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Page 10 Belinda & Craig should have read Belinda & Craig Eeles

Page 18 and 20 Judith Walters Memorial Trophy should have read Judith Waters Memorial Trophy

Page 24 Margaret McGregor should have read Margaret Gregory

Page 65 Heather Flack should have read Heather Slack

My sincere apologies to the members affected by these errors.

P.S. Spelling was my best subject at school but typing my worst. - Editor



'Fiona's Wish'



'Just Joey'



'Kardinal'

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gavin Woods



An unseasonably cool and wet Summer saw our roses prosper, with many quality blooms produced throughout. The forecast for Autumn is for a dryer than usual season that traditionally produces our best roses. Plentiful irrigation and sound disease prevention will hopefully see our next show a fitting tribute to our flower.

It seemed to me that the Society was in recess for a longer period this year. There are two possible explanations for this: one is that we held our Christmas celebrations a week earlier than usual to incorporate the Allan Campbell Memorial Lecture; the second and more probable is that I am a year older!

Council began our monthly meetings again in January, this time at the beautiful property of Merv and Wendy in the Adelaide Hills. In what seems like another lifetime, I lived at Birdwood; located between the Adelaide Hills and the Barossa Valley. It wasn't until I turned from the freeway and drove through Verdun and Oakbank with the Hills awash with beautiful blooming Agapanthus, that I realised how much I missed this area.

Our first General Meeting for 2017 saw Andy Hart, curator of the rose collection at Adelaide Botanical Gardens, speak on his visits to Australian Gardens of Excellence as recognised by the World Federation of Rose Societies. Our own Botanic Garden is hoping to bring the rose collection up to this very high standard. Whilst the process has begun, several hurdles have proved successful in delaying significant progress. Time will tell if the Gardens and the Government have the will to proceed with this project.

The planned Chinese themed plantings at Veale Gardens is in the final stages of planning. A life sized-statue has been promised by the Chinese and appropriate rose selections have been made. We anticipate that the garden will be planted this Winter and will add to the beauty of the Southern Parklands precinct.

Exhibitor workshops have been conducted this year by Tony Hanna. We hope to gain some first time exhibitors from this exercise and we thank Tony for his efforts. Peter Burton has until recently taken the lead with these workshops. Peter has decided not to continue in this role and I would like to take the opportunity to thank him most sincerely for his commitment. Peter is responsible for much of the success of our latest crop of exhibitors. I would encourage anyone who grows a few roses to give exhibiting a go. It opens a whole new world to you and presents opportunities for competitive camaraderie that otherwise do not exist.

I hope to be able to convene workshops for learner Judges in 2018. If you are currently an exhibitor and have a desire to become a judge, let me know so that we can plan for your inclusion.

As the Society adapts to available technology we have decided to eliminate the ubiquitous "membership card". Only used to gain entry to shows, we will check membership status using other means from now on. We hope also to be able to email receipts to members requiring them in the future, thereby eliminating much work for our Treasurer and save postage costs. The money saved (which could be in excess of \$1,000 per annum) would be better utilised for other society activities.

Our 2021 Convention committee continues to meet and to structure what should be first class event. A delegation visited the Adelaide Convention Centre to examine the available facilities. We are very fortunate to have this wonderful complex available to us, situated on the River Torrens. The Exhibition to be held over the first weekend of the Convention should be world class horticultural event, not only showcasing Roses but many other genera as well as all facets of horticulture. I can't wait!



'Unconventional Lady'

A wonderful new Kordes bred Hybrid Tea rose '**Unconventional Lady**' will be released by Treloar Roses as a fundraiser for the 2021 Convention. Only available on limited release for 2017 and having seen this rose in a South Australian garden, I could recommend it to all. Don't just buy one plant however, order it in multiples and pass it on to your friends. I am sure that it will be a rose of the future.

The Society has another year full of activities planned. There are many events that will benefit from extra member participation. If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact the

Secretary or myself.

I hope to catch up with as many of you as possible over the next few months. I remain as eager as ever to learn of members thoughts on advancing our Society.



'Corvette'



'Angel Face'



'Bright as a Button'

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NOTICE OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that the 109th Annual General Meeting of The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated will be held on 12th July 2017 in the Burnside City Community Church commencing at 7.45pm.

Business of the Meeting

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 13th July 2016.
2. Receive the President's report detailing the Council's activities during the past 12 months.
3. Receive the Treasurer's report and approve the Audited Financial Statements.
4. Election of Official Positions:

President

Three Vice-Presidents

Secretary

Treasurer

Six Financial Members who shall act with the above elected officers as the Council of the Society with the Immediate Past President Ex-Officio.

Auditor

Members are reminded of Clause 10.1 of the Society's Constitution that nominations for the above positions (excepting Immediate Past President) shall be in writing and lodged with the Secretary prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

5. To consider any other business referred by the Council.

Wendy Trimper, Secretary

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

April 2017

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th, 10.00am to 4.00pm, National Rose Trial Garden of Australia - People's Choice Weekend - International Rose Garden - Adelaide Botanic Garden

Wednesday 12th, 7:45pm, Members General Meeting

Speaker: Andrew Morphet

Topic: The Gardens of Anlaby

Question Time: Maureen Ross

Competition: 1 Exhibition Rose or 1 Shrub Rose

Open Section: 1 Exhibit

Judge: Doug Gregory

Floral Subject: Tussie Mussie

Judge: Ruth Watson

Saturday 15th to Friday 21st, Easter Rose Display/Promotion - Newman's Nursery, Tea Tree Gully

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd, Autumn Rose Show - Burnside Community Centre

Friday 28th, 7:00pm RSSA Council Meeting

May 2017

Sunday 7th, Roses on Eyre Meeting - Cowell

Wednesday 10th, 7:45pm, Members General Meeting

Speaker: Dr Uwe Stroeher, Head of Research and Development Team at Neutrog.

Question Time: Peter Burton

Competition: 1 Floribunda or 1 Miniature Rose

Open Section: 1 Exhibit

Judge: Brenda Burton

Floral Subject: An Arrangement in a Fruit or Vegetable Container

Judge: Helena Lewandowski

Friday 19th, 5:30pm, Rose Shows Sub-Committee Meeting

Friday 19th, 7:00pm, RSSA Council Meeting



'Baronne E de Rothschild'



'Best Friend'



'Bold Seduction'



'Bridal Pink'

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

June 2017

Thursday 8th to Sunday 18th, WFRS Regional Convention, Slovenia

Wednesday 14th, 7:45pm, Members General Meeting

Speaker: Richard Heathcote

Topic: Carrick Hill Gardening Museum

Question Time: Tony Hanna

Competition: 1 Stem or Cut

Open Section: 1 Exhibit

Judge: Merv Trimper

Floral Subject: Winter

Judge: Ruth Watson

Friday 16th June, 7:00pm, RSSA Council Meeting

Sunday 18th, 1-4pm, Rose Pruning demonstration at Tony Hanna's garden, McVitties Rd, Birdwood.

Sunday 25th June, 1 to 4.00pm, Rose Pruning Demonstration, International Rose Garden, Adelaide Botanic Garden

July 2017

Sunday 2nd, Roses on Eyre Meeting - Kimba/Buckleboo.

Sunday 9th, 1:30pm, RITH Pruning Demonstration followed by AGM at 3:30pm, 3 Para Road, Evanston

Wednesday 12th, 7:45pm, Rose Society AGM

Wednesday 12th, 8pm, Members General Meeting

Speaker: Wendy Trimper

Topic: Tips for pruning Pillars, Climbers and Old Garden Roses

Question Time: Merv Trimper

Competition: 1 Stem or Cut

Open Section: 1 Exhibit

Judge: Tony Hanna

Floral Subject: Black and one other colour

Judge: Melanie Trimper

Friday 21st July, 5:30pm, Rose Shows Sub Committee Meeting

Friday 21st July, 7:00pm, RSSA Council Meeting



'Candlelight'



'Cathedral City'



'Charles de Gaulle'



'Cherries' n Cream'

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Welcome to New Members

Gail Adler	Port Lincoln
Amanda Benger	Ascot Park
Kayleen Bradley	Millicent
Diana Elwood & Nathan Ellis	Torrensville
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Belinda Lane	Glen Osmond
Colleen Lane	New Reynella
Lucy Manifold	Woodside
Vincent Scali	Northgate
Christine Stokes	Normanville
Emily Tsoutouras	Torrens Park



*If your mind should go blank, don't forget to turn off the sound.
There are two kinds of people who don't say much, those who are quiet and those who talk a lot.*

CHAFFEY BRANCH REPORT

Shann Hausler

Fleur is holidaying in India, so the Executive (Jill Knight, Dale Kerin and myself) in consultation with Fleur, have presented a program to the Committee; who have been happy to present the following program to our members.

1. A Welcome to New and Prospective Members

Afternoon tea at Helen Slade's garden, Chowilla Street, Renmark West; from 2:30 – 3:30pm, Saturday, 18th March. BYO a plate of afternoon tea, a named rose in a bottle, a rosey plate, and a plant to swap and or donate to the raffle. RSVP to Dale Kerin.

2. Annual General Meeting

To be held in Mildura on Sunday, 2nd April, the day of Daylight Saving Changeover. Please note, there has been a change in departure time from that advertised in the last bulletin.

We are meeting at the Renmark Hotel/Visitor Information Centre, at 7:30am (S.A.time), for a departure at 7:45am sharp for the Buronga Inland Botanic Gardens where we will meet the NSW and Victorian members at 9:45am (Victorian time). Joan Sirovica has organised a 1 hour train ride tour of the gardens; this train departs at 10:00am and will cost \$10 per person.

At 11:30am we will depart for Woodsies Gem and Rock Shop for lunch (own expense) and the AGM.

This will be followed by afternoon tea in Shirley Sylvia's garden.

Please ring Dale Kerin by the 20th March to notify her if you will be attending, have an item for the AGM agenda, will go on the train ride and will be car pooling.

Enquires to Joan on 03 5024 7330.

3. Design and Construction Creative Session

To be held on Saturday morning, the 8th July from 10-12noon, in Jill and Greg Knight's garden, Taplin Street, Renmark. Danny Hoffman will be demonstrating.

BYO plate for morning tea or lunch if you wish to stay on to finish your project, Twining material (vine, ivy, wisteria), rope, twine, secateurs, cable ties, nuts, bolts, glue and glue gun. Tea and Coffee provided.

Creations may be individual, group, house, garden or constructions for the 2017 Rose Festival arrangements in the Institute.

RSVP to Jill By Monday, 26th June, 0415 387 943

4. Neutrog Guest Speaker for Renmark Garden and Chaffey Rose Club

This will be a combined meeting, to be held in the Renmark Senior Citizen's Hall, on the 18th July, at 6:30pm. RSVP to Dale Kerin.

5. Renmark's 23rd Rose Festival

This will be held from the 20th – 29th October. The Institute will be on display from Friday, 20th until Sunday afternoon, the 22nd October.

The Institute Floral Arrangements are to be themed as "Farmyard", so there is lots of exciting potential for rose arrangements and props to be staged around this theme.

6. Open Garden at Irymple, Sunraysia

Eric Sutton will be holding his annual Open Garden, with funds raised going to Cancer Research. Renmark may be car pooling, more details later. Ring Dale Kerin if interested.

7. Combined Branches meeting at Mt. Gambier in November.

The committee has decided to organise a 4 day trip for this event. We are leaving Renmark early Friday, 17th, arriving at the Mount in time for the Meet and Greet at Betty McKee's. We will depart the Mount Monday morning, hopefully visiting gardens around the Penola, Coonawarra area, on the trip home. Accommodation costs to be part of overall cost of the bus and trip. More details later.

NB. Must have confirmed your booking and paid in full for the trip, by the 11th October. Details from Dale Kerin.

8. Christmas Breakup

To be held at 6pm, Friday, 8th December at Lorna and Brad Taylor's house, Paringa. BYO drinks, food, chairs and glasses.

This summer has been variable, with roses in the main coping quite well. Renmark recently had a day reaching 47 degrees, when many roses and leaves were scorched. However, we've also had some lovely coolish days and nights, with slightly more rain than usual. "Iceberg" is not popular with all, but it does outstandingly well in our hot and dry summer climate.

"Mr Lincoln", "Gold Bunny", "Papa Meilland", "Graham Thomas", "Queen Elizabeth", and "Sweet Sonata" feature in many Riverland gardens, as well as the delightfully scented "Queen Adelaide" that David Ruston has planted in the grounds of the Retirement Village he lives in.

David sends his Best Wishes to you all.

David's "Lady Hillingdon" continues to thrive at the foot of his statue in Renmark. The bushes seem unperturbed by the heat.

Eric Sutton and Joan Sirovica report that Sunraysia has had a similar summer weatherise, to the Riverland. They find that "The Children's Rose", "Kardinal", "Madame President" and Climbing "Pierre de Ronsard" are very popular and do well in their region.

Coleen Houston from Hay in the Riverina region, reports that "Pink Silk", "Spirit of Peace" and "Mary Rose" do very well. Coleen says the tea rose "Safrano" is always in bloom at her property. Volunteers from the Bishop Lodge Collection, report the roses there have been doing extremely well this season.

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Sandy Circuit from the Riverina section of Chaffey Rose Branch. Sandy lived in Hay and was a committee member of the Hay group and he regularly attended the AGM's with his wife Beth; who he ably

CHAFFEY BRANCH REPORT (cont)

Shann Hausler

supported during her past role as Secretary of the Chaffey Rose Branch. We send our condolences to Beth and her family.

Coleen and David Houston attended Sandy's funeral and reported it reached 48 degrees on the day. The following day, the Houston's had a bushfire on their property "Budgewah" and although close to the house and out buildings, thankfully nothing was burnt; nor were stock harmed.



'Belle of Berlin'



'Blue Moon'

NEWMANS NURSERY

ROSE SHOW - EASTER LONG WEEKEND +

From the 15th of April through to Friday 21st (includes Easter)
(Extended due to the fact that rose flowers last so well!)

Jon, Dianne, Daniel and the team at Newman's would like to invite the public as well as members of the Rose Society, to call in for an opportunity to see bunches of many of the new and recent releases, enjoy the colour and fragrance, while catching up with fellow Rose lovers. Over Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday, SA Rose Society Members will be on hand to share their knowledge, as well as speak to the public regards the value of becoming a Rose Society member.

Place your order over the long weekend and go into a draw to win fabulous Rose Products.

See the 2017 New Release Roses plus many varieties in our 2017 Rose Catalogue. Free copies available or visit www.newmansnursery.com.au

2017 New Release Roses



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Membership Fees

New Memberships (from 1st April 2017)

Single \$30

Joint \$35

Junior \$5

Renewal of Existing Memberships due 1st April

Single \$25

Joint \$30

Junior \$5

Advertisements

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Light travels faster than sound, which is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Membership Renewals

Renewal of existing memberships are due on 1 April 2017.

Joint \$30

Single \$25

Junior \$5

A membership renewal form is on the back of the mailing slip you received with this Bulletin.

IMPORTANT: The renewal form only needs to be completed if your name or address shown on the mailing slip or any other details have changed.

Please return the mailing slip showing any change of details on the renewal form, with your payment directly to:

The Treasurer, RSSA, 7 Weintal Court, Tanunda, SA 5353.

NOT: RSSA, 10 Glenwood Road, Newton SA 5074

Payment may be made by cheque, money order, debit or credit card or direct credit.

If payment is made by direct credit please ensure sufficient identifying details are included e.g. phone number.

ROSE PRUNING DEMONSTRATIONS

Come along to any of the following venues to learn how to prune or refresh your skills. Bring your gloves and secateurs.

- Sunday June 18th 1.00 – 4.00pm at Hanna's property, McVitties Rd, Birdwood. (contact Tony 8568 5203)
- Sunday June 25th 1.00 – 4.00pm at the International Rose Garden, Botanic Gardens, Hackney Rd, Adelaide (contact Secretary 8389 9119 or 0478 107 260)
- Sunday July 9th 1:30 – 3:30pm, at 3 Para Road, Evanston - The Home of Lynette Williams (contact RITH Secretary 8265 5945)



Bring your friends!

All demonstrations are free.



'Devoniensis'



'Brandy'



'Cricket'



'Dame Elisabeth Murdoch'

THE SOUTH EAST BRANCH REPORT

Elizabeth Newell - Photos by John Zwar



For our February meeting members, travelled to "St Mary's Vineyard" in Penola, the home of Glenys and Barry Mulligan. Fortunately the weather was not too hot for us to enjoy a stroll in the extensive gardens. Evidence of Barry's skill at building dry-stone walls is visible everywhere in the garden.

Glenys has hundreds of roses interspersed with Mediterranean plants which are set off beautifully by the field rocks. The vegetable garden was also well worth visiting with laden fruit trees and beds of interesting vegetables protected by a little flock of ducks.

Our Guest Speaker was Brian Wagner of Wagner's Roses at Kalangadoo. Brian brought buckets of blooms of Delbard Roses and others which filled the room with their scent. He described in detail the roses, their growing habits and those that he would recommend. Lucky members were able to take home bunches of fragrant blooms.

The "Topic of Discussion" was Companion Planting, it was generally recommended that companion plants should not be planted too close, to allow for air flow around the plants. Violets and aquilegias were not recommended at all because of their habit of forming a dense mat around the roses. Members also discussed the use of dog hair to discourage possums, apparently it shows some merit. Also wind chimes worked to discourage possums from roses; you tie light wind chimes on the individual bushes.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on Sunday the 28th May at 11am at Chardonnay Lodge, Coonawarra. Members are advised that they will have to RSVP to the Secretary as the lunch will be booked.



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① Marjorie Todd and Betty McKee admiring Wagner's Roses

② A View of St. Mary's Garden



③ **Elizabeth Newell with Shirley Giles on one of Barry Mulligan's dry stone walls**

④ **Jill Eckermann & Helen Zadow with garden owner Glenys Mulligan**

NEW ORDERING TIMES AND DELIVERY DATES FOR NEUTROG FERTILISER ORDERS



Many members have indicated that the existing ordering and delivery dates for Neutrog Fertilisers are not timely from a fertilizer application perspective.

For example, the March delivery date is one month late for the February application.

To address this, and with Neutrog's agreement, we will now order fertilizer in April (for May delivery) and in October/November (for early December delivery). This is why a fertilizer order is in this Bulletin. Now is the time to order your supplies of Seamungus for use immediately after pruning and your Sudden Impact for Roses fertiliser for application in spring.

In Oct. / Nov. you will have the opportunity to order your summer/autumn fertiliser requirements. We believe you will now receive the fertiliser at a more timely date to better match your application requirements.

We thank Neutrog for their agreement to this change and their amazing ongoing support of the Rose Society of South Australia.

The Adelaide delivery date will be 12 – 13 May at Banner Mitre 10 Hardware, 2 Fullarton Road, Norwood. We trust you will find the new dates more convenient for you.





NATIONAL ROSE TRIAL GARDEN

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 April 2017

10am - 4pm

You're invited to vote for your favourite rose.

**National Rose Trial Garden,
Adelaide Botanic Garden**

Best entry via Conservatory Gate

FREE Event - All Welcome!

More Information

botanicgardens.sa.gov.au

nationalrosetrialgarden.net.au

Bed and Breakfast

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

To ensure all Rose Society of South Australia events are a success

Members are encouraged to volunteer for one or more of the many tasks required to run our society.

The continued success of our Society relies on our members participating in the many events that take place throughout the RSSA year.

It can't happen without your help.

Please contact our Secretary Wendy Trimper rssasacinternode.on.net or
0478 107 260 or

President, Gavin Woods gbwoods@adam.com.au 8821 3897 to discuss how you would like to be involved.



WAGNER'S NURSERY 5TH OPEN DAY

Sunday April 9th

This will give you a chance to see all the new 2017 releases in bloom as they showcase just a slice of the 50 hectares of the rose nursery.

Be inspired by Brian as he gives tips and ideas on the best way to grow roses, from planting through to pruning. He'll be doing demonstrations throughout the day, as well as his 'walkaround tours' amongst the rows.

There'll be a selection of food available including a sausage sizzle, pizzas, other selected food stalls and homebaked goods.

Wagner's will have a large selection of potted plants and bunches of roses available for sale and a play space for the children will ensure that you have even more time to just relax or enjoy one of Brian's tours.

All proceeds from the day will go toward Penola Primary School.



My garden prayer by Helen Steiner Rice.

My garden beautifies my yard adding fragrance to the air.

It is also my cathedral and my quiet place of prayer.

So little do we realize the glory and the power,

Of he that made the universe, is hidden in a flower.

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A CALL FOR MORE ROSE EXHIBITORS

by Les Krake from notes provided by Dean Stringer



The Rose Society of South Australia wishes to encourage members to seriously consider the possibility of submitting entries of rose exhibits in the forthcoming Autumn Rose Show, to be held on the 22nd and 23rd of April, 2017. The Society seeks to increase entries to ensure an excellent



display of roses for public viewing and to ensure adequate competition within the various classes. If you feel that you wish to participate and haven't done so before, then the following tips could assist you in your quest and may help you to enjoy the experience.

- Always pick your flowers early in the morning or in the evening just before dark. Take a bucket of water with you into the garden, cut your selected rose bloom and immediately immerse it up to its neck in the water, so that the stem with foliage is under the surface of the water, but not the flower. Leave the cut flowers to soak overnight or for at least 4 to 5 hours to allow the foliage to imbibe as much water as possible. This will help the flowers to last longer. Each time you take the rose from the water to put it into another container it is necessary to recut the stem by removing about 1 cm of stem from the base.
- Select roses that are clean and fresh with as little damage from wind or from insects, as possible. Don't be too concerned if you can't find the perfect bloom or find one that doesn't have some fault or damage. In all my years of exhibiting roses I have yet to see a perfect bloom. They all have faults to some degree and it is a matter of which rose has the least faults but a nice clean fresh flower is always hard to beat.
- If possible, pick the rose on a long enough stem so that you have 3 or 4 sets of leaves attached. Remember that foliage is included in the judging assessment.
- When staging the rose in a bottle, use a cork to fix it firmly in position. Corks will be available at the Show.
- All roses other than Decorative Roses should have a circular outline as shown in the diagrams on the facing page.

A stem is defined as an original new growth which carries one bloom or one bud. A cut is similar to a stem (original new growth) that carries more than one bloom, and/or bud or buds.

Staging roses may seem like a frightening experience but there will always be an

experienced exhibitor nearby who will gladly give you the help and advice you need for your first attempt. Remember that your roses are likely to be as good as anyone else's. If you do decide to take up the challenge then you have earned the Society's thanks and congratulations! At the very least, you will acquire a new skill.



Decorative Roses



A Cut of a Floribunda Rose



A Full Bloom Rose



Stem of a Miniature Rose



Cut of a Miniature Rose



An Exhibition HT



An Exhibition HT



A Single Rose

A BRIEF GLIMPSE OF SANDY KIDMAN'S GARDEN

George Thomson



Sandy Kidman's property is "Bonley", 7km's from Penola on the Millicent Road. Sandy has a very large garden, mostly a rose garden.

Many of the roses were planted by her mother in the 1940's and 1950's. The stand out roses for me are the weeper 'Dortmund', a very large bush of 'Josephine Bruce', the old Hybrid Tea 'Imperial Potentate' and the spectacular swags of 'Climbing Pinkie' by the lilly pond.

There are shrubs and climbers everywhere. "Bonley" is a garden of large roses.



'Dortmund'



'Climbing Pinkie' (Background)



L-R

'Cornelia' 'Penelope' 'Buff Beauty'



'Rosa Multiflora'



'Climbing Pinkie' by the Swimming Pool



'Dortmund'

WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES

The WFRS Publications Committee is seeking photos from past Conventions and WFRS events.

Old photos, recent photos, your own photos, posted photos for possible inclusion in the 50th Year History Book, being released in 2018.

Include a note with each photo to identify people in the picture and when (approx.) it was taken. Original photos please and can be returned.

Full details available from RSSA Secretary.

18th World Rose Convention in Denmark "A Fairytale of Roses" (28 June – 4 July 2018).

This will mark the 50th Anniversary of the WFRS and the 25th Anniversary of the Danish Rose Society.

Crown Princess Mary will attend the official opening. There will be a tour of the gardens at Rosenborg and of other private and public gardens, castles and Danish architecture. Lectures will focus on the past, the present and the future.

Exciting pre-and post-tours. Check out the website for lots more details and register soon!

National Rose Society of Australia Inc.

The winning rose



For the second year in a row, Paul Hains showed his prowess with the camera winning three of the five classes of the image print photographic competition conducted in the Australian Rose Annual. The two other winners were Mark McGuire and Susan Wade.

For those members interested in photography and some healthy competition the Emmij Photographic Competition is on again in 2017. Full details of the competition are on page 62 of the 2016 Australian Rose Annual or on the National Rose Society Australia website.

RAMBLING ROSARIANS

DAY BUS TRIP - LOCAL GARDENS - Within the Adelaide suburbs

Wednesday, 3rd May 2017

9.00 am – 4.00pm approx

Register your interest with Wendy Trimper, Coordinator

rssasec@internode.on.net or text/phone message 0478 107 260

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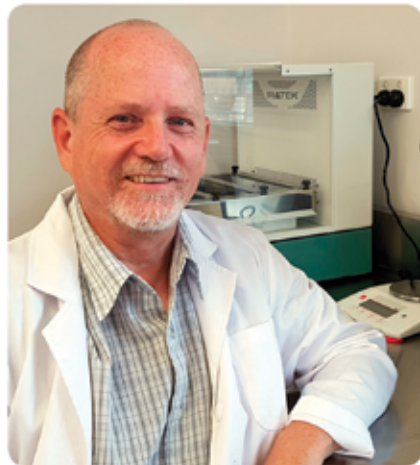
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Research Scientist Dr Uwe Stroehler appointed to Neutrog



Australian owned biological fertiliser manufacturer, Neutrog Australia, has recently appointed research scientist, Dr Uwe Stroehler Ph.D., to head up its Research and Development team.

Announcing his permanent appointment, Neutrog Managing Director Angus Irwin said Dr Stroehler's background as a highly regarded scientist together with his expertise in molecular biology will allow Neutrog to continue to be at the forefront of biological fertiliser development.

"Innovation is central to Neutrog's strategic agenda and by employing a research

scientist with the right combination of knowledge, skills and curiosity, we will further strengthen our position as a leader in the development of biological fertilisers worldwide," Mr Irwin said.

Dr Stroehler will play a pivotal role at Neutrog, conducting field research and running trials on which to base further development of biological products that are able to pinpoint, extract and proliferate specific soil bacteria which are known for their roles in the soil such as unlocking phosphorus and fixating nitrogen.

Dr Stroehler's background ensures Neutrog's manufacturing methodologies and processes, like batch and DNA testing of raw materials and finished products, providing customer reassurance by far exceeding mandatory safety standards.

Dr Stroehler has consulted to the company for the past ten years, initially during the concept stages of GOGO Juice (a liquid probiotic for soil). He's been involved in developing processes and technologies aimed at maximising the beneficial microbiology in all of Neutrog's fertiliser products.

OUT & ABOUT WITH ROSES IN THE HEARTLAND

Sharyn Perrin



On Saturday, 10th December, the Roses in the Heartland Branch held their Christmas lunch at the home of Rosie & Robert Sherwood in Truro.

The setting was perfect, a lovely grassed area under the gum trees overlooking the "pool" to the surrounding area. Lots of vintage signage was placed around the area & an old looking hut housed kitchen & bathroom facilities. A bell from the



**Bell from the old
Truro Uniting Church**



Christmas Lunch

old Truro Uniting Church stood off to one side of the grassed area, along with the signals for the train. The train track wound its way around the property & a few of the members enjoyed a ride.

Robert rang the bell & lovely hot wood oven pizza was served followed by a lovely lunch of cold meats & salads. This was followed by fruit pizza & traditional Christmas pudding with custard & cream, as well as three kinds of ice cream, much to the delight of one attendee (any guesses on who that might be?). An enjoyable, lazy day



Christmas Lunch



Christmas Lunch

was had by all & a very special thanks to Rosie & Robert for their great hospitality.

Early March was quite busy with the Tanunda Show on Saturday 11th. A great display of produce, craftwork, cooking, dahlias, children's section, horses, goats etc.



Tanunda Show Exhibits



Tanunda Show Exhibits



**Most Creative Floral Exhibit
by Penelope Schulz**



Exhibit by Rosie Sherwood

The floral work was exceptional as usual, with two of our members receiving prizes including "Most Creative Floral Exhibit" being awarded to Penelope Schulz for her Pave design. The cut flowers section was down a little on last year but still a good display & many prizes were received by our members.

On Sunday, 12th March we ventured to Clare for their annual Autumn Garden Festival



Clare Autumn Garden Festival



Sharyn Perrin & Deborah Curtis

OUT & ABOUT WITH ROSES IN THE HEARTLAND (cont)

Sharyn Perrin



& set up our information stand with general rose growing information & a new & recent rose introduction display provided by Knight's Roses. I think there would have been twice as many trade stands this year, so there was plenty of "retail therapy" to be had. The show was opened by World President, Kelvin Trimper. The programme included sessions by Jane Edmondson "for all seasons, a garden for giving" & a talk on

making compost & details of worm farming. Kim Syrus spoke on easy gardening & roses.

Many thanks to all who have assisted with our attendance at these branch functions, your help is greatly appreciated.

Our next main activity will be the AGM & Pruning Demonstration to be held 9th July at Evanston. See advertisement for full details. We would welcome some new members on the committee, so if you feel you can contribute to our Branch, please contact the Secretary.

BULLETIN READERSHIP SURVEY

What would you like to see more of in the Bulletin?

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE COMBINED BRANCHES WEEKEND - MOUNT GAMBIER NOVEMBER 17TH, 18TH & 19TH 2017 PROGRAM

Friday, 17th November

5.00 – 7.00pm “Meet and Greet” at the home of Betty McKee, Hawkins Road, Mount Gambier. Light Refreshments.

Saturday 18th November

9.00am Visit Lorraine and Lindsay Merrett’s garden, morning tea provided. Official Meeting of the Branches.

11.30am Visit “Aberfoyle”, the home of Max and Barbara Lightbody where lunch will be served.

After lunch visit Umpherston Cave. (There will be time to relax and freshen up before the evening events)

5.00pm Visit The Barn garden.

6.00 - 6.15pm Dinner at The Barn.

Dinner Speaker: Jill Collins on The Regeneration of Gardens after Bushfires.

After her move from Victoria to Mount Gambier in 2012, Jill joined the S.E. Branch of the RSSA. She has been a member of HRIA for more than 17 years and has served as Treasurer on the Executive. Jill, together with Shirley Yates co-ordinated the Roses for Bushfire Survivors project in Victoria after the Black Saturday Bushfires in 2009. In 2010 Jill received a Distinguished Service Award from HRIA.

Sunday 19th November

9.00 -10.00am Visit to Coby Jennings’s garden, including morning tea.

10.10 – 11.10am Visit the garden of Grant and Margaret Harrington.

12 noon Visit “Camawald” at Coonawarra, the garden of Sue & John Zwar where lunch will be served.

**** A separate Registration Form, with costs and accommodation information is included with this Bulletin.** Please register and pay by 8th August 2017.**

RAMBLING ROSARIANS Bus Trip (in conjunction with the CBW)

Leaving the Burnside Community Centre Friday morning and returning by early evening on Sunday. Expressions of interest to Wendy Trimper, Coordinator, via email rssasec@internode.on.net, or Society phone 0478 107 260.

Approx. cost \$90 - \$115 dependent upon numbers.

ROSE OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2017 - 'Ebb Tide', is a Floribunda rose bred by Tom Carruth, in the USA, in 2004 and released by Weeks Roses.



The rose has the two outstanding features of showy, novel, mauve blooms and a delightful strong fragrance.

The dark purple buds open to deep purple, double, old-fashioned rosette blooms.

The flowers 8-10 cms in size are described as velvet plum washed with a haze of sultry smoke with a petal count exceeding 35. The cooler autumn months usually bring a darker colouration. The flowers are borne in clusters

with regular single stems.

The intense spicy clove fragrance is a major selling point for Ebb Tide.

The bushy growth habit is upright with medium size dark green, semi glossy foliage. The almost straight prickles are average in size and are not present in heavy numbers. In good growing conditions the compact, rounded growth habit can reach 90 cms by 75 cms wide, but a height of 60 – 80 cms is more common. The plant has excellent pest and disease resistance.

Ebb Tide boasts a complicated parentage that includes three other outstanding mauve roses, Big Purple (Stephens 1986), Blue Nile (Delbard 1980) and Sweet Chariot (Moore 1985).

A very reliable rose, Ebb Tide blooms in flushes throughout the growing season. Available as a standard or bush, Ebb Tide can be used for beds, borders and containers. The rose makes an attractive statement in the garden or in cut flower arrangements.

Ebb Tide is available from Knight's Roses, Wagner's Rose Nursery, Treloar Roses and Newman's Nursery. The rose comes highly recommended.

Awards:

Certificate of Merit: National Rose Trial Garden of Australia 2005

Most Fragrant Rose: Rose Hills International Rose Trial USA 2011

Text and Photo: Les Johnson

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

ROSE OF THE MONTH (cont)

FEBRUARY 2017 - 'Maurice Utrillo', is a Floribunda rose bred by the Delbard family in France and introduced in 2003.



Maurice Utrillo is from the Delbard Painters Collection – a series of brilliantly contrasted, voluptuous, striped roses named after the Great French Impressionist Painters. Other well-known roses in the range are 'Henri Matisse', 'Claude Monet' and 'Edgar Degas'.

Often bringing sheer delight or sometimes disdain, the extreme difference in each flower attracts immediate attention. Maurice Utrillo is regarded as one of the best in the collection given its vigour, double camellia like blooms, disease resistance and stunning colours of bright red, cream and white, fading to pink at the edges.

'Maurice Utrillo' has large flowers with a light herbaceous scent and looks like a modern shrub rose but is registered as a Floribunda rose, a term used to describe a cluster of flowers on one stem. The rose is hardy and very disease resistant. It has healthy, dark green foliage and grows 1m tall and 1m wide with great repeat flowering from spring until the end of autumn.

This rose is ideal for beds and group planting making a stunning colourful display in the garden and is also suitable for flower arrangements.

Available as a bush or standard rose from Wagner's Rose Nursery, Newman's Nursery and Rose Sales Online.

Text and Photo: Melanie Trimper

MARCH 2017 - 'Westerland' is a Climber, Shrub



'Westerland', bred by Kordes in 1969, is popular throughout the world. Although released as a Shrub, it is most often used as a medium-sized climber, covering areas 3m wide by 2m high.

Westerland flowers throughout the season and its vivid colour varies between orange-red, apricot and yellow. The large, cupped blooms are borne in clusters of up to 9 flowers per stem with an attractive, intense, rose, clove and spice fragrance.

ROSE OF THE MONTH (cont)

Fresh new foliage appears bronze in colour, later changing as it ages to form large leaves of glossy deep green. A vigorous and healthy shrub, it is very resistant to black spot and reasonably tolerant of other diseases. This rose establishes quickly, making it an ideal screening plant, albeit deciduous.

When in full bloom this rose provides a spectacular wall of flowers making an eye-catching display. Westerland was recognised as an ADR rose in the prestigious German rose trials in 1974.

Available from Wagner's Rose Nursery, Ross Roses, Newman's Nursery, Thomas for Roses and Treloar Roses.

Text: Kelvin Trimper

Photo: Melanie Trimper

COUNTRY NEWS MAITLAND SHOW MARCH 11TH 2017

Brenda Burton



Another great show, down on entries this year but nevertheless, still very good. As you can see from the photos of the show it was a bit sparse. Peter and I judged and the winning Rose was the Rose in a Brandy Balloon, an Apricot Nectar we believe. This was won by Sandy McIntyre.

The Statice was particularly nice and was won by Mrs Atkinson, who was the Grandma of Nikeisha Atkinson who won the Junior Pink Rose. It's always nice to see families competing.

Floral Art was the floral plate won by Vivienne Illman. This I thought was very nice, neat and nicely designed.

The plants are always great, but most belong to Margaret and Neville Illman. No competition really, but the Crown of Thorns was a terrific plant. The show is almost kept together by Margaret and Neville. Without their hard work I don't think there would be a show.

The perpetual Cup donated by the Rose Society, was won by Sandy McIntyre for the most successful exhibitor.

The encouragement award went to Douglas Stock for the Succulent garden.

COUNTRY NEWS

MAITLAND SHOW MARCH 11TH 2017 (cont)



**Winning Rose Exhibit by
Sandy McIntyre**



The Exhibits



**Encouragement Award
Exhibit by Douglas Stock**



Most Unusual Container



**Margaret Illman
receiving the trophy
for Sandy McIntyre**



**Floral Plate Winner
Vivienne Illman**

COUNTRY NEWS

MAITLAND SHOW MARCH 11TH 2017 (cont)



Crown of Thorns



***Junior Pink Rose
Exhibited by
Nikeisha Atkinson***



***Peter & Brenda Burton
with Margaret Illman***

WHAT A TEAM!!

I would like to again thank the proof readers for the outstanding contribution they make to the quality of the publication of the Bulletin. - Ed.

Tony Hanna

Les Johnson

Les Krake

Dawn Vivian



NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Council of the Rose Society of S.A. invites nominations for proposed Life Membership of our Society.

Any member may submit a nomination for another member whom they feel meets the criteria of special, outstanding and exemplary service to our Society and deserves our highest honour.

The nominations, together with a written citation are to be lodged by Wednesday, 12th April 2017 with the Society Secretary.

We are not aging we are ripening to perfection.

It was a whole lot easier to get older, than it was to get wiser.

Getting old is easy - having fun at it is the trick.

KNIGHT'S ROSES

LAUNCH 'BUTTERFLY KISSES'

TO ASSIST VARIETY – the Children's Charity



A beautiful new pale pink rose named **'Butterfly Kisses'** has been launched nationally by Knight's Roses as a fundraiser in conjunction with Variety – the Children's Charity.

Part proceeds from the sale of this rose will assist Variety to carry out its important work to make life a little bit rosier for Australian children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs by supplying equipment, kids programs and services to communities across Australia.

'Butterfly Kisses' is a pearly pink Floribunda rose bred by Harkness Roses in the UK. The blooms are elegant, plentiful and perfumed. The beautifully shaped, high centred, double flowers have up to 30 petals and an average diameter of 10cm, produced in clusters of three to seven blooms. The perfume is fruity with fresh citrus notes.

The rose is low maintenance and very disease resistant. It has healthy, dark green glossy foliage and grows 1m tall x 1m wide with repeat flowering throughout the season. Ideal for beds, borders and group planting.

'Butterfly Kisses' (HARpearl) received the UK's prestigious **Gold Standard Award**. The Gold Standard is awarded for health, volume of flowers, ability to bloom freely, scent and overall beauty.

The rose can be purchased online through Knight's Roses' www.knightsroses.com.au or contact your local garden centre.

Knight's Roses, 44 Jack Cooper Drive, Gawler, South Australia

Ph. (08) 8523 1311 or Email: retailsales@knightsroses.com.au

Keeping up the appearance of having all your marbles is hard work, but important. We don't know how to act our age because we haven't been this age before. Grandparents are short on criticism...because they understand that to be old and wise you must first be young and stupid.

NOTES FROM THE TRADING TABLE & GIFT SHELF

Margaret Naughton, Heather Odgers and Sue Rafferty



Adelaide will again be coming up with glorious roses for our Autumn Show - can our members produce even better blooms than those at the last Spring Show? Come and find out!

Our wonderful members who bake, bottle and make for our Shows are already very busy. Gill has been looking through her extensive repertoire in readiness for her BIG BAKE over the Show weekend. Mary-Ann has been sourcing different kinds of fruit (plum, fig, strawberry, cumquat) for her many DELIGHTS IN A JAR. Mary-Ann has also made a few jars of rose petal jelly! David's beautiful apricot jam is dark, thick and smooth. Tastes wonderful on scones, tarts, toast and jam roly poly pudding (just like mother used to make!). Heather has made some of her Gourmet Strawberry Jam (with strawberries from Mt Compass) especially for our Show.

David is increasing his bottles of tomato sauce (sunshine in a bottle) and jars of chutney whilst his bees are busy making their famous honey. For our bee lovers, we will also have some bee tea towels! Pam's knitting needles have had an extensive work out over the summer break covering the hangers and Pam has also added some new colours. Already we have a waiting list for Ruth's fresh cream jelly creams.

We will have many new items (including latest umbrella, china and rose tea towel designs) for you to buy and put away for 25th December.

We have been given a few rose button hole pins by our President - members may like to purchase one.

As we always say, please come early as our members who donate, have their own following from the general public, who come to the shows to purchase these items before and after they smell the roses and spend time in the wonderful Rose Cafe.

Can our members kindly support our Plant Stall by bringing in any spare plants/cuttings, labelled, for them to sell.

We look forward to seeing you over the Autumn Show Weekend 22nd/23rd April - you will not be disappointed.

LOOK FOR THESE TEA TOWELS ON THE GIFT SHELF AT THE AUTUMN SHOW



**MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUT THE GIFT SHELF AT
THE MONTHLY MEETINGS**

The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.

LOOK FOR THESE ON THE GIFT SHELF AT THE AUTUMN SHOW





ROSE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC

AUTUMN ROSE SHOW 2017

BURNSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

401 GREENHILL ROAD, TUSMORE

Saturday, 22nd April 12.00noon to 5.00pm

Sunday, 23rd April 10.00am to 4.00pm

Admission \$5.00

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3.00pm Saturday 22nd April 2017

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President of The National Rose Society of Australia Inc

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Roses in the Heartland



Rose Pruning Demonstration & Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday 9th July 2017

Times: 1:30pm to 3:00pm - Pruning demo

Please bring along your own secateurs & gloves to enable supervised "hands on training" so that a better understanding of pruning is achieved.

3:00pm to 3:30pm - Afternoon tea

3:30pm - AGM

Venue: The Home of Lynette Williams

3 Para Road, Evanston, SA 5116

For Further Information Contact: Sharyn Perrin PH 0409 096 369

Afternoon Tea Supplied

VOLUNTEERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ROSE GARDEN

Deborah Curtis



We've a slow start with the dead heading this year because we had to cancel some days due to heat and even wet! Despite this, a small group of us have been very busy with the dead heading and the garden is looking quite good.

We start at 0730 and go through until around 1200 with a coffee break, depending on the weather. We are quite flexible time-wise. Some of the group come for 2 hours and some for longer.

New volunteers are most welcome. All you need is a bit of enthusiasm for roses, clean, sharp secateurs; gloves, suitable clothing, a hat, water bottle and enclosed shoes.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Deborah Curtis

Supervisor of the Volunteers in IRG

On behalf of the RSSA

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Part of the International Rose Garden

Will my roses bloom again this season?

**Reproduced with permission of Wagners Rose Nursery
from their March Newsletter**

Just like we're doing in the Nursery, now (March) is the ideal time to remove all rose hips and deadheads for a new autumn flush.

The colour and quality of the roses will also improve.

Essentially, deadheading involves removing the stem at about 10-15cm below the rose hip (the dead rose).

Give them another blast of fertiliser such as 'Sudden Impact for Roses', keep watering, and you will be rewarded with more flushes of roses through what's left of the warmer months into Autumn.

Remember to top up the mulch in your garden if it has degraded and even if there has been a little rain make sure your soil moisture levels are kept high – give your roses a deep soak.

Good judgment comes from bad experience ... and most of that comes from bad judgment.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

REPORT FROM ROSES ON EYRE MEETING

5th February 2017 - Trevor Kemp



Held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ken Walmsley at North Shields, we had a good number arrive for the meeting, we counted 36 visitors and members, with about 40 entries in the Rose Competition.

Most gardens have some conditions that require special attention. Ken and Lynne Walmsley live close to the sea at north Shields and get a blast of moist sea breeze most days. Their garden was a delight to see, they had used Tuna compost, lightly worked into the surface. It was evident that this had worked well by the nice fresh growth on all the plants.

Mrs. Aileen Scott outlined for us the Roses SA program for the future, then we had Mr. Paul De Puglia from Neutrog, who gave an outline and slideshow of all the products available and the new ones being developed by the company.

A comment was made that the Rose Potting Mix distributed in our region showed promise. The comments ranged from just a little improvement to a good strong improvement. The new product used was to be side by side with a normal mix, with water the only additive. Questions from the floor helped to understand the importance of using good products and improving the soil health.

After lunch we had an inspection of the garden and that revealed that use of good gardening practice leads to good returns. We were all impressed with the hard work both Ken and Lynne had put into the garden, especially as Lynne had a disability with seeing and they made a great day for us all. Well Done.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS PLANNED FOR COWELL ON THE 7TH OF MAY 2017



Lynne & Ken's Garden



Some of the Entries

*The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.*

EDITOR'S PAGE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BULLETIN ARTICLE CONTRIBUTORS



Our members have a wealth of knowledge about roses which can be shared through the Bulletin. If you are aware of an article that our rose-loving members would appreciate please email it to the editor for consideration for inclusion in a future Bulletin.

Maybe you have an idea, or a resource you have found, something you have tried that works. It can be short and sweet, or longer in length.

I would like to see some articles about your rose growing experiences with possible subjects being:-

- How do you prepare your soil before planting roses?
- Do you have any special pruning plans/techniques?
- What methods do you use to treat pests and diseases?
- What procedure do you follow when planting a rose in a position previously occupied by a rose?
- Which are the most popular types of roses grown in your district and why is this so?
- Do you plant for colour - what roses do you use?

Closing dates for future Bulletins:

QUARTERLY ISSUE	RESERVE SPACE BY	or	PROVIDE MATERIAL BY
Jul/Aug/Sep 2017	15 May 2017		1st June 2017
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