKES A GARDEN?*

Whoever makes a garden has never worked alone  
The rain has always found it the sun has always known  
The wind has blown across it and helped to scatter seeds  
Whoever makes a garden has all he ever needs.

Whoever makes a garden has oh, so many friends,  
The glory of the morning, the dew when daylight ends  
The wind and rain and sunshine, the dew and fertile sod  
And he who makes a garden works hand in hand with God.'

Douglas Mallock

## *ROSES THAT THRIVE IN AUSTRALIA*

Everything will be coming up roses if you plant one of these exquisite varieties. *(Ack the internet)*

Seeing a garden full of roses is always a beautiful sight. The elegance and lovely fragrance of this blossoming bud elevates any garden, making it easy to see why this flower is so popular with landscape designers and garden enthusiasts alike.



While they may appear dainty, many rose varieties are robust and easy to care for. Aside from their beauty, these rose varieties are popularly grown for their hardiness and ability to perform in less than perfect conditions.



### **‘GRAND SIECLE’** *(Photo: Getty)*

This hybrid tea rose grows in Victoria's Yarra Valley and releases an intensely fruit fragrance. With adequate watering in dry times, the flowers can be up to 20cm across. Blooms tend to be pearl-pink in hot

summers. Tea roses are drought tolerant and perfect for Australian conditions.



### **‘PIERRE DE RONSARD’**

*(Photo: Simon Griffiths / bauersyndication.com.au)*

With its attractive nodding habit, the 'Pierre de Ronsard' boasts old-fashioned charm even though it was initially bred in 1987 especially for Mediterranean climates. This climbing rose produces large full blooms that vary from soft blush to a full mid pink.



### **'SALLY HOLMES'** (Photo: Claire Takacs)

Added to the World Rose Hall of Fame in 2012, 'Sally Holmes' is a strong-growing shrub that is lightly scented and regularly in bloom. It may also be trained as a climbing rose. It produces beautiful apricot buds that transform into creamy white blooms. Aside from its lovely appearance, 'Sally Holmes' roses are loved for their excellent disease resistance.

### **'ICEBERG'**

(Photo: Brent Wilson / [bauersyndication.com.au](http://bauersyndication.com.au))

The ever-popular 'Iceberg' rose, first bred in Germany in 1958, is a common sight in gardens across Australia. It flowers in all weather and is almost thornless, with a compact, bushy growth. This hardy and vigorous variety is repeat flowering, disease resistance and ideal to grow in large pots or as hedges.



### **'BUFF BEAUTY'**

(Photo: Brent Wilson / [bauersyndication.com.au](http://bauersyndication.com.au))

The hybrid musk 'Buff Beauty', which thrives in Australia's southern states, throws out long stems that make it a desirable climber and ideal for arches. This tall-growing rose shrub can boast over 41 petals per flower and omits a strong tea-rose scent.

### **'COCONUT ICE'**

'Coconut Ice' is a Floribunda rose (1.2x0.8m). The unusual bicolour of these luscious, cup-shaped blooms from Treloar Roses features rich musk pink with soft white on the reverse of each petal. The blooms occur in clusters of three to five flowers, on a neat, upright bush with firm stems. The dark, lustrous foliage is resistant to disease.

# *THE FLOWER GARDEN IN AUSTRALIA*

by Mrs T A Browne 1893

Mrs T A Browne, wife of Rolf Boldrewood, author of *Robbery Under Arms*, wrote Australia's first book on gardening by a woman, published in 1893. She named it 'The Flower Garden in Australia' and dedicated it to the Countess of Jersey.

She lived as a child at Denham Court, Ingleburn on land which her grandfather, Captain Brooks, had purchased in 1812. The garden and delightful house, designed by John Verge in 1814 is still extant.

Mrs Browne's charming and historically interesting book is grouped into calendar seasons, and is written in an entertaining and intimate way, much of it being applicable to Australian conditions today.

She appears to have had wide horticultural knowledge and good practical sense: February is described as a 'most trying month for gardens and green-houses, requiring much water and to be not sparingly given'. She refers continually to the bush house, 'an inexpensive

substitute for the greenhouse' and her delightful book concludes with a vivid account of the variety of native flowers: 'something fresh and new everywhere to delight the eye, yet you hear people complain of the sameness of Australian scenery when you might almost say that every district has its own particular flora.

Although by this time many writers and artists had recorded their impressions of Australia, more and more important visitors came to see the new land for themselves. Mark Twain, when making his world lecture tour in 1895, left some picturesque commentaries on Victoria's city and country houses and gardens in his *Following The Equator* (1897).

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Embrace with joy the changing seasons  
For each yields its own abundance  
The Energy and Birth of Spring  
The Growth and Contentment of  
Summer  
The Wisdom of letting go of the leaves  
of Autumn  
The Rest and Quiet Renewal of Winter.

## COMING EVENTS

### April Meeting - 01.04.22

Newington Community Centre 8.00 p.m.

**Topic** – Kiama National Show schedule explained. Top tips for Kiama

**Raffle** – ‘Easter Basket’

### April Committee meeting – 07.04.22

Castle Hill Vet Hospital 7.00 p.m.

### Royal Easter Show: 8.04.22 – 19.04.22

Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

### National Rose Championships ‘KIAMA ‘ROSES BY THE SEA’

29.04.22 – 01.05.22

### May Meeting - 06.05.22

Newington Community Centre 8.00 p.m.

**Topic** – Hybridizing with Richard Walsh

**Raffle** – Potted Australian bred rose

### May Committee meeting – 11.05.22

Castle Hill Vet Hospital 7.00 p.m.

### State Council Meeting – 22.05.22

Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living  
@ 11.00 a.m.

**Judges meeting 9.00 a.m.**

### June Meeting - 03.06.22

Newington Community Centre 8.00 p.m.

**Topic** – Pruning

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*When your mother asks, ‘Do you want a piece of advice?’ it is a mere formality. It doesn’t matter if you answer yes or no. You’re going to get it anyway.*

*Erma Bombeck*

## ROSE CONSULTANTS

The following members of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. are rose growers of both exhibition (show) & garden roses who have kindly agreed to make available to all members their expertise. If you have problems or questions about rose growing, contact the person listed as living closest to your garden.

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Contrary to popular belief, if a worm is cut in half it will generally die. But if just the tail end is severed, new segments will re-form. When just the head is severed, a new head is re-generated in a couple of months.

# GOGO Juice. The Perfect Summer Cocktail

## INGREDIENTS

40ml of GOGO Juice Advanced  
Biological Formula

10 litres of Water

## METHOD

Empty 1 x 40 ml cap of GOGO Juice  
Advanced Biological Formula into  
a watering can.

Fill with 10 litres of water.

Slosh about to dilute well.

Pour over soil, lawn or pots for a  
refreshing summer drink for your garden.



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