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Back Cover: 'Rock 'n Roll' grown by Tony Hanna, photographed by Dawn Vivian.

Disclaimer

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Advertisements

Photos, diagrams, line drawings can be included and will be printed at an appropriate size.

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Rose Culture Articles

Whilst every attempt is made to publish articles in the month to which they refer, this may not always be possible due to space constraints. For a list of rose culture articles back to October 2014 refer to the "About Roses from Recent Bulletins" list which will appear in the Bulletin at regular intervals. - **Editor**

ROSE CULTURE Questions and Answers

Forward your question to the Editor:

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I will endeavour to get an answer from one of our RSSA experts for the next edition of the Bulletin.

PROOF READERS

I would like to thank the proof readers for the outstanding contribution they make to the Bulletin - Editor, Don Vivian, db.vivian@bigpond.com



Brenda Burton



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Dawn Vivian

President's Report

Doug Gregory



The Presidency.

Assuming the role of President of the Society is exciting but has created some feelings of trepidation. Knowing the huge effort and excellent leadership shown by Gavin and other Presidents before him, I know the position will be a challenge. Gavin has led from the front within our society and at a national level with the maintenance of new and ongoing initiatives.

He has provided his expertise in plant culture, rose exhibiting and judging, and administration to rosarians across the country. His commitment to the role can only be rated as excellent and made even more meritorious when considering the distance he has travelled.

Winter Volunteers

We have all been busy during the winter with rose pruning. It seems to be a task that causes the most difficulty to those who are new to roses. Each year our pruning demonstrations attract a good number of people wanting an expert's view, this year has been no exception. Members, with some expertise, are also involved in pruning roses in public parks or specialty gardens. The list is impressive, but the International Rose Garden in the Botanic Gardens precinct, Old Government House in the Belair National Park, the National Rose Collection in Renmark and the Riverton Early Settlers Memorial Garden give a hint of how far we spread and how diverse the rose gardens can be. It is a fantastic way for a member of the society to be involved with other members and to work collaboratively within a community.

Our society, by and large, depends on volunteers to organise, implement, action, tie off and report an event. We are faced, like most volunteer organisations, with an ageing and diminishing group. This has implications for what we do and how we do it. The other issue that faces groups similar to ours is the cost of doing business. Hire of facilities and communication costs have made it difficult to continue in the traditional way. To this end, we will have to work smarter and more efficiently and encourage the next generation to assume key roles on the society's committees.

Those who volunteer their time need to know that they will be supported by the administration and the general membership. I think as a Society we do offer that support and enable the working committees to achieve their respective goals. Two major events for the year are the Spring and Autumn Rose Shows organised by the Show Committee. When we have a show, members willingly nominate to work on a roster for an hour or two, or, make the effort to attend, or, contribute to the plant stall, gift shelf or afternoon tea delights, or, freely provide advice on all rose related matters. Their reward is quite simply to work and talk with like minded members, to take delight in the sights and scents of the roses and stall displays and to see the joy on the faces of our visitors.

Financial Report

The Financial Report for 2016 - 2017 was presented at the AGM. The task of Treasurer for the year was taken up by Penelope Schulz, a new role for Penelope, not a role she relished

but one in which she was able to present the required reports and to implement a number of cost saving techniques. We are indebted to Penelope for her dedication, time and effort expended.

Whilst the Society maintains a strong bottom line, the year did end with a deficit. The Treasurer's notes pointed to our successful 'Allan Campbell Lecture and End of Year Dinner' and 'Rose Shows' and the cost of the 'Bulletin' and 'Rose Annual' publication and postage as the main contributors for the deficit. It is not that often that we run a deficit, but we do need to remind ourselves that our function is to promote the rose and its culture and success is not always measured in dollars. Reality also says that we should not continue in the same vein.

Council has already started a discussion to identify ways in which we can improve our receipts and reduce our payments. It will be a long process but ultimately common sense must prevail.

World Event

We do have an important event on the horizon and it will require team work to make it a success. The event in question is the hosting of the World Federation of Rose Societies Conference in 2021. It requires detailed planning and volunteers to do all sorts of tasks. The other States will also be involved but the things that light the eyes of the visitors will fall to us. The benefits to our state will be immeasurable. I'm sure it will raise the pulse and adrenalin levels of anyone who volunteers their time.

Continued liaison with the Botanic Gardens and the Adelaide City Council where we offer advice and volunteer time will continue. Any member wanting to join this happy throng would be warmly welcomed. These activities are to assist in ensuring our parks and gardens are coloured with roses and be a delight to any visitor.

A Personal Note

At a personal level Pam and I are looking forward to attending the National Rose Show in Melbourne and then the Combined Branches meeting in Mount Gambier the weekend after that. The South East of our state has a lot to offer and I always look forward to seeing my sister's garden at Glencoe as a bonus.

I would also like to thank Dean Stringer and his committee for nominating me for Life Membership of our Society. I hold Dean in very high esteem and feel a little reassured that even those of us who plod away in the background are recognised for our efforts. It's like a half back flanker winning the Brownlow. In accepting the award, I pay tribute to all our Life Members for their continued support.

Enjoy your garden, enjoy Spring and take time to smell the roses.



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Council for 2017/2018



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John Humphries - Treasurer

Wendy Trimper - Secretary

Malcolm Watson - Vice President

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Kelvin Trimper

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

October 2017

Monday 2nd, Peterborough Show

Sunday 8th, 9:30am, Roses on Eyre Meeting, Mount Laura Homestead, Ekblom Street, Whyalla Norrie

Wednesday 11th, 7:45pm, Members General Meeting

Speaker: Gavin Woods

Topic: My Favourite Roses for Exhibiting

Question Time: Gavin Woods

Competition: 1 Decorative Rose

Open Section: 1 Exhibit

Judge: Peter Burton

Floral Subject: Spring Basket

Judge: Melanie Trimper

Friday 13th, 7:00pm RSSA Council Meeting

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd, RSSA Spring Rose Show - Burnside Community Centre

November 2017

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th, Burra Districts Open Gardens

Wednesday 8th, 7:45pm, Members General Meeting

Speaker: Julia Jacobs

Topic: Companion planting with Iris

Question Time: Peter Burton

Competition: 1 Cut or 1 Full Bloom

Open Section: 1 Exhibit

Judge: Gavin Woods

Floral Subject: Dining Table Christmas Centrepiece

Judge: Melanie Trimper

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th: NRSA AGM

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th: Society's Combined Branches Meeting

Friday 24th, 5:30pm, Rose Shows Sub Committee Meeting

Friday 24th, 7:00pm, RSSA Council Meeting

December 2017

Wednesday 6th, RSSA Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 13th, from 10:30am, RITH Christmas Lunch



'Apricot Nectar'



'Baby Boomer'



'Brass Band'

CITATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF THE R.S.S.A

MR DOUGLAS GREGORY



Mr Doug Gregory joined the RSSA in April 1990 and has given 26 years of valuable service in many areas during these years. He commenced service in 1994 as Editor of the quarterly Rose Bulletin and continued until 2000 a term of 7 years.

Whilst serving as Editor he was elected to the position of Secretary of The Society in 1995. He was Show Manager 1994-96. Whilst continuing as Bulletin Editor he served as Vice President from 1996-2000 a term of 5 years. He continued for a further 4 years as

a Council Member until 2004.

His service to Council was most extensive and extremely valuable being both a regular guest speaker and demonstrator at Rose pruning demonstrations and field days.

Doug, together with wife Pam (who was also a member of Council), established an extremely interesting rose garden on their property at Crafers West, which they opened for visits to RSSA members and also members of the public. These field days were very valuable for people interested in growing roses in the Adelaide Hills.

In recent years, Doug has developed a new computerised Membership Data Base and designed an excellent Data Base Programme for the Show administration. He also organises hall layout and display areas for our Shows. This has been extremely helpful to the Show Manager.

Doug spent more than 10 years developing and perfecting another data base for Rose Identification. This most extensive data base is provided, by Doug, free of cost, for identification of Roses for the public during our Rose Shows. The associated DVD is also used by many RSSA members.

Apart from service to RSSA, Doug has been most helpful to the National Rose Trial Garden of Aust. He has for many years produced all the Award Certificates free of cost, for the presentation Awards Ceremony of the NRTGA and the yearly NRTGA awards winners' summary for inclusion in the NRSA Rose Annual.

Doug has for a number of years helped solve Rose problems for the public, via the RSSA website. Over the past 25 years he has been a very capable A grade Rose Exhibitor and more recently has become a well-respected Rose Judge. He has judged at Rose Shows and given lectures to garden clubs, to many Hills clubs, as well as Murray Bridge, Noarlunga and Strathalbyn. He has also been a member of the Judging Panel of the Annual Garden Competition in the Strathalbyn district.

Doug has for many years donated plants for the RSSA trading table at both Spring and Autumn Shows.

Doug has also recently taken the position of Vice President for the RSSA.

The facts listed above make Mr Douglas Gregory a very worthy nomination for Life Membership of the RSSA.

NOTES FROM THE TRADING TABLE & GIFT SHELF

Margaret Naughton, Heather Odgers and Sue Rafferty



Margaret Naughton



Heather Odgers



Sue Rafferty



'Lacy Parasol'

Adelaide will be coming up roses again for our Spring Show in October

Members and the general public are always looking to start their Christmas shopping with our Spring Show. With this in mind, we have purchased several items which will make a lovely gift without doing too much damage on the credit card. One of our very talented members has also been busy making Christmas decorations. Gill makes delicious boiled fruit cakes which make a welcome gift for an elderly neighbour when you pop around for a cup of tea (or something stronger) during the festive season.

Members have asked us for more pretty, rosy items and we are working towards having new rose designs in cards, serviettes, china, tea towels and bags. Many of our umbrellas are very rosy and it all depends on our wholesaler whether they will have a new design in time for this show.

We will also have some luxurious natural soaps from France and England all beautifully wrapped and presented. We are always happy for our members to have first look and buy from us whilst we are setting up on Friday afternoon before the show opens on the Saturday. We appreciate that members have little time to look during the Show when they are busy serving the public. Our calendar for this year will be from the Garden Club of Australia which will appeal to everyone, whether you have a window box or a half acre plot!

With our members that make, bake, bottle and sew for our Shows, there will be plenty to suit all tastes but as we always say, you will need to come early as many members have their own following from the general public.

A big thank you from the ladies to Penny for all her help and support whilst she was Treasurer and she has now handed the wizzy machine to John Humphries and we welcome him back on board. We will do our best not to give him too many headaches!

The Show Committee and Council have worked hard towards making the Spring Show a success and we ask all our members to come along and support the show. Could you also give an hour of your time to sell a raffle ticket or take the admission money, help in the Rose Cafe - Plant Stall - Information Table. Perhaps help everyone tidy up at the end on Sunday afternoon when our feet and back are aching after what will be a busy show?

Whatever part our members play we must make sure we take time to stop and smell the wonderful roses that will be on display. How lucky are we ALL to be involved?

LOOK FOR THESE ON THE GIFT SHELF AT THE SPRING SHOW



Tea Towel



Tea Towel



Christmas Table Runner & Serviettes



Christmas Tote Bag



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



ROSE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SPRING ROSE SHOW 2017

BURNSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE
401 GREENHILL ROAD, TUSMORE

Saturday, 21st October 12.00noon to 5.00pm

Sunday, 22nd October 10.00am to 4.00pm

Guest Speakers: Saturday 1.15pm &

Sunday 1.00pm & 2.00pm

OFFICIAL OPENING

3.00pm Saturday 21st October

by

Radio Compere
Jeremy Cordeaux

Visit our website for more information:

www.sarose.org.au

The Show Committee invites and welcomes RSSA members to the Spring Show.



In addition to the wonderful displays of flowers, The Gift shelf, The Rose Café, Plant Stall, Heritage Rose display, China Painting, Woodville Academy of Floral Design and 3 Rose Retailers there are 3 excellent Speakers for the free lecture programs.

Saturday at 1.15pm: "Roses for the Home Garden" presented by Maureen Ross

Sunday at 1.00 pm; "The Pedigree of the Rose" presented by Tate Hancox

Sunday at 2.00pm: "Easy Floral Arranging for the home" presented by Joy Johnson

Each of these speakers has excellent knowledge and passion for their topic.

The contribution that you make, as members of the society, is central to the success of the event and is really valued by the Show Committee. Your involvement will assist making this show an outstanding success.

Please use your enthusiasm and love for The Rose to help promote this event. Rosters and advertising material will be available at the October monthly meetings.

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TREASURER'S REPORT COVERING THE ATTACHED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017.

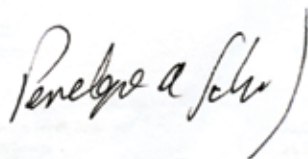
I am pleased to provide the following financial statements covering the activities of the Society which have included the staging of successful rose shows and the Alan Campbell lectures.

1. Receipts and Payments statement.
2. Bank account reconciliation.
3. Accumulated Reserves Statement.

The Receipts and Payments Statement for 2016/2017 show that the payments recorded (\$107,586.60) exceeded receipts (\$103,045.89) by \$4,540.71. This has resulted in a reduction of \$4344.09 from the 1 April 2016 accumulated carried forward funds of \$164,027.72 to the 31 March 2017 final accumulated total funds of \$159,683.63.

The major income items included for the year are membership subscriptions, Neutrog royalties, rose show and gift shelf receipts and term deposit interest.

Major expenditure items for the year include rose show costs, bulletin printing and postage, various rose promotion initiatives, financial support for the National Society and our contribution for the production of the Australian Rose Annual.



Penelope Schulz

Treasurer

30 May 2017

The Rose Society of South Australia Inc.
Bank Account Reconciliation as at 31 March 2017

BankSA Society Cheque Account	
Account 105-086 330 083 440	
Balance as per Rose Society Books at 1 April 2016	-\$1,329.97
Plus receipts	\$103,045.89
Less Payments	-\$107,586.60
Plus transfers from term deposits	\$10,000.00
Less transfers to term deposits	\$0.00
Plus cancellation of stale cheque	\$30.00
Balance as per Rose Society Books at 31 March 2016	<u>\$4,159.32</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 31 March 2017	\$4,159.32
Less Unpresented Cheques	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<u>\$4,159.32</u>

The Rose Society of South Australia Inc.
ACCUMULATED RESERVES STATEMENT 01.04.2016 - 31.03.2017

Total Funds carried forward 1 April 2016 \$164,027.72

Represented by:-

Balance of cheque account 1 April 2016	-\$1,329.97
Cash in Hand	\$40.00
Business Access Saver Account	\$30,317.69
Term Deposit 186 4037 785 160 @ 3.35% matures 06.09.2017	\$10,000.00
Term Deposit 192 4036 942 160 @ 2.70% matures 28.01.2018	\$50,000.00
Term Deposit 135 4036 475 260 @ 4.55% matures 02.05.2019	\$20,000.00
Term Deposit 015 4035 888 260 @ 4.55% matures 10.05.2019	\$20,000.00
Term Deposit 015 4035 060 860 @ 4.55% matures 10.05.2019	\$20,000.00
Term Deposit 015 4036 195 160 @ 4.55% matures 18.05.2019	\$15,000.00
	<u>\$164,027.72</u>

RECEIPTS

Total Receipts \$103,045.89 (less cash in hand at 1 April 2016)	\$103,005.89
Business Access Saver Account interest \$209.62 (les \$3.00 bank fee)	\$206.62

PAYMENTS

Total Payments	-\$107,586.60
Cancellation of stale cheque	\$30.00

TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 31 March 2017

\$159,683.63

Represented by:-

Balance of cheque account	\$4,159.32
Business Access Saver Account	\$20,524.31
Term Deposit 186 4037 785 160 @ 3.35% matures 06.09.2017	\$10,000.00
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	<u>\$159,683.63</u>

Less Provisions:-

Own Insurance	\$21,000.00
Trophy funds held in trust	\$9,200.00
Public and Community Gardens Grant	\$5,000.00
Technical Equipment	\$2,000.00
NRSA AGM	\$3,000.00
	<u>\$40,200.00</u>

Total provisions \$40,200.00
NET CURRENT FUNDS AVAILABLE \$159,683.63

Receipts Statements 2016/17 & 2015/2016

	2016/2017	2015/2016
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
<u>Administration</u>		
Members Subscriptions	\$23,115.00	\$22,323.25
Members Subscriptions in advance	\$160.00	\$0.00
Neutrog royalties	\$30,595.32	\$32,100.21
<u>Monthly Meetings</u>		
Raffle proceeds	\$869.90	\$1,030.00
<u>Bulletin</u>		
Bulletin advertising	\$580.00	\$525.00
Rambling Rosarians Bookings	\$630.00	\$3,112.00
<u>Rose promotion</u>		
Sale of books, publications, equipment,etc	\$51.95	\$0.00
General	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Rose Shows</u>		
Admission	\$5,664.05	\$5,781.10
Gift shelf	\$15,461.65	\$10,782.55
Plant stall	\$1,193.00	\$1,503.10
Catering	\$3,826.55	\$4,436.60
Raffle	\$1,899.30	\$2,562.15
DVD Sales	\$126.00	\$118.00
<u>Christmas dinner</u>		
Members contribution	\$0.00	\$3,300.00
<u>Combined Branches Trip - Hay - May 2015</u>	\$0.00	\$18,811.00
<u>Allan Campbell Lectures</u>	\$12,211.00	\$0.00
<u>Sundries</u>		
Donations	\$117.20	\$50.00
Interest on Cheque Account	\$12.26	\$42.40
Interest on Term Deposits	\$5,021.21	\$5,901.96
Miscellaneous	\$1,511.50	\$720.00
SUB TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$103,045.89	\$113,099.32
Deficit	\$4,540.71	
TOTAL	\$107,586.60	\$113,099.32

Payments Statements 2016/17 & 2015/16

	2016/2017	2015/2016
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
<u>Administration</u>		
Insurance	\$1,473.95	\$2,310.40
Rent - meeting rooms	\$4,369.20	\$4,398.90
Admin - printing/stationery/postage/phone	\$4,063.16	\$6,103.42
Honoraria	\$969.00	\$3,897.50
<u>Monthly Meetings</u>		
Supper Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
Speakers gifts and presentations	\$592.26	\$782.88
Monthly competition prizes	\$210.00	\$210.00
Raffle Prizes	\$169.25	\$292.71
<u>Bulletin</u>		
Printing & postage	\$24,489.50	\$18,734.64
<u>Rambling Rosarians Outgoings</u>	\$2,180.00	\$3,170.00
<u>Affiliation fees</u>		
Garden Clubs of Australia	\$90.00	\$213.19
American Rose Society	\$96.71	\$51.73
<u>Rose promotion</u>		
State Branches	\$6,000.00	\$720.41
General	\$2,940.59	\$1,584.93
<u>Rose Shows</u>		
Gift shelf	\$4,358.61	\$3,686.18
Plant stall	\$21.00	\$281.50
Catering	\$1,420.78	\$877.42
Hall Hire	\$6,210.00	\$4,702.09
Medals, trophies and prize money	\$5,475.50	\$4,541.00
Staging and other	\$1,826.99	\$1,419.23
Transportation of equipment	\$198.00	\$722.65
Storage of equipment	\$3,346.63	\$2,619.05
Promotion	\$1,291.58	\$3,594.46
Printing costs	\$3,303.68	\$446.82
Donation - Woodville Academy of Floral Design	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Event Insurance	\$852.73	\$825.00
<u>NRSA</u>		
Capitation fee	\$2,184.00	\$2,090.00
Australian Rose Annuals	\$5,995.45	\$6,968.25
Delegates expenses to AGM	\$1,199.98	\$1,862.90
<u>Christmas dinner</u>		
Expenses	\$0.00	\$4,077.00
Refunds	\$0.00	\$225.00
<u>Combined Branches Trip - Hay - May 2015</u>	\$0.00	\$18,372.50
<u>Donation for WFRS 2021 Convention</u>	\$1,458.00	\$0.00
<u>Allan Campbell Lectures</u>	\$16,937.40	\$0.00
<u>Public & Community Grant</u>	\$0.00	\$4,800.00
<u>Capital expenses</u>		
IT & other equipment	\$181.38	\$0.00
<u>Sundries</u>		
Combined Branches & other meetings	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank charges	\$908.77	\$1,040.48
Miscellaneous - inc 25/50 year badges	\$1,772.50	\$3.67
SUB TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$107,586.60	\$106,625.91
Surplus		\$6,473.41
TOTAL	\$107,586.60	\$113,099.32

President's Report to AGM 12th July 2017

Gavin Woods



It gives me much pleasure in reporting the activities of our society for the past 12 months.

Council has again maintained a full schedule of meetings and activities. The 13 members of Council have met monthly to deliberate on issues and administer this Society to the benefit of all members.

Our membership remains static with new memberships replacing non-renewals.

One of the highlights of our year was the staging of the 3rd Allan Campbell Memorial Lectures entitled "Simply the Best". Matthias Meiland led a stellar group of speakers who entertained and educated a large number of participating rosarians from all states of Australia.

A decision to hold our end of year function in concert with the lectures saw a very high attendance at this excellent function. Both our Patron Mrs Le and our Vice-Patron Lord Mayor Martin Haese attended. We were delighted to present 25 year membership awards to 11 of our members.

Our show committee has orchestrated the staging of two excellent shows during the last year. We returned to Mt Barker to again stage a show which was well received and supported. We look forward to a second Spring show to be run in conjunction with Uraidla Show Society in early November this year. I hope that these shows will continue to be supported as great promotional exercises as well as provide an opportunity for exhibitors to hone their skills.

Spring 2016 saw with great regret the final open day at Kay and Walter Duncan's "Heritage Garden". This world class garden has given great joy to the thousands who have visited over many years and has raised many tens of thousands of dollars for charity. The Rose Society has been privileged to play a small part in the promotional activities that have surrounded this event.

A small band of members attended the National Rose Society's AGM, this year hosted by the WA Rose Society. A cool spring resulted in a small show; however the hospitality of our WA friends saw us all enjoy a wonderful weekend.

The Society has continued to provide consultants to both Adelaide City Council and the Botanic Gardens of South Australia. A new Chinese Rose Garden to celebrate Adelaide's sister city relationship with the city of Qingdao is rapidly approaching the planting stage. This will further enhance the Veale Gardens precinct and will see a new rose donated by George Thomson the feature plant.

Regrettably, a planned redevelopment of the International Rose Garden within Adelaide Botanic Gardens has stalled. We will continue to make representations to promote a positive outcome.

Members of the 2021 Convention committee continue to work diligently towards the

monumental goal that is the World Convention. Fund-raising, contract negotiation and venue procurement are current milestones. This is a world event managed by our national body with all states participating. That said, our state will carry the burden of the majority of the work as the convention is to be held in Adelaide. We are fortunate that we have members with experience in this challenging field.

At our Autumn Show the society was offered the opportunity to launch a new rose which will act as a fundraiser for the 2021 convention. "Unconventional Lady" was jointly launched by Mrs Veronica O'Brien, President of the National Rose Society of Australia and Mr Kelvin Trimper, Chair of the 2021 committee, suitably christened this fantastic new Hybrid Tea rose. Rose promotional activities continue. We continue to undertake most opportunities availed to us be it at Newman's Nursery at peak flowering time, or our recently concluded pruning demonstrations. These important activities help to extend the public's skill and appreciation of the rose.

Exhibitor workshops were again conducted. It was pleasing to see some of the participants bring blooms to our Autumn Show. At least one of those new exhibitors was rewarded with a Championship award.

Our volunteers continue to maintain the high standard of rose plantings within the Botanic Gardens at both the International Rose Garden and the National Rose Trial Garden. This support is greatly appreciated by both the society and the Botanic Gardens.

We have maintained a presence within the "National Rose Collection" at Renmark. Several pruners enjoyed a weekend of camaraderie maintaining the Heritage Roses In Australia collection last August. We will again venture to Renmark in a few weeks. It is unsettling to learn that the future of the wider garden is still undetermined.

Our 4 branches have maintained a busy schedule and are doing great work promoting the rose in regional areas. Membership of our branches is strong.

Our monthly meetings have been full of interest and information. Guest speakers have provided excellent presentations and as demanded by our members most meetings have a rose focus.

Kim and I hosted a delightful afternoon tea with our Life-Members only a fortnight ago. I felt it was important to acknowledge the contribution that these precious individuals have made and continue to make to our society.

As this is my final Report; I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who have served on Council during my term. To our dozens of contributors who are not Councillors; I salute you also. It never ceases to amaze me the people who will step up when required and ensure that the society maintains its premier status within the floricultural world.

I would like to single out a couple of people for particular thanks. Penelope Schulz took on the role of Treasurer reluctantly. She has introduced a couple of initiatives during the year which have modernised our book-keeping processes and will make it simpler for her successors.

Particular thanks must be directed towards my two Secretary's. Jill Meyer steered me whilst

President's Report to AGM 12th July 2017 (cont)

still finding my feet as a Councillor and soon after as President. Jill was a calming influence and I am very grateful. For the last 2 years I have had the very great pleasure of working with Wendy Trimper. Wendy has been able to keep track of all the society activities as well as my own personal responsibilities. This was best demonstrated at a recent Council meeting when the Chair of the Show Committee asked me if I could attend a scheduling committee meeting on a particular Sunday in June. Before I could even open my mouth Wendy interjected; "Gavin can't come to a meeting then, he is guest speaker at the South East Branch AGM that day". Wendy has made this role an absolute breeze and a great pleasure. Anyone who has undertaken a role such as this understands the importance of family support. I would like to publicly thank Kim for her tolerance and understanding, without which I could not have achieved as much as I have.

Finally to the members who three years ago expressed confidence in me by endorsing my nomination to the role of President; it has been my absolute privilege to work with you all to ensure the continued success of our society. The society is now in new hands. I know that our future is bright.

Pruning Val's Roses - a true story

Trevor Kemp

As time for pruning roses was getting near the usual phone call came, "could you prune my roses for me, I only have a few these days and I know you will look after my Mr. Lincoln, it is a beautiful rose and has lots of perfume." "Yes I will do them for you, when would you like me to come?" I asked, "tomorrow I can do them for you," "Oh no tomorrow is the day I get my hair done."

Soon we arranged a time... "after lunch would be the best time for me as I do not get up early these days." On arrival Val greeted me "I have some hot scones just out of the oven, would you like a cup of tea with your scones?" Soon the jam and cream was added and over the kitchen table we talked about Mr. Lincoln while enjoying Val's scones. Without any hesitation out came the photo album "have you seen my niece's new baby?"

Soon the day slipped away into the cool of the winter evening indication the pruning could not be completed before darkness set in. Another time was arranged, not too early as Val does not rise early in winter. On arrival I was greeted the usual way. "Do you want a cup of tea?"

Mr. Lincoln and his friends were soon pruned ready to flower for another year. It took almost two days to do the job and clean up. But who could complain, a very happy senior is watching over her beloved roses.



'Gold Medal'



'Hannah Gordon'



'Honey Perfume'



'Pink Peace'

Welcome to New Members

Milan & Caroline Cencic	Highbury
Val & John Fewster	Berri
Judith Grant	Hope Valley
Ian & Sue Hurst.	Strathalbyn
Gordon Marshall	Hillier
Sue McFarland	Newton
Craig & Joanne Murrin.	Glandore
Hazel & Nik Hazel & Nik Parker	Willunga
Rosemary Pfitzner	Eudunda
Julia Rehn	Tumby Bay
Jim & Robyn Taylor	Tanunda
Helen & Ian Werfel	Portland



① **'Merrymaker'** ② **'Mme Isaac Periere'**

How to control aphids

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Aphids represent one of the most common and frustrating pests in a rose grower's life.

They are most active in spring and so are their natural predators – the lacewings, hover flies, ladybirds and small birds. The best plan of attack with aphids is to encourage their natural predators to thrive, and let them keep the aphids under control.

Using chemical pesticides will only kill both the aphids and their predators which is counter-productive. Try picking off or squashing the clusters of aphids around the flowerbuds and new growth, or squirt them away with a jet from the garden hose.

If their population swells beyond a manageable number, the basic nature of a mild household detergent makes it perfect for getting rid of them.

Dilute a few tablespoons of dish soap in a small bucket of lukewarm water and use a sponge or spray bottle to apply the mixture to plants where aphids have taken hold.



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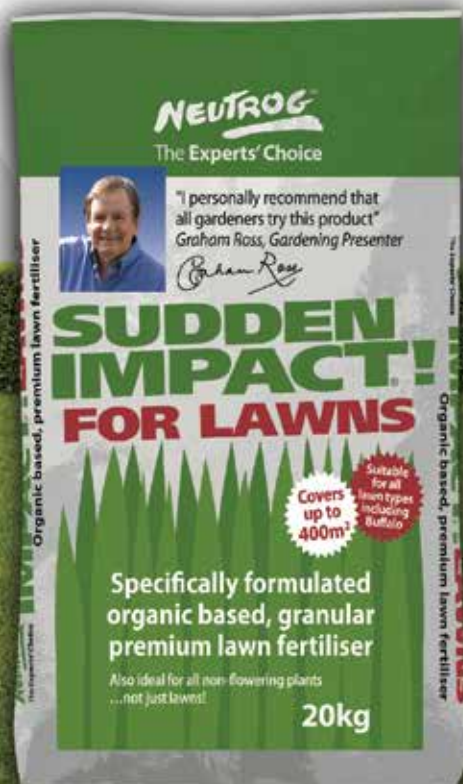
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Remove sucker growth to keep your roses healthy

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July is a good time to start thinking about pruning your roses – a topic that attracts many advice columns!

However, there's another process that's also important to do at the same time, and that's removing rootstock - or sucker growth - from the base of rose plants.

Most garden roses have been budded onto a vigorous rootstock system.

While this is the most effective way of ensuring strong healthy 'cultivated' roses it can occasionally result in suckers also growing from the base of the plant.

Unless removed, they will soon rob the cultivated rose of its essential nutrients and eventually take over the whole plant.

Rootstock generally throws out long runner canes from the base of the plant.

It's an easy process to remove them, but it's not just a matter of cutting them off at the base of the plant.

Dig some of the soil away from below the sucker/s and then chop the sucker/s off right against the plant with something like a spade.

NORTHERN HIGHLANDS SPRING ROSE & FLOWER SHOW 2017

**Combined Services Clubrooms
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Sunday 29th October, 1 - 5 pm

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available from Anne Redden Phone: 8665 3245**



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

A rabbit runs, and hops, and only lives 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years. And they tell us to exercise? I don't think so.

CHAFFEY ROSE CLUB REPORT

Coleen Houston



The Chaffey AGM 2017 was held in Mildura Sunday 2nd April and our thanks go to Joan Sirovica and Eric Sutton for organizing the event.

We met at the Inland Botanic Gardens and enjoyed a train ride over the area with wonderful commentary. The rose garden was enjoyed by all, especially David Ruston. He had great input in its' founding. His walker was topped up with weeds that he saw fit to remove!

After a delicious lunch we adjourned to Shirley Sylvia's lovely garden for our meeting and afternoon tea. The Chaffey Rose Club moves to Hay for the next three years with the 2018 AGM to be held in Hay. The new executive is as follows; Coleen Houston President, Liz Gibson Vice President, Beth (Elizabeth) Circuit Secretary, Ellen Townsend Treasurer. Committee Val Davies.

REMARK NATIONAL COLLECTION

The National Collection of Old Fashioned Roses at Ruston's Roses Renmark was the scene of great activity a couple of weeks ago. About thirty people from four states rolled up, secateurs in hand, to prune and weed. Fleur Carthew was the very efficient MC for activities.

Different groups were all given directions to go to designated areas returning for morning tea at 10.30am. Richard Fewster spoke regarding the directions Ruston Roses was intending to follow, harvesting petals being one of various avenues they intend to implement.

More snipping, then we adjourned for a delightful luncheon provided by Chaffey Rose Members and Rustons.

We were filled with nostalgia when Sue Zwar, with Tom's assistance, showed a Powerpoint presentation of the early planting ten years ago. The rose bushes were grown by Margaret Furness, Pat Toolan and John Nieuwesteeg. Initially it consisted of China Teas and Noisettes. Water planting followed across the northern side with early and endangered Hybrid Teas, Pernetianas and Australian bred roses.

It was wonderful to have David Ruston to say a few words and to cut the celebratory cake together with Pat Toolan. Everything ran smoothly both Saturday and Sunday even to the collecting of rose prunings! Pat Toolan, Fleur Carthew and Shann Hausler coordinated the event.

We attended an enjoyable dinner at Renmark Hotel on Saturday night renewing friendships and talking roses. How good is that! Those staying Sunday night adjourned to the Carthew's river boat for a light supper.

On Monday the Sydney South Coast group and John & Sam Nieuwesteeg called at Hay's Bishops' Lodge, where we chatted over late lunch and toured the historic house and garden.

David Ruston and the Renmark Rose Repository

Sue Zwar



An email from Pat Toolan reminded me that August 12th 2017 marked the 10th anniversary of the Renmark Rose Repository at Rustons Roses. What better way to celebrate than to hold a working bee to prune the hundreds of teas, chinas, climbers, ramblers and other old and/or endangered plants.

The weekend was very capably organised by the Chaffey Branch of the S.A. Rose Society and its President Fleur Carthew and about 20 rose enthusiasts turned up from all corners of the continent – S.A., W.A., N.S.W., A.C.T. and Victoria, all ready with pruning gear to spend the weekend making a difference. The Chaffey Branch turned on a magnificent morning tea on Saturday and Sunday while Richard Fewster and his staff at Rustons Roses provided us with a beautiful lunch each day. We all responded and by Sunday afternoon all that was left to do was to cart trailer loads of prunings to the dump.

Although David Ruston is not able to get around like the old days, he still spent much of each day pottering around with his walker collecting rose blooms to arrange back in his room at the Renmark hostel, Philby House.



Sue & David with David's collection of roses



Coleen Houston tackling one of the ramblers

On Saturday while having lunch together at the Ruston Roses restaurant complex, I showed a photographic summary of the history of the collection, including the first rose planted in the pristine red soil, that owner, Ann Ruston, had provided for us. Coleen Houston spoke about the progress of the collection and the different people who'd made a difference and David told us about his memories and his love for the old roses.



Fleur & David with the celebratory cake

On Sunday a special anniversary cake was provided for David to cut, with the aid of Pat Toolan, one of the main instigators behind the collection. Another person instrumental in getting the project off the ground was Margaret Furness, who, for health reasons, was unfortunately unable to be present.

Sunday afternoon to wind down, drinks and nibbles were held at David's sculpture and

for those few hardy souls still in Renmark, that evening Fleur served a light meal on board her and Alan's boat. A special thank you for making the weekend such a resounding success must go to Fleur and Pat.

John and I also spent time with David in his room at Philby House where he was anxious to show us his magnolia in full bloom. Although he no longer has a home or large garden, he still makes the most of the areas around his unit, which are massed with pots – a large daphne in full bloom was my favourite.



The rose pruning group

THE SOUTH EAST BRANCH REPORT

Elizabeth Newell



We have been experiencing a real South East winter lately with lots of rain and very low temperatures but there are signs that spring is on the way.

Our August meeting was held at the home of Penny and Jack McGorm in Naracoorte. It was a very cold day, fortunately we were under cover and some Members had the foresight to bring rugs with them.

Our Guest Speaker was Paul Dipuglia from Neutrog who gave us a PowerPoint presentation on all the Neutrog Products. He explained the manufacturing process and introduced some new products: "Nincompoop" which is biologically inoculated poultry manure compost ideal to add to potting mixes and is a soil improver. "Sudden Impact for Roses Liquid" which is the same as the pelleted form but works more quickly and is good for dry areas. He then spoke about some of the products which are in development which we will look forward to seeing in the future. After Paul's talk members enjoyed afternoon tea and gathered their free samples of "Sudden Impact for Roses Liquid".

Our preparations for the Combined Branches Weekend are going well and we are looking forward to hosting Members from the other Branches in November.

Because of the Combined Branches Weekend in November we will not have an end of year meeting, the next South East Branch meeting will be in February in Millicent, more details in the newsletter.

Roses on Eyre Report from meeting held at Kimba on 8th July 2017.



Mr. President rang Mrs Secretary, "I have been thinking, we have been having pruning demonstrations by lovely people from the other side of the gulf, do you think we could give it a miss this year and do something else?" Mrs Secretary replied it's a long trip from Adelaide and we are so pleased when they can come, yes perhaps we could miss a year, besides, Kimba has had several demonstrations in the last few years." So after some more discussions the program was formulated.

Mary said: "Ken would be willing to share a few thoughts on "Bugs & things" and it just happened that we have just met a "New member" who has recently moved from Salisbury to Cleve. She has been a florist for 35 years, and is willing to talk about her experiences in moving and establishing a new "Rose Garden" and then a demonstration at the end on arranging vases of Roses.



Julie & Tony Strawbridge

So then we moved on to Raelene who has grown beautiful prize winning roses in pots in a very hot area in Kimba, her reply was, "Peter will do the talking" so there was some good discussion on the subject with a question time and the conclusion was, that it is indeed possible to grow them successfully in pots.

Trevor was then nominated to the subject of



New member Janys Asser



Some of the members and visitors

'Growing your own roses by cuttings'. This required some help from the 'Bulletin' which was consulted and found.

Several articles on 'Growing Roses' in various ways, e.g. in Potatoes and Zip bags. The information was helpful in preparing the canes to shoot and plant later.

Finally, a member from the floor moved that, the club contact the editor of the Bulletin to report that the recent edition was excellent and full of information for members. This was agreed by a round of applause.

Finally the meeting was concluded and after sharing our lunch in and around the garden of our hostess Shirley, several members were able to prune some of her many roses.

WATERING

Reproduced with permission Ludwig Taschner Ludwig's Roses - South Africa

In September the soil needs to be moist and saturated to a deep level. The roses are drawing up a lot of water to power their new growth and a good mulch will limit evaporation, but not compensate for the amount of water needed.

The odd 50 new shoots on a bush will stretch by a centimetre a day. At this stage the new shoots are more than 90% water. The more water that is available the larger the leaves will become and longer and stronger stems will be produced.

More leaf surface means more photosynthesis and this empowers the roots to spread deeper and wider in search of water and nutrients. The age old question of how much and how often watering or irrigation needs to be done, depends on the water holding capacity of the soil, but it needs to be in balance with the air holding capacity. In other words very sandy soil has no water holding capacity but is able to hold lots of air. Dense clay or turf soil has lots of water holding capacity but there is no space for the air. In both cases there is no balance between the two. It is up to us to get the balance right by digging the materials that will bring such a balance about into the soil.

In defence of the rose, I need to stress that it is the annual pruning as well as the reduction of foliage by cutting blooms with long stems and also leaf destroying diseases, that reduces root strength and calls on us to 'baby' the root system. Remember, green fingers means that the gardener understands the water requirement of plants and applies them.



'Elizabeth of Glamis'



'Grand Seicle'



'Flemington Racecourse'

INFORMATION FOR ROSE EXHIBITORS

Gavin Woods



This is the first in a series of articles to assist rose exhibitors understanding of the requirements of each type. This article will examine the DECORATIVE rose.

What the Standard says: **Explanatory notes**

These are roses registered as Hybrid Tea, Climbing Hybrid Tea, Large Flowered Climber, Grandiflora or Climbing Grandiflora having petals of good substance, gracefully arranged in its most decorative

*phase. The term **substance** refers to quality of petals which should be characteristic of the cultivar (variety). The use of the word **graceful** is deliberate and thereby precludes roses which do not display this quality. **Most decorative phase** is specific to the cultivar and is somewhat subjective.*

*Side buds are permitted. **Side buds** should balance the exhibit and must not show colour. There is no penalty for removing side buds provided it is done without leaving obvious evidence.*

At the time of judging blooms should be at the stage of maximum possible beauty. A very subjective statement, however a good Decorative will declare itself with elegance and a quality that draws the judge to it.

*Bloom should be of good condition and well balanced and in proportion to a strong graceful stem. Six judging points in total are encapsulated in this simple sentence. **Condition** is the most important aspect of Decorative roses; a bloom with condition faults cannot win a prize. In order for stem to gain maximal points it must be proportional in size (thickness) to the bloom. A large bloom that is more open in structure can carry a thicker stem and still be proportionate. More closed (tulip) styled roses are better proportioned with thinner stems. A graceful stem is usually a long stem. An exhibitor should consider the focal point of the bloom being staged and ensure stem is of sufficient length to best display that bloom i.e. if the focal point of the bloom is its profile rather than its face, ensure the stem is long enough to ensure that the profile of the bloom is at eye height. If the focal point is the face of the bloom, use a shorter stem, allowing the judge to look into the centre of the bloom.*

*Symmetrical arrangement of petals, circular outline and a well formed centre are not advantageous. **Form** is irrelevant in Decorative roses.*

The removal of outer petals is a serious fault. Self explanatory.



**Example of Decorative Rose
(‘Barbra Streisand’)**

Decorative blooms are not undersized, poor quality or immature exhibition blooms. This statement is the single most confusing of this Standard. It does NOT refer to cultivars that possibly or even usually make Exhibition blooms when more mature; it refers to the SPECIFIC bloom being judged. If the bloom is of Exhibition form but is undersized, poor quality or immature it cannot be considered as a Decorative rose. Many cultivars can be shown across a variety of forms i.e. Exhibition/Full Bloom; the Decorative form is no different. It could be equally stated that Decorative roses are not Full Bloom roses either as we have a Standard for that type.

As a guideline, loose petal roses fall into this category. This does not mean that Decorative roses MUST be loose petalled, it is simply that they are included.

The pointing criteria are:

Condition: 4 points Most points indicate that this is the most important feature of this type.

Overall Beauty: 3 points A ubiquitous quality requiring a subjective judgement.

Stem & Foliage: 2 points A well-proportioned stem with perfectly conditioned foliage will gain full points.

Presentation: 1 point This includes such things as correct positioning of the bloom in the container, the bloom appropriately held in the container with a suitable material and the bloom with its "front" facing the front. All well staged exhibits will attract the full 1 point, which could carry the exhibit to a winning position.



VOLUNTEERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ROSE GARDEN (IRG)

Deborah Curtis



MORE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR IRG: (more hands makes task more fun!)

When: Fridays between 0730 – 1200 (or whatever part suits you)

Tasks: Deadheading roses and the odd bit of weeding

Requirements: Love being outdoors and roses

Equipment: clean, sharp secateurs; gloves, suitable clothing, hat, water bottle and enclosed shoes.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Deborah Curtis

Supervisor of the Volunteers in IRG

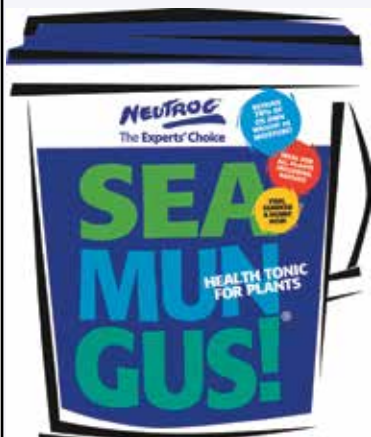
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About Seamungus

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The seaweed found in Seamungus contains a considerable amount of alginate which is well known for its ability to hold water and help in soil structure which is vital in winter to avoid effects such as water logging and also erosion of the soil.



Besides alginate there is evidence which suggests that seaweed also stimulates the soil microbes to produce their own type of polysaccharide further enhancing water holding capacity and stabilising soil structure. A well-structured soil not only holds more water but also allows roots to penetrate further giving them access to moisture and nutrients found deeper within the soil. This enhances the ability of plants to survive heat and drought stress once winter is over.



Humic acid stimulates soil microbial activity-which by its nature helps to cycle nutrients and suppress plant pathogens. In winter there is a range of factors which many people don't think about. Firstly plants still need a nutrient supply even if they are metabolically less active during this period.

The winter period actually allows plants to store some of these nutrients to use when nutrient demand is high such as in spring.

Furthermore, the opportunity for significant leaching of nutrients is much higher in winter, where the organic material found in Seamungus derived from the seaweed, fish, humic acid and manure is especially important as it helps to retain soluble nutrients.

Winter is also a perfect time for plant pathogens such as nematodes and undesirable microbes to build up especially in soil which may become waterlogged and therefore anaerobic.

Enhancing soil structure with Seamungus will reduce water logging and the stimulation of beneficial microbes will help to suppress pathogen numbers and thereby protecting plants from disease and stress.



How do I look after roses in pots?

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Remember that if you would like to put your roses in pots, now is also the best time to order them as bareroot plants.

Once planted, it's important to remember that if the roses are in a pot under a verandah or patio, they won't get watered by the rain.

Even though everything looks green and lush at this time of year, potted roses must be watered regularly.

If they are in a pot within a garden bed, consider attaching a long dripper tube to the main polypipe system and hooking it over the pot.

This way the potted rose will be watered every time the main rose garden gets watered.

What about re-potting roses?

A rose in a pot needs the same attention as any other rose in your garden.

After a few years of being in a pot, the rose is likely to develop a very strong and vigorous root system, and this will often be seen 'above ground', that is, in the rose plant's foliage and flowers, as a distinct loss in vigour.

It means it's time to repot it.

Take it out of the pot and reduce as much of the root ball as you can by pulling out the matted roots.

You can even cut some of the roots back to reduce the size of the root ball.

Plant it back into a larger pot with fresh potting mix and fertilise, mulch and water it well.

You should be rewarded with a more vigorous plant in the next season, that will continue for the next few years.

OUT & ABOUT WITH ROSES IN THE HEARTLAND

Mary Frick



Winter started off with a record dry June with a record number of frosts in some areas of the Branch. The days (as usual after a frost) were glorious. Too early for pruning but enjoyable none the less. July, on the other hand, was a record wet month with good deep soaking rains that the gardens needed. As I write this report in early August, rain has been forecast for the next seven days.

The Roses in the Heartland Pruning Demonstration and AGM, which was held at the home of Lynette Williams, Evanston (Gawler) on 9th July was most successful, with over 50 people braving the cold, inclement weather to watch and seek advice on the technique of rose pruning, from demonstrators John Bradshaw, Tony Hanna and Doug Gregory. Some attendees 'gave it a go' under the watchful eye of the demonstrators. Following the pruning a delightful afternoon tea and chit chat was



John Bradshaw in action



Doug Gregory in action

appreciated & enjoyed by all. Thanks to the generosity of Neutrog, attendees went home with a bag containing samples of Neutrog goodies.

Following the afternoon tea, the 5th Roses in the Heartland AGM commenced. President Mary Frick tabled her annual report highlighting the past busy year of organising and promoting the rose and RITH, at various horticultural functions and events for member's enjoyment. The next year will also be a busy one (see separate Coming Events advert page 38). The report also stated that 'it is vital to the wellbeing of the Branch that members step up and assist where possible, as your contribution would be greatly appreciated'. Heartfelt thanks were given to Sharyn Perrin & Julius Graham, Malcolm & Ruth Watson, Penelope Schulz, Ian Frick, Ross Kemp & Rosie Sherwood, who have worked tirelessly for the betterment of Roses in the Heartland and its members.

The election of Officers took place with the following results:

President: Mr Ross Kemp

Vice President: Ms Penelope Schulz

Secretary: Ms Sharyn Perrin

Treasurer: Mr Malcolm Watson

Barossa Rose & Flower Show Manager: Mrs Mary Frick

Committee: Messrs Ian Frick, Julius Graham; Mesdames Rosie Sherwood, Ruth Watson & Heather Noble.

Congratulations to Ross Kemp who has taken on the role of RITH President. I have no doubt that with Ross' knowledge and enthusiasm RITH will be in good hands.

Roses in the Heartland have been approached by Colorado Vines' manager, Brian Waples, to prune and care for 800 FireStar roses (planted last winter), that have been planted along a 500 metre stretch in front of the vineyard on Menge Road, Tanunda. These roses are to compliment the already established La Sevillana which are planted along the road from Nuriootpa to Lyndoch.



**Jim Taylor, Lynette Williams
Penelope Schulz**



**Robin Taylor made sure we
were fed and watered**

A monetary donation is being given to RITH for the next two years for this service. By that time the roses should be strong enough to be hedged.

On July 14th, seven members and friends had a pruning morning. The roses were small so did not take a lot of work. The morning tea of warm quiche, cake, tea & coffee, provided by Robyn Taylor was very much appreciated and enjoyed.

Anyone who would like to give some time periodically to assist with deadheading, weeding (sandy soil so easy to remove weeds) and pruning next winter please do not hesitate to contact:

Sharyn – 0409 096 369 julsha480@bigpond.com or

myself – 8563 0521 frosen@frickfamily.com

In October 1917, a meeting was held in Riverton where the first SA branch of "Women in Agriculture and Business of SA Inc" was formed and then grew to become 84 branches.

Fast forward 100 years to 28th & 29th October 2017 and a celebration is planned to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this organisation. As part of these celebrations, a special rose has been introduced by Kim Syrus in conjunction with Meilland Int.- "Spirit of Rural Women".

At these celebrations, a special rose bed has been developed in Riverton in an appropriate park, "Pioneer Park" by our new President, Ross Kemp, where the last two roses will be planted and a special garden bench unveiled.

In April 2017, to start the centenary celebrations, Sophie Thomson, from Gardening Australia, planted 26 'Spirit of Rural Women' roses in a bed in Brougham Place, North Adelaide.

The 'Spirit of Rural Women' rose was selected to show the resilience of roses and of rural women. It is a H.T. with soft cream blooms, both hardy and healthy and with a light airy scent, and is ideal as a cut flower. It is now available from Corporate Roses, Wagner's Roses, Knight's Roses, and nurseries.

With the pruning and winter spraying finished it's time to relax, and watch as the roses burst their buds and come into bloom.

Roses in the Heartland



2017 Diary Dates Coming Events

Monday 2nd October:

Jamestown Show

Saturday & Sunday 28th & 29th October:

Riverton Centenary Celebrations

Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th November:

Burra Spring Garden Expo

In conjunction with

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th November:

Burra Districts Open Gardens

Wednesday 13th December 2017

Roses in the Heartland Garden Visits & Christmas Lunch

Roses in the Heartland



Garden Visits & Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December 2017

Where: Rynie

Time: 10:30am Meet at Rynie Hotel

Cost: \$25.00 per person. Catered by Rynie CFS

Reservations By: Thursday 30th November 2017

Contact: Sharyn Perrin - 0409 096 369

julsha480@bigpond.com

BURRA DISTRICTS OPEN GARDENS

NOV 4TH & 5TH 10am to 4pm



BURRA SPRING GARDEN EXPO

BURRA TOWN HALL NOV 3rd & 4th, 10am to 5pm

Opening speaker: Trevor Nottle

Other speakers: Ian Roberts, Gail Gunn & Julie Tolley

Photographic display, plant sales, garden art, stalls, artists working, children's workshops, food and drinks.

The Roses in the Heartland branch of The Rose Society of South Australia will be in attendance to assist with your rose queries.

Chaffey Rose Club – Riverland Branch

Fleur Carthew



Our bus trip arrangements have now been finalized, after a reconnaissance trip to Mt Gambier, and letters have been sent out to all our members who expressed interest in participating. If anyone else is interested in going, please contact Dale Kerin, our secretary asap. We are leaving from Renmark on Friday 17th November and returning home on Monday 20th November. It should be a great trip, with lots of gardens being visited plus nurseries on the way down to Mt Gambier and back, and of course participating in the full programme of the Combined Branches Bi-Annual Meeting organized by the SE Branch of the RSSA.

We have had several committee meetings to plan our activities this year and one of these was called Creation, Design, Structure and Construction. We decided to use grape vine prunings but also included wisteria, bamboo, rushes and any other material members wished to bring. On a cold but sunny Saturday morning in early July 16 people turned up at Jill Knight's home, some with ute loads of vines and bamboo sourced from David



Ruston's old garden. Danny Hoffman came straight from his ABC talkback gardening show to give us a hand in starting off. Much fun was had by everyone and although it seemed easy at first there was definitely a skill to it, but we all got better as the morning progressed and found that having a friend/partner was a good strategy. We all ended up taking an article home to put in our own garden – the great successes were the vine spheres to hang up, and the "cubby house" tepee for grandchildren to play in. A lunch was shared by those who could stay and it was good to see some visitors join us who enjoyed themselves so much we are expecting new members to come from this activity.

A combined meeting of the Berri, Barmera and the Renmark Garden clubs and the Chaffey Rose Club was held in July and here we provided a guest speaker from Neutrog for the night. The speaker was very well received and guests learnt a lot about the new direction and products being added to the Neutrog portfolio.

Spring is fast approaching and Renmark Rose Festival will be our main focus for the next few months.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NATIONAL ROSE TRIAL GARDEN?

Merv Trimper - Coordinator



Another successful People's Choice Weekend was held in the Trial Garden on April 8th & 9th. Although the weather was not ideal, we had over 600 entries to select the top five cultivars which were in flower at the time.

The winning cultivar was a hybrid tea rose entered by Corporate Roses. The large bloom is highly fragrant on a tall bush.

The winning entrant was Marion Daniel of the Barossa Valley who had the first 4 of her choices in the correct order.

The 2015/2017 Trial has now concluded and the cultivars removed. The award winners will be announced at the awards dinner in October. I anticipate some very worthy roses will receive awards and these will make great varieties for your gardens.

Cultivars entered in the 2017/2019 Trial have now been planted and are growing well in the replenished soil in the western beds of the Trial Garden. The Project team have been busy adding new soil and realigning the central beds as preparation for next year's plantings. The green crop will soon be planted to add organic matter to these beds.

Thankyou to those who have assisted over the winter months with plant removal, pruning, planting, clean up and soil spreading. Rose assessments and monthly maintenance will soon start again.

If you would like to join one of our Maintenance Teams please let me know. This involves only one morning every 2 months of deadheading and light weeding of the trial roses. The Teams have lots of fun and we get to see the new unreleased roses as they progress into mature plants.



Marion Daniel



The winning cultivar

EXHIBITOR & TRAINEE JUDGES WORKSHOPS

For members interested in exhibiting or trainee judging.

Attend regular workshops conducted by experienced Judges.

Free of charge to RSSA members. No prior experience or knowledge required.

Register your expression of interest by 11th October to our Secretary,

Wendy Trimper, Mobile 0478 107 260 or rssasec@internode.on.net

ROSE OF THE MONTH

JULY 2017 - 'MUNSTEAD WOOD' Shrub Rose (Ausbernard)



In 2010, English rose breeder, David C. H. Austin, was acknowledged and honoured as a Great Rosarian of the World. From a hobby breeder as a young teenager, David has gone on to breed a collection of over 230 rose varieties, many of which are renowned around the world.

David Austin realised his vision of hybridising a new kind of rose by crossing modern Hybrid Tea and Floribunda Roses, such as the tough, ever-flowering 'Iceberg', with the Old Garden Roses, such as Gallicas, Damasks and Alba Roses, leading to the creation of Austin English Shrub Roses much-admired for their strong perfume, repeat flowering ability, improved disease resistance and wide range of colours. Although his early releases from the 1970s and 1980s had mixed results, over the past two decades he has produced some great roses – very fragrant, repeat flowering and disease resistant, with a reasonable vase life. These modern English Shrub Roses are in every rose growing nation and continue to increase in popularity around the world. Many of these English Shrub Roses grow very well under our Australian conditions.

'Munstead Wood' is a great choice for Rose of the Month. The rose is named after the home and garden built by Gertrude Jekyll in Surrey, England. Introduced to Australia in 2010, it has sumptuous, deep crimson, velvety blooms with a wonderful strong Old Rose fragrance showing floral and fruity berry characters. The flowers are cup shaped at first, opening out to reveal a classic old fashioned rosette.

This healthy variety has good disease tolerance and excellent repeat flowering. It grows into a graceful attractive bush of approximately 1m x 1m and is also suitable for a large pot or container.

This rose is available from Wagner's Rose Nursery, Newman's Nursery and Treloar Roses, or order it through your local garden centre.

GOLD MEDAL

Most Fragrant Rose in Trial

Japan

Award of Garden Merit

Royal Horticultural Society

UK

Flower of the Year Award 2009

Rustica Magazine

France

Text and Photo: Melanie Trimper

AUGUST 2017 - 'DEANE ROSS' Shrub Rose



The richly coloured mauve blooms are tightly ruffled and fluted, reminiscent of the Old Garden Roses of past centuries. The rose blooms are highly fragrant with an authentic damask-rose perfume, the loveliest of rose fragrances.

Selected to honour the Late Deane Ross, a well-known Australian authority on roses of the last century. Bred by leading rose hybridist, George Thomson, in South Australia and released in 2002, George considers this shrub rose one of the loveliest roses he has bred.

ROSE OF THE MONTH

AUGUST 2017 - 'DEANE ROSS' Shrub Rose (continued)

The blooms keep well on the bush and as a cutting flower for arrangements. Flowering for 8 months of the year, this rose will tolerate a hot position in the garden where it thrives. Growth is a neat shrub habit, 1m tall and 1m wide and it is also available as an attractive Standard rose for special garden designs.

The 'Deane Ross' rose has become a favourite in the collection of Australian bred roses.

Available from Ross Roses, St Andrews Terrace, Willunga South.

Text and Photo: Andrew Ross

SEPTEMBER 2017 - 'BALLERINA' Hybrid Musk



'Ballerina' was introduced by Mr. J. A. Bentall in the UK in 1937. The rose parentage is unknown.

Although 'Ballerina' is officially classified as a Hybrid Musk, it is like an overgrown Polyantha, producing big clusters of little, single, pale pink flowers, with white centres around the stamens.

'Ballerina' has no scent to speak of, but its other attributes make it hard to fault. After the massive first flush of blooms, it has a further flowering in late summer and autumn.

An enthusiast's rose, Ballerina has a rounded growth habit, with mid green foliage and grows up to 1.5m tall and 1.5m wide. This rose is very healthy, disease resistant, and very easy to grow in a wide variety of climates. It can be planted and grown as a shrub, or it will make a splendid hedge and does not mind being pruned to reduce the height.

'Ballerina' was awarded the Royal Horticultural Society "Award of Garden Merit" in 1993.

'Ballerina' is available from Wagner's Rose Nursery, Thomas for Roses, Ross Roses, Treloar Roses and Mistydowns.

Text and Photo: Sharyn Perrin



International Rose Garden



PATRICK
of COONAWARRA

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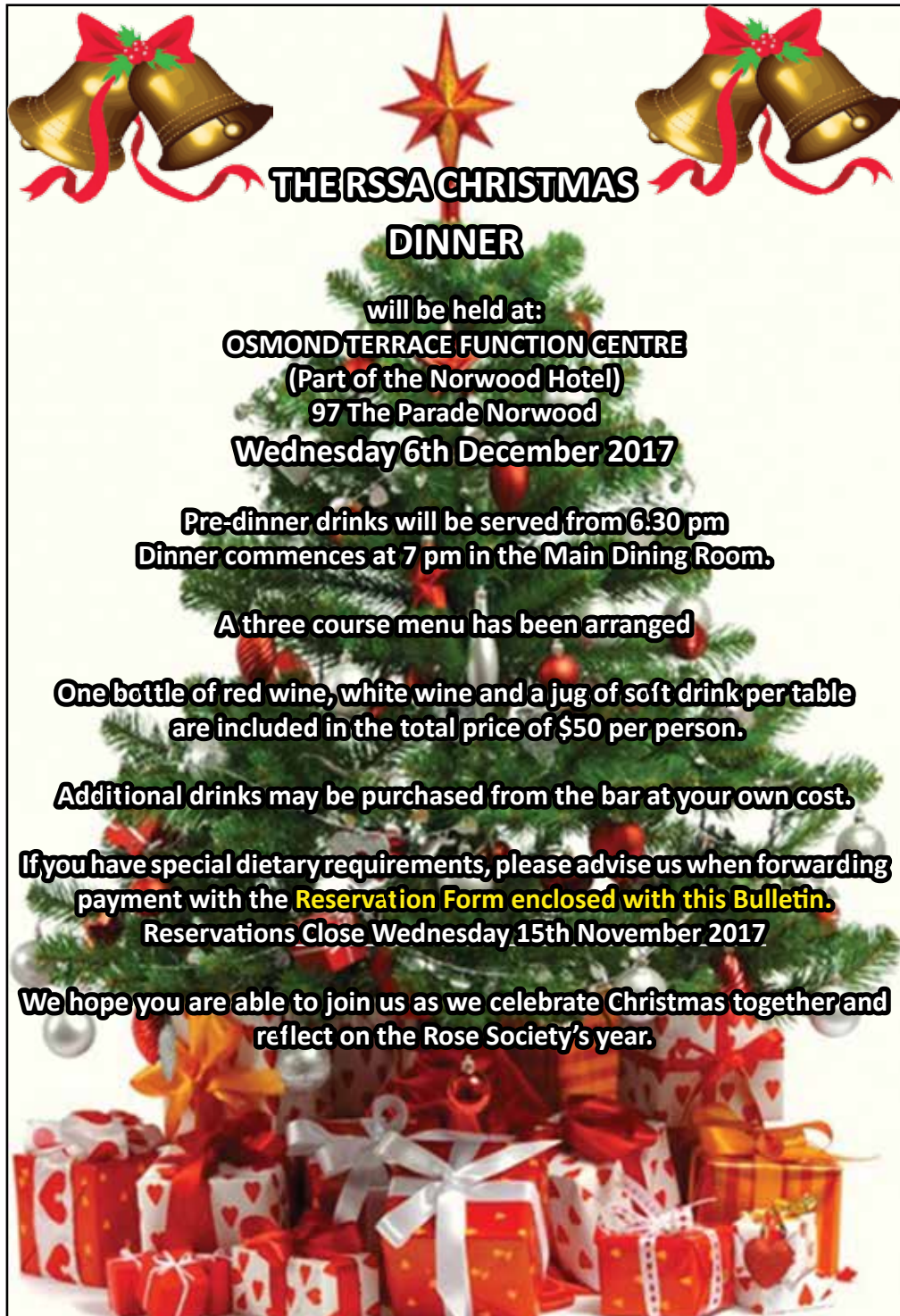
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*(Price includes freight charge)



THE RSSA CHRISTMAS DINNER

will be held at:

**OSMOND TERRACE FUNCTION CENTRE
(Part of the Norwood Hotel)
97 The Parade Norwood
Wednesday 6th December 2017**

**Pre-dinner drinks will be served from 6.30 pm
Dinner commences at 7 pm in the Main Dining Room.**

A three course menu has been arranged

**One bottle of red wine, white wine and a jug of soft drink per table
are included in the total price of \$50 per person.**

Additional drinks may be purchased from the bar at your own cost.

**If you have special dietary requirements, please advise us when forwarding
payment with the **Reservation Form enclosed with this Bulletin.****

Reservations Close Wednesday 15th November 2017

**We hope you are able to join us as we celebrate Christmas together and
reflect on the Rose Society's year.**

ATTENTION YORKE PENINSULA MEMBERS

Neutrog Orders - Important message from John Bradshaw

If you normally order your Neutrog Products and collect them from me, I advise that I will be **absent** for the first half of May 2018.

Still order your products and nominate collection from me – but they will not be delivered until after 20 May 2018.

I trust that this arrangement will not inconvenience you.

John Bradshaw
Rogues Point
0417 081 204.



Rose Society of SA sponsored show

To be held in conjunction with Uraidla Show

On Sunday November 5th

For Schedule and further information:

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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 rssasecinternode.on.net 0478 107 260 or

President, Doug Gregory 8374 4034 dgregory24@bigpond.com

to discuss how you would like to be involved.

World Federation of Rose Societies

NOTICE BOARD

18th World Rose Convention will be held in **Copenhagen, Denmark** from the 28th June - 4th July, 2018 hosted by the Danish Rose Society. Website information: <http://www.wrc2018.dk> Registration opened 15 June 2017. The program is now available on the website.

Regional Rose Convention in Nanyang, China will be held in late April / early May, 2019. This city is in the Hénán Province in central China and is home to the majority of China's rose production. It will be significantly different to the last Regional Convention in Daxing and offer new experiences and exposure to China's rapidly expanding rose industry and some exciting cultural highlights. The Jade Exhibition and Jade market will be a highlight.

Regional Convention in Kolkata, India, in January 2020. This is being arranged in conjunction with the Agri and Horticultural Society of India which will be celebrating its 200th Anniversary in 2020. Kolkata is renowned for its great flower shows which include roses, particularly potted roses. Kolkata is a large interesting and historic city which is home to Mother Teresa's Mission and importantly only a short distance from the great Himalaya Mountain range, sure to be part of either a Pre or Post-tour.

WFRS International Heritage Rose Conference, Brussels, Belgium in June 2020. Discover the beauty of Brussels, a city of history and legendary landmarks, truly inspiring public and private gardens and you can also try some world famous Belgian chocolate.

19th World Rose Convention will be held in **Adelaide, Australia**. Titled "Celebration '21" it will be held from 21 to 28 October, 2021 and based at the Adelaide Convention Centre. There will be Pre and Post-Convention Tours, but these will be organised in liaison with the various State Rose Societies.

Regional Convention in Fukuyama City, Hiroshima, Japan from 19th - 22nd May 2022. This convention will be held in Fukuyama City known as the rose city of Japan and hosted by the Japan Rose Society. As well as having many superb gardens the organisers are well known for their meticulous planning and fine hospitality.

Kelvin Trimper

President, WFRS

Chairman, 2021 Convention Committee

July 2017

Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

There's always a lot to be thankful for, if you take time to look for it.



'Rock n' Roll'