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#### **CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

#### October 2018

Sunday 7th, NRSA AGM, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Queensland

**Wednesday 10th**, 7:45pm, Members General Meeting **Topic:** General Gardening **Speaker:** Milton Vadoulis

Question Time: Gavin Woods

Competition: 1 Decorative or 1 Floribunda Open Section: 1 Exhibit Judge: Merv Trimper

Floral Subject: Bright and Beautiful Judge: Melanie Trimper

Friday 12th, 7:00pm, Council Meeting

**Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st,** Spring Rose Show, Burnside Community Centre **Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th**, Barossa Rose Show, St. Pauls Church, Tanunda

Sunday 28th, 1 - 5pm, Northern Highlands Rose and Flower Show, see page 25 for details

#### November 2018

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th, Open Garden, Oakbank see page 15 for more information

**Wednesday 14th,** 7:45pm, Members General Meeting **Topic:** Australian Bred Roses **Speaker:** Gavin Woods

Question Time: Peter Burton

Competition: 1 Full Bloom or 1 Miniature Open: 1 Exhibit Judge: Gavin Woods

Floral Subject: Oranges and Lemons Judge: Helena Lewandowski

Friday 16th, 5:30 - 7pm: Rose Shows Sub Committee

Friday 16th, 7:00pm, Council Meeting

December 2018

**Wednesday 5th,** Christmas Dinner see page 26 for more information **Wednesday 12th,** RITH Christmas Lunch see page 13 for details

#### **Bed and Breakfast**

**Oakbank BnB Retreat** 

**Downers Road, Oakbank, Sth Aust** 

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#### **Spring Activities**

Winter has gone and has left most of us with wet soil and plants that have responded as they always do at this time of year. Fresh new growth in colours with various hues of bright green, deep purple, dark red and bronze. Buds appear as if by magic, swell and burst forth with the colours that brighten our day. We relish the opportunity to see all that is new and to reacquaint ourselves with the various scents and colours that characterise each rose variety.

Spring brings a new round of activities in which we can all participate. Our Spring Rose Show at Burnside Community Centre

is always a delight and needs a lot of volunteer work to make it so. We also have an Open Garden that will take us into the hills garden of Merv and Wendy Trimper. This will have all the elements to make it a great day out and we look forward to taking advantage of a spring day that really does lift our spirits.

RITH will conduct a Spring Show and this will take us into the Barossa, a unique and beautiful part of our State with a rose show to match. Details of other Branch activities are given in the Bulletin and on the web site.

Spring also sees many country towns stage their agricultural and horticultural shows. We have accepted an invitation again this year to conduct a rose show within the Uraidla show. This is an opportunity for exhibitors to practise their staging skills and to promote our society in an event which attracts a large crowd. Participation or a visit is highly recommended.

#### Council

The AGM is when our Council is elected for the following twelve months. Three changes were made to the composition of Council. The incoming members to Council are Malcolm Kentish (Vice President), Bruce McCallum (Councillor) and Ross Kemp (Councillor).

Members not opting for re-election were Kelvin Trimper, Malcolm Watson, Les Johnson and Tate Hancox. Kelvin will continue in his role with the 2021 WFRS Convention committee and Malcolm with the 2019 NRSA AGM committee. Malcolm has also joined the Show Committee.

At the August monthly meeting their respective contributions made to the administration of the RSSA Inc. over a long period of time were recognised.

The arithmetic is not that complicated, three new members to Council and four not opting for re-election. We have a vacancy on Council and our Constitution allows Council to nominate a member into that vacancy. It is seen as an opportunity for us to nominate a member who would consider the secretarial role after Wendy has opted from that position, possibly at the next AGM. Coming onto Council now would allow them to become acquainted with how the Council functions and the responsibilities of this most important post. The position

also attracts an honorarium, as does the Treasurer and Bulletin editor. Are you the person for that highly esteemed position or know someone with the interest and requisite skills that we could approach? This is an important issue and warrants attention from all of us so that we can keep the Society humming along in the manner expected by you as a member.

#### 110 Years of the RSSA Inc.

It doesn't seem that 10 years have passed since we celebrated our centenary. Fortunately we have Mary Frick in our midst to continue to accumulate and document the important events. An array of photos, by the magic of technology, were viewed by members who attended the August monthly meeting, courtesy of work done by Mary and Wendy.

Pam Gregory also provided us with a fruit cake and a stirring rendition of 'Happy Birthday' was sung by the gathering. A jolly good supper was provided by Joy Johnson and her assistants, now a feature of our monthly meetings, and the subject of most conversations related to the excellent presentation made by Merv Trimper and Chris McGuire about the 'Roses' and the artists for which the rose was named.

#### Strategic Plan

We now have a 'Strategic Plan' and this can be viewed on our web site. The next step is to put an 'Action Plan' into place to ensure that we meet the ambitions documented. Council is always keen to hear from members and especially if they have ideas or solutions that advance our Society. So, have a read, and a think, and pass on your thoughts, preferably documented.

#### **Governors of South Australia**

South Australia has had thirty five Governors since 1836. The challenge is to find a rose variety that best represents the personality or era of each. The ultimate aim would be to create a bed of roses that lines the drive into Government House with perhaps three plants of each variety and a suitable plaque that honours the memory of each.

This is a real challenge for the historians amongst us and all correspondence can be emailed to Wendy or myself.

The challenge was initiated by 'His Excellency Hieu Van Le' at our 'Christmas Dinner', and, at a recent afternoon tea with our patron, Mrs Le indicated 'Mister Lincoln' would be the variety of choice to represent our thirty fifth Governor.

One suggestion has already been made and forwarded by Les Johnson. It is for our twentieth Governor, Brigadier The Hon. Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven VC, KCMG, CB, DSO.

#### Les wrote:

"The first rose on your list for the new rose bed at Government House should be:

Zara Hore-Ruthren, Clark, 1932, a rich luminous pink hybrid tea, bred from the once very popular MME Abel Chatenay (Pernet-Ducher, 1895) and Clark's 1922 Scorcher.

#### Reasons:

Lady Zara Hore-Ruthren (1879 - 1965) (Countess of Gowrie) was the wife of Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthren VC, (Earl of Gowrie), 20th Governor of South Australia (1928-1934). They were respectively the patroness and patron of the National Rose Society of SA. I believe she opened our Spring Show around 1932.

Lady Zara was actively involved in early childhood education with a number of preschools bearing her name. There is still a Lady Gowrie Child Centre at Thebarton. Besides the Rose

## President's Report (cont) Doug Gregory

Society she also held positions with the Red Cross and Girl Guides.

They went on to similar positions in NSW and he was the 10th Australian Governor General (1936-1945).

Alister Clark, as he tended to do, donated his roses to charities.

In the case of the rose, Zara Hore-Ruthren , Clark donated the profits from the sale of the rose to the SA Rose Society

I used to grow the rose and while it does not match modern pink models in terms of petal count and number of blooms, it would not be out of place in a bed.

Its historical significance in terms of Government House justifies its inclusion in a new Rose bed.

Mme Abel Chatenay would be a suitable companion to grow alongside of Zara.

Jubilee 150 should also be in the mixed bed.

Les Johnson"

It would be excellent if any suggestions you make are presented with similar detailing.

And now ...

And now its over to you, the members, to make all of our activities successful and worthwhile. Let's do it.

I should try the thoughts of a 10 year old who considers that the President is all powerful and every command should be obeyed with commitment and without question. So here goes. I command that every member attend at least one of our events, city or branch, this spring. I also command that, in so doing, you enjoy yourself and if at all possible donate some volunteer time to assist the organisers in their quest to present an excellent event. And now, let's do it.

#### **CLOSING DATES FOR FUTURE BULLETINS:**

EDITION RESERVE SPACE BY and PROVIDE MATERIAL BY
Jan/Feb/Mar 2019 15 November 2018 1st December 2018
Apr/May/Jun 2019 15 February 2019 1st March 2019
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As a guide a Bulletin page can hold approximately 450 words. An A4 word document fills approximately 1½ Bulletin pages.

Articles can be supplied by email attachment, in pdf or doc (preferably not docx) format. Microsoft Publisher files cannot be accepted.

Photographs must be supplied in their original file size in jpeg format.

If the article includes photographs as part of the layout, the photos must be provided as separate full size jpeg files also.

Editor, Don Vivian, db.vivian@bigpond.com

#### Welcome to New Members

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	Janet Arandt
	Noeleen and Hedley Barber Hewett
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	Friends of the Waite Arboretum Inc Glen Osmond
	Glenyss and Robert Furniss Riverton
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	Peter and Julia Nayda Davoren Park
	Bethany Pellas and Robert Gale
	Robyn Sandeman
	Mark Silvestri
	Kathryn Taylor Novar Gardens
	Kylie Tomney
١	Lynne Windsor Evanston



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#### "How do I keep cut roses lasting longer?"

Many people ask us how to make their cut roses last longer in the vase.

By following a few simple tips your roses should last at least a week longer than usual.

- Cut from plants that have been well watered.
- As soon as you cut, put the flowers into a full bucket of water where they should sit for about half a day prior to putting them into a vase.
- If you need the flowers to open up a bit faster add about tablespoon of sugar for every litre of water.
- Change the water daily, or top it up to prevent bacteria building up in the vases' water.
- You may also like to ask your florist for a commercial form of conditioner called Chrysal

   that will help with keeping the roses looking fresh for a longer time.

#### "When do I need to re-pot a potted rose?"

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.

#### Important Notice Regarding Neutrog Orders

When placing your Neutrog <u>orders</u> please make sure you tick the box alongside your desired <u>collection point</u> on the right hand side of the order form under <u>Collection Details</u>.



Included with this Bulletin is a Neutrog Product order form.

The prices on the order form are only available to **<u>Current</u> <u>financial members.</u>** 

Orders will only be accepted on the enclosed order form by post, email or fax. PHONE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Credit Card payments must include the CVV number.

The closing date for orders is <u>Sunday 21st October, 2018</u>. Make sure you keep a copy of your order and show your name badge when collecting your order.

The collection dates for Adelaide Metropolitan are:

Friday November 9th, 2018: 9am - 3pm Saturday November 10th, 2018: 9am - 12pm.

at Banner Mitre 10 Hardware, 2 Fullarton Road, Norwood



All dates and times will be strictly adhered to.

If you are unable to collect your order during the above times, please arrange for someone to collect it on your behalf.

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#### INFORMATION FOR ROSE EXHIBITORS **Gavin Woods**

The Standards Explained

This is an ongoing series for Rose exhibitors outlining the essential aspects of each type.

In this edition we will examine the ever popular MINIATURE type roses.

The format used: what the Standards demand vs a deeper explanation of the requirements.

These are roses registered as Miniature or Climbing Miniature. By registered we mean classified by the rose registration authority

"Rosa" a subsidiary of the American Rose Society and auspiced by the World Federation of Rose Societies. Certainly in Australia we only recognise this data base as our classification and registration authority.

The foliage should be in proportion to the Bloom or Cut. Miniature roses come in a variety





of bloom sizes both naturally and with the effects of superior cultural practices. The foliage should therefore be in harmony with the bloom size and vary accordingly.

Flowers may be single, semi or double and can be borne singly or in well balanced terminal clusters. Some exhibitors have difficulty accepting that a tiny bloom, perhaps single in structure can potentially be as worthy as a large cluster containing dozens of fully double blooms. ...and yet it can! The role of the judge is to determine the most worthy of the very different types based on the Standard; perhaps not an easy task, but not impossible.

When judging Miniature Cuts with three or more blooms, the blooms should be evenly distributed in a well balanced head. Although not mentioned, it is possible to achieve balance in a head with only 2 blooms. This will always gain favour with the judges. It should be noted that there is no requirement for Miniature cuts to reflect our Floribunda Standard i.e. no mention is made of different stages of bloom in the exhibit, in fact many good Miniature cuts display blooms all at the same stage of opening.

The removal of aged or damaged blooms is allowed but untidy removal should be penalised. Exhibitors should take care to minimise evidence of removal of spent blooms.

The pointing criteria are:Condition 4 points - The most important aspect of this type, stems and cuts should be fresh, pure in colour, brilliance, substance and freedom from damage and disease.

Overall Beauty 3 points - A Miniature so large as to look disproportionate could suffer a severe penalty here. The balance of a cut will likewise attract points here. Even distribution of colour throughout the exhibit is one of many areas that would also be considered within these 3 points.

Stem & Foliage 2 points - All aspects of the stem and foliage are covered here, including condition. If there are signs of damage or disease to the leaves only, this is where the penalty applies.

Presentation 1 point - Covers a multitude of sins also; is the exhibit held securely in the



container, is it at a suitable height, is it facing the front of the show bench? Only 1 point but 1 point every exhibit should usually achieve.

Miniatures may once again be regaining popularity on our show benches. NSW recently held a "Miniature only" show, with great success. Miniatures, both as stems and cuts, as singles or multiple exhibits, as bunches and as Multi-stage exhibits, have been successful in winning many major awards at our shows.

Given the little space required for cultivation; their attraction for pot culture and the great ease of transporting multiple blooms

to shows, I anticipate that we will see more of these "little beauties" on the show benches in years to come.

The 3 C's in life: Choice, Chance, Change. You must make the Choice, to take the Chance, if you want anything in life to Change.

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

## OUT & ABOUT WITH ROSES IN THE HEARTLAND Mary Frick



Roses in the Heartland conducted its annual Pruning Demonstration on 8th July with a big thank you to Doug Gregory and John Bradshaw who were the pruning demonstrators. Twenty nine people enjoyed the demonstration with some being given one on one instruction.

Afternoon tea was served at the conclusion of the demonstration with everyone leaving with a bag of Neutrog goodies.

In perfect weather 13 members and friends met on 28th July at Menge Road, Tanunda, to prune the 800 Firestar roses that

Roses in the Heartland have been commissioned by Colorado Vines to look after. A big thank you to Sharyn Perrin, Julius Graham, Penelope Schulz, Lyn Williams, Hedley and Noeleen Barber, Lindsay and Jan Day, Rosemary Gardner-Smith, Jim Taylor, Wesley Archbold and Ian & Mary Frick for your sterling efforts and a job well done.



Once again Robyn Taylor supplied a delicious morning tea which was very much appreciated and enjoyed.



At the conclusion of the pruning, lunch was served at the home of lan and Mary Frick.

There are certainly a lot of events coming up in September, October and November to keep us busy. Your assistance at any of these events would be greatly appreciated.

The Roses in the Heartland Christmas Lunch promises to be another fantastic event. Thank you to Sharyn Perrin for organising the event for us all to enjoy. Come along and enjoy. See advert for all the details.

#### **Diary Dates For Coming Events**

22nd September - Mt Pleasant SA Garden Festival, Mt Pleasant Showgrounds

**30th September** – RFDS Spring Art & Garden Fair, Melrose Park, Clare. Free Entry. 10am - 4pm. Lots to see, do and buy

**20th & 21st October** – RSSA Spring Rose Show, Burnside Community Centre, Corner Greenhill & Portrush Roads

**27th & 28th October** – Barossa Rose & Flower Show, St Paul's Church, Tanunda (download schedule: www.sarose.org.au/branches/ Roses in the Heartland )

If you can assist with manning the entry table please contact Sharyn Perrin julsha480@ bigpond.com

**3 & 4th November** – Merv & Wendy Trimper's Open Garden, Oakbank. RITH will be manning the bar-b-que on both days. If you can assist please contact Malcolm Watson malcolmw@senet.com.au

**4th November** – Uraidla Show. Further information and schedule please contact Gavin Woods gbwoods@adam.com.au

12th December – RITH Christmas Lunch, Clare (see advert for details)

If you can assist with any of the above dates we would be most grateful.



#### **Roses In The Heartland**



**Christmas Lunch & Garden Visits** 

Date: Wednesday 12th December 2018

Where: Morning Tea – Powell Park Geranium Nursery,

122 Springfarm Road, Clare

Lunch - Gypsey Sandow's Garden, Clare

Time: 10:00am - Meet at Powell Park Geranium Nursery

Cost: \$25.00 per person. BYO Drinks

Reservations & Pre-Pay By: Thursday 29th November 2018

Bank Transfer: BankSA BSB – 105024 Account Number 037048840

**Special Dietary Requirements & Further Information** 

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Come along & enjoy the camaraderie with other members & friends





### Roses in the Heartland

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2018

Barossa Rose & Flower Show

27th & 28th October

St Paul's Church Hall

Corner Murray Street & Basedow Road, Tanunda

Sat 12 noon - 5 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm

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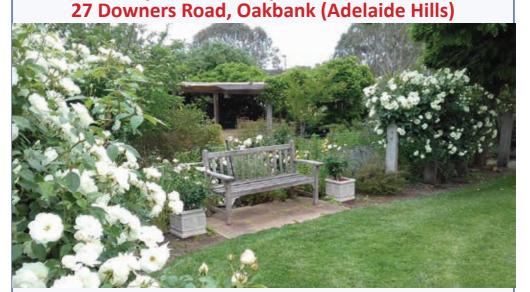
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# "TRIMPER DOWNS" ROSES & MORE OPENGARDEN Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th November 2018



#### A fundraiser for the 2021 World Rose Convention in Adelaide.

Come along and enjoy a stroll through Merv and Wendy's colourful garden. Stay for lunch – BBQ, food and drinks available.

Cheese and wine, Devonshire morning or afternoon tea.

#### **Guest speakers**

Saturday 1.30pm – Sophie Thomson (ABC "Gardening Australia" & Sophies Patch and sponsored by Neutrog)

Sunday 12noon – Kim Syrus (Channel 9 "Outdoors Indoors")

A well-stocked Plant Stall, Rose Society information and Neutrog stand.

Children's activities, Live Music, Vintage Cars on display, and much more!

#### Bring your friends.

\$10 entry (children under 16 free) includes a complimentary tea or coffee or cold drink. Parking available on-site, along Downers Road or you may wish to take a <u>bus</u> <u>leaving from the Burnside Community Centre</u>.

Should there be sufficient numbers, a Rambling Rosarians bus will depart from the BCC approx. 9.30am on both mornings and return after the talks.

To register your expression of interest, please email <a href="mailto:mwtrimper@internode.on.net">mwtrimper@internode.on.net</a> by <a href="mailto:22nd October 2018">22nd October 2018</a> and indicate which day, or both! Estimated cost \$20 return trip.

## President's Annual Report for 2017 - 2018 Doug Gregory



In prefacing this report, I would like to thank the Council for supporting me through the year. New to Council were Tate Hancox and Paul Flavel. John Humphries returned to Council as Treasurer.

The time has flown and it may seem that we haven't really done a great deal. When reviewing the year, the extent of society activities is commendable. All Council members have made significant contributions ensuring our functions and events have been conducted without a hitch and presented professionally. A particular thank you to Wendy for her tireless and meticulous work as Secretary and to John Humphries for using and persevering with a new record keeping system. A special thank you to Aileen Scott for stepping in as Secretary for the last couple of months, while

Wendy travelled overseas.

The retirements of Heather Odgers and Sue Rafferty from the Society 'Gift Shelf' should not go unnoticed. The Society has benefitted considerably from the enthusiasm and dedication of these two committed members and I thank them sincerely for their efforts over many years.

I would also like to thank our Patron, Mrs Le for her continued interest and involvement with the Society. It gives confidence knowing that the society is recognised for our work from such a high public office. The same should also be said for our Vice Patron, the Right Honourable Martin Haese, the Lord Mayor of Adelaide.

#### **Major Events and Activities**

The events and activities conducted by the Society were varied in nature but traditional in offering. These have been reported comprehensively in the Bulletin and key organisers recognised for their service. Some events were, The Combined Branches Meeting at Mount Gambier, Spring and Autumn Shows, regular Monthly Meetings, Pruning Demonstrations, assistance for the International Rose Garden Open Day and garden maintenance, presentations to various Garden Clubs and advisory meetings with various local councils, Botanic Gardens (IRG) and Carrick Hill.

#### Media, Publications and PR

Paul Flavel, Chris Kelly, Di vom Berg and Brenda Burton have maintained an expanding presence on our web site and on Facebook. These media areas help to raise our profile. It has given us an avenue to create an interest in roses and gardening in general. This is an important conduit to connect with the next generation.

Radio presence is also important and we are fortunate to have access to present details of the major show events with John Lamb (891) on the Saturday morning of the show, usually through Maureen Ross. The other major connection is with 5AA through Kelvin Trimper and Michael Keelan. Kelvin presents the 'Rose of the Month' and all matters rose related, it con-

tinues to be popular with listeners. Aileen Scott has also been heard on Community Radio. Our 'Bulletin' is still the main means by which we communicate with members. It serves as a record of our events across the state and to promote events. It is quite amazing to think that our Society reaches from Ceduna to the west and Hay to the east, Mount Gambier to the south and Darwin to the north, as well as other interstate and overseas members.

Don Vivian, the 'Bulletin' editor, continues to compile a document that members look forward to reading each quarter. It is also available on our web page. Many members have opted for this method of receiving their 'Bulletin'. This has had one or two hiccups as members need to know the password to access the 'members only' section of the web site. We can effectively do this by emailing a new password to current financial members with a valid email address.

The direct posting of Annuals to members has proven to be successful and convenient, but like most things that are made more convenient it comes at an increased cost. Council is of the mind that the saving of the time and hassle of distributing the Annuals across the state makes it worthwhile. The articles presented by our members and published make for interesting reading. It should also be noted, from an article penned by Peter Burton that he should now be referred to as 'Son of the Hybrid Tea' and not 'Irresistible'.

I, on your behalf, congratulate Mary Frick on being awarded a well deserved Australian Rose Award. The citation is recorded in the current Annual.

#### Volunteer Maintenance, Pruning and Advice

The International Rose Garden and the National Trial Garden both receive considerable volunteer time from Rose Society members. Deb Curtis, Sharyn Perrin and a band of willing assistants chalk up a lot of hours in the deadheading and pruning tasks. The International Garden has also been assessed for the removal of many rose plants that have been exhausted by their years of hard work. Replacements have been recommended and sought from rose nurseries, several of which have made very generous offers. The work carried out in the renovation process will give the garden a new lease of life and inspire the many visitors who wander the Botanic Park.

In the same vein, advice and some financial assistance has been accepted by Carrick Hill. Deb Schulz, a board member of Carrick Hill, has taken the task of renovating the garden area very seriously, changes have already been made to the manner in which the gardens are managed. Merv Trimper and I spent several Wednesday mornings wandering Carrick Hill to deliberate and recommend the renovations needed.

Gavin Woods has also worked closely with the Prospect Council to re-invigorate one of their main rose garden areas. Similarly, the Norwood-Payneham Council has accepted the challenge to upgrade their rose gardens after seeking advice from Kelvin Trimper.

The Adelaide City Council has not escaped our attention, many of their rose gardens have had some recommendations for replanting after a tour of the rose gardens with Lorraine Oldrey and Kent Williams accompanied by Kelvin Trimper, Merv Trimper and myself.

They have also taken advantage of our offer to assist with the training of their new recruit gardeners in the art of pruning.

## President's Annual Report for 2017 - 2018 (cont) Doug Gregory

We were also fortunate to have our Vice Patron, the Right Honourable Martin Haese, the Lord Mayor, address us on the extent of the city's rose gardens at a monthly meeting. The city has also created a new rose garden near Veale Gardens as a link to our Chinese sister city of Quingdao. The predominant rose planted, named 'City of Quingdao', has a dark red bloom and is in the form of a cupped rosette. It is a shrub rose bred by George Thomson, a local rosarian.

The 2019 NRSA AGM is to be held in Adelaide, the last weekend in October. The committee has been convened for some time and many of the preliminary tasks have already been actioned. The early organisation is needed so that firm information can be provided at the 2018 National Rose Society meeting.

The 2021 World Convention committee can now advance with a full head of steam. Much of their preliminary work can now be expanded. The whole process has been in a semi-holding stage until the current World Convention (Copenhagen, June 2018) had been executed. This committee is a RSSA Inc group that has been given the authority to act for NRSA Inc, the host organization for the convention.

#### **Retirements from Council**

The Council this year will see the retirement of a number of illustrious rose identities. They are Kelvin Trimper, Malcolm Watson and Les Johnson. Malcolm alone, has clocked up well over 30 years. Tate Hancox has also resigned to dedicate more time to his advanced studies. All will still be involved with Society matters, some in a most significant way. I thank them, on your behalf, for the dedicated and selfless time, effort and expertise that they have contributed to the administration of the Society.

#### Finance

The Annual Report shows a negative outcome for the year. The reasons will be discussed in the Treasurer's Report. Given that the Budget prepared by our industrious and conscientious Treasurer predicted triple the negative amount we have ended up with, it is safe to say we have done well and the changes implemented will mean we should return to the black ink this coming financial year.

I also thank John Morton for stepping into the breach and acting as our auditor. He and John worked well together to ensure that all our books are accurate and information is accessible and our processes transparent.

I also note the generosity of Neutrog, led by Angus Irwin, as our major sponsor. This South Australian company produces excellent products and they have continued to be made available to members with a generous discount. Thank You Angus.

Our Future Financial Commitments will include hosting the National AGM in 2019 and 2021, Combined Branches meeting 2019, 2021 and the WFRS World Convention 2021. Another fund raising event will occur in November when Merv and Wendy Trimper open their garden. I call on all members to generously support and enjoy this significant event.

#### Strategic Plan

I have been associated with the activities of the Rose Society since 1990 when my wife, Pam first joined. I assisted her with whatever activities she undertook but didn't join the Society for a couple of years. It seemed that most of the work was done by Council members and immediate family. What we did have was a Council that was energetic, imaginative and enthusiastic. The IRG, NRSA Trial Gardens, Rose Festivals and Branches were all significant steps that created the superstructure that is our current Society. Our partnership with Neutrog was also established late in that decade. The RSSA Inc Council has remained and is still the controlling body and its members are still energetic, imaginative and enthusiastic and responsible for approving and conducting our activities. But allied to the work of the Council, we have input from many members across a wide range of activities. Obvious ones are the Branch Committees and Show Committees, but there are many others.

I would like to see more members being prepared to stand for Council and the other important positions that need to be filled to ensure all the arms of the Society continue to function cooperatively and effectively. To give members a clearer understanding of the extent of our Society and its aims and ideals I have produced, with input and feedback from Council members, a Strategic Plan 2017 - 2022. In addition to our statement, 'To provide excellence and innovation in the promotion of the rose', this document will give members a detailed view of what we do, how we operate and future ambitions. When asked, 'What does the Society do?', a member has the means to give an accurate answer. This document shows the areas in which a member can participate and the breadth of activities undertaken by the Society.

To fully implement this plan all organising groups must have a complete working committee. Too much is left to too few if all positions are not filled or if one individual is left to do the work in more than one committee.

To be a rose 'expert' is not necessary to administer the Society. It certainly helps to have a strong interest or passion for the rose, but more importantly you need to be prepared to spend time in either organising, constructing or disassembling a Society event and to be personable, tolerant, hard working and good humoured. For most of us, we come from an age when we exhibit these qualities in 'spades'.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, it has been a busy year much like many of the previous years. We have set in place the means to have a successful national and world event, given constructive advice to a number of local councils, Carrick Hill, Old Government House and the Botanic Gardens, conducted a number of spectacular rose shows, set our budget back on track to be into the black, consolidated by means of 'the web' the way in which members can obtain information, continued with our monthly meetings and pruning demonstrations, and celebrated our achievements and achievements of individual members in a number of ways, including our Christmas Dinner.

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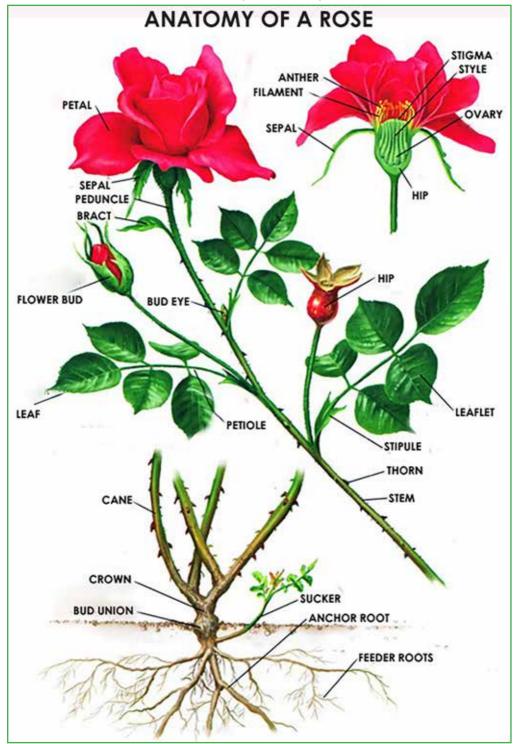
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## ROSES ON EYRE REPORT FROM KIELPA MEETING Trevor Kemp

The morning was crisp with a light frost in the hollows as we made our way to Shirley Dennis & son Richard's home.

As we crossed the ramp into their farm, two long rows of trees in the distance seemed to say - This way ... A warm welcome was issued as we arrived given by Shirley and the tail wagging dog, Belle. The fire was already going to warm us up and a cuppa was there as well.

Thirty members travelled there for the meeting held between Lock and Rudall, and we were able to see the effects of the drought in this area. The harsh season meant the crops were not in and the light soil was moving with the wind. We were told that on those windy days, it was difficult to even see the sheds from the house.



The garden was informal with paths and beds being renewed. The planting of two new roses into beds that had had roses in them, was to demonstrate what was the best outcome. **One** had a wheel barrow load of soil from another part of the garden exchanged and had homemade excellent compost added. The **second** one was planted into the existing soil and had some of the same compost added, both were well watered with GOGO Juice in the water. We will all be interested in the outcome as time goes on.

Ken gave a demonstration on pruning. As with other rose growers, his back told him to prune from his knees. He pointed out the good branches to retain and then counted these, and proceeded to remove the old or smaller ones. Some members practiced pruning with some guidance.

As we strolled in the garden it became obvious that something was happening. Compost in large amounts was being introduced. The resources from the farm were mixed with fish waste, to make this so you could nearly eat it. Now they have some of the best plant food. Their parsley and rhubarb were magnificent. Another project was to plant large plastic tubes into the ground, they had holes beneath the soil level with a screw on lid. This was food for the worms from the kitchen scraps that were added.

Soon it was time to go on our way, with a resolve to return to see the results of the changes that had been introduced.



Life can either be accepted or changed. If it is not accepted, it must be changed. If it cannot be changed, then it must be accepted.

You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.

Never let the things you want make you forget the things you have.

# CULTURAL NOTES FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER Gavin Woods

With all the hard work that Winter brings the rose gardener, Spring sees the rewards in the form of the magnificent first flush of blooms.

Early October is a good time to feed your plants. Late September is better but if not done then, an application of Sudden Impact for Roses® in early October will help maximize the potential of your roses. This fertilizer is specifically formulated for roses and contains extra potash which is so beneficial to cell structure, which in turn assists disease resistance. It also improves bloom colour and texture.

If you have not yet mulched your garden I would recommend that this should be the next priority. Mulch is available in many forms with Who Flung Dung® receiving rave reviews. A mulch should provide insulation to the soil from the heat of summer, it should suppress the growth of weeds and ideally it will add some nutrient to the soil during the decomposition process. Who Flung Dung met all these criteria during trials here in South Australia.

As the weather warms up so your roses' requirement for water will increase significantly. Finding the right balance between enough water and the anxiety of excess water bills can be problematic! My view is that in our climate your roses will produce a Spring flush of blooms even if you do not water them at all! Winter rains usually provide enough growth to ensure our roses produce an adequate initial flush. If, however, you want a fantastic first flush; one which optimizes your cultural abilities and showcases the rose to its optimal, then you probably cannot water too much. As with Winter rains, water is stored in the subsoil and our deep rooted roses will utilize much of this in times of water stress. I am lucky to have a garden based on clay soils, which is far preferable to growing great roses than conditions provided by a sandy soil.

The problem of pest and disease may well raise its ugly head during the first days of Spring. Aphids are often the first to arrive in gardens and can be managed organically should you hold your nerve. With a few plants their removal with a squirt of water may be sufficient. Biological control will work but unfortunately one requires a relatively large population of the pest before the predators become established at levels necessary to achieve control. Decide if you are prepared to accept a degree of damage to your roses in order to maintain a relatively chemical free garden.

Apparently Sparrows love aphids, with one prominent Rosarian feeding the European imports to encourage their presence. I know that Silver Eye birds also feast on the little pests; unfortunately Silver Eyes are very seasonal in my garden. Predatory insects such as Lacewings, Lady Bugs and predatory wasps will come in plague proportions if conditions are

right. They are the ultimate control mechanisms given that no work is required on the part of the gardener other than providing conditions conducive to their proliferation.

White Oil based sprays are likely to cause the least environmental damage should a spray be required. This class of chemical will cope with insect pests and fungal diseases alike and are highly recommended provided they are not used at high atmospheric temperatures lest burning of your rose results.

Cutting roses either for the house or a Rose Show is one way to enjoy the fruits of your labour. I recommend cutting long stemmed roses early in the day before the warmth of the sun sets in. An alternative is to wait until late in the afternoon to pick, provided the day has not been too warm. A bucket full of water is always taken to the plant and the freshly-cut rose is placed deep into the water as soon as possible.

Do not cut a bloom, gingerly pick all the leaves off one-by-one, remove the prickles with an air of disdain and then place the bloom between your teeth and carry it into the house for placement in a vase! Well by all means try it......but the poor rose is unlikely to survive for long!

Conditioning roses is an area surrounded by more folklore than fact! We have all read that roses should be plunged into cold water up to their necks, in the dark for hours on end in order to achieve a level of top condition. I once read that the ideal location to condition roses was in the bath. My solitary attempt at using this apparent tried and true method saw the roses upturned as the stem and leaves floated the roses horizontally! I now suspect (with the wisdom of hindsight) that the method was successful when Exhibition Roses were shown in boxes with short stems......and the water in the bath was not deep! Science demonstrates that roses draw water through its xylem mechanisms very quickly and in fact a long stemmed rose could expected to be fully hydrated within half an hour of placing in water. Preservatives added to the water are thought to extend the shelf life of roses; daily water changes might be just as effective?

Hybridists will be considering their cross pollinations and will be "breeding" during November to January. Even if you do not undertake planned pollination, why not leave a couple of hips on a plant to mature and sow the seed next winter; the very nature of creating a new variety places a whole new dimension to your understanding and appreciation of the rose. The heat of December is also an ideal time to begin propagation via T bud grafting, the most common form used commercially.

Dead-heading roses has long brought multiple and varied views. Some prefer to remove much of the flowering cane and the spent bloom with the view that a strong shoot will then emanate from the base of the lateral to produce another strong flower shoot. I tend to recommend that much of the plant is retained in order to maximize production of sugars to feed the next crop of blooms. There are pros and cons to both methods and certainly the former method is tidier.

It is not too early to begin the preparation of a new rose bed. I have just removed a 25 year old bed of Floribundas and will spend twelve months preparing the soil for new roses. Aspart of the preparation of the soil, I will add as much organic matter as I can to the area. To

# CULTURAL NOTES FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER (cont) Gavin Woods

this end I have trialled Who Flung Dung ® at Barker Gardens on Prospect Road, Adelaide and found it to be an excellent additive to remediate soils. The worm activity when we planted the beds in July was amazing.

Spring is an amazing time in the rose garden. A time of renewal: a chance to reacquaint ourselves with our old favourites (roses that is!) and a time of anticipation of something special in the new varieties planted.

<u>I recommend a wander in the garden either early morning with a cup of coffee in hand, or late afternoon with a glass of red the drop of choice. Even better........DO BOTH!</u>

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## CHAFFEY ROSE CLUB - RIVERLAND BRANCH REPORT Fleur Carthew



Our programme for 2018 is nearly complete, however the following activities are eagerly anticipated. The four main events are:

- Private Garden visits in Loxton on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Please contact Dale for catering purposes and other details.
- Renmark Rose Week where our members are heavily involved, particularly the Floral Display at the Renmark Institute on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of October.
- Our Coach trip in 2018 will be to the Adelaide Hills, and environs. An overnight stay in Adelaide leaving from Renmark Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7am, with a pick up in Loxton and return on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> around 5pm is planned. All enquires to Jill Knight 0415387943.
- Christmas drinks and nibbles at Fleur Carthew's home Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm onwards. BYO to share.

An important date for 2019. The Chaffey Rose Club AGM will be held in Renmark on  $6^{th}$  &  $7^{th}$  April 2019.

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The first sign is black spots on the leaves which goes on to develop yellowing in the area around the spot. If left alone it can spread quite quickly and eventually defoliate the plant. When the fungus has been killed, the leaves will not loose their marking and will eventually drop off.

Treatment

Remove as many of the affected leaves and buds as possible without denuding the plant.

Spray roses during the growing season with preferred chemical. Never in the heat of the day. Rose sprays used during the growing season will only hold the problem in place. The new growth should become clean.

Note: Always use caution when spraying chemicals and read the instructions on the back of the packaging.

Organic Rose care recommendation:

Eco Oil - for things that bite

Eco Fungicide - for the diseases

Charlie Carp - foliar feed (this will make your garden smell a bit fishy but it is great stuff)

Put all three of these in the recommended dosages (on bottle) into one spray bottle. Religiously spray both under and over leaves till they drip. This will need to be repeated once a week as it is organic, not systemic.

When winter pruning has been done and all waste removed, spray with Lime sulphur on the plant and ground around. This will clean the area of fungal problems giving you a fresh start in the new growing season.

Prevention is better than a cure.

If you are living where roses are known to have this problem, make sure there is good air circulation around your rose and prune to take away dense foliage from the heart of the bush.

Start your chosen spray routine before you see the problem on the leaves.

Make sure your roses are well watered and fed regularly. A happy rose is a healthy rose.

Choose varieties that are strong growers and either newer varieties or those recommended by the rose society in your area.

Important: signs and symptoms will vary significantly between varieties, even within similar categories. The information provided here is a basic summary of the most common affects and will not always be applicable to all rose varieties.

## VOLUNTEERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ROSE GARDEN (IRG) Deborah Curtis



The hard working band of volunteers in the IRG had a busy pruning season. There were less roses to prune due to the removal of some non-performers plus the weather was reasonably kind.

In August we had a planting and deadheading day. Some of the volunteers helped Botanics plant up a new bed with roses while others deadheaded and tidied up the French Teas.

We start at 0730 and go through till around 1200 with a coffee break, depending on the weather. We are quite flexible time-

wise with start and finish times varying. 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, suitable clothing including gloves, hat, and enclosed shoes and a water bottle.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

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#### **SOUTH EAST BRANCH REPORT**

#### **Ione Saint**

The SE Branch August meeting was held in the beautiful garden of Betty and John McKee. Everyone was in admiration of the magnificent azaleas in full bloom, so healthy, large and spectacular.

27 members listened intently to our knowledgeable guest speaker, Rachael Matuschka, part owner of Treloar Roses, Bolwarra, Victoria. We were each very grateful and surprised to be given a free rose from a selection which she had brought along. Rachael gave a demonstration on how to sharpen secateurs and a very thoughtful presentation.

With improved genetics of today's roses she stressed there is now an easy care rose for all locations. New varieties have improved disease resistance reducing the need for chemical use and can cope better with climate change and humidity. Fewer chemicals help to have a reduced impact on our bees and beneficial insects. Roses don't produce a lot of nectar but they do produce a lot of pollen which bees can utilize as their source of protein. Rose varieties with single or semi double blooms give bee's easy access.

Treloar Roses have been trialling mycorrhiza fungi granules on the roots of their roses at planting time and also that of some of their customers, with extremely positive feedback from all over Australia. When applied the roses have had excellent growth compared to those



untreated. The mycorrhiza forms a symbiotic relationship with the rose, the roots release sugars into the soil and the white filaments of the fungi help extend the reach of the plant in obtaining extra nutrients. Mycorrhiza sachets are available through various retail outlets including Treloar Roses.

Another tip Rachael shared, was to spray roses with Charlie Carp if possums were a problem as the scent and taste seemed to deter them.

Our next gathering will be our Christmas meeting on Sunday 25th November, 11.00 am start, in the garden of Helen Zadow, 4621 Mt. Burr Road. Approx 5km West of Penola. Bloom of the month competition; please bring along a plate of supper to share, your own mug and chair.

There's a big confusion in this country over what we want versus what we need. You need food, you want a chocolate sundae.

Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.

#### **ROSE OF THE MONTH**



JULY 2018 - 'Joyce Abounding' a miniflora, is an extremely popular Australian bred Miniflora rose which has been awarded many prizes in Rose Shows across Australia, especially NSW and Victoria. The rose has many uses from mass planting, low hedges through to specimen plants either in the ground or featured in large pots. Bred by the Late Dr. Bruce Chapman of Melbourne, Joyce Abounding was released in 2012 by Ross Roses in South Australia.

"Miniflora" is a relatively recent classification of roses and covers a group of roses which are bigger than

"Miniature" roses and smaller than "Floribunda" roses.

The classically shaped flower has a range of colours from yellow to apricot, through to mid pink and variations of each colour. Blooms are produced on short individual stems through to small clusters on a bush around 60cm tall and wide. Its flowering display is for eight months of the year, with the best range of colours in the cooler months. Health is excellent for most of the year. No noticeable scent available.

This rose is hardy and easy to grow. Ideal for small house blocks, units or even larger gardens, this rose is instantly appealing and will never let you down. It is also great for growing in pots.

This rose is available from Ross Roses (Willunga) or Roses and Friends in NSW.

Text: Andrew Ross



**AUGUST 2018 - 'Nahema'** is a large flowered Climber / Pillar Rose which was bred by Georges Delbard, in France, from 'Grand Siecle' x 'Heritage' in 1991 and released in France in 2006. Nahema has established a reputation as one of the best fragrant climbers on the market and is well suited to our climatic conditions.

'Nahema' produces masses of highly fragrant and deeply cupped old-fashioned blooms with velvety petals of delicate almond blossom pink. This rose blooms in profusion throughout the season with a strong perfume

of citrus, peach, apricot, pear and rose. The renowned perfume of the Guerlain range of perfumes is based on the essence of this rose.

'Nahema' can be espaliered against a wall, used as a pillar rose or trained and bound to a verandah post. This is an ideal location because the rose has very few thorns and the perfume can be enjoyed. It repeat flowers well and will grow to a height of approximately 3 metres.

The flowers are sensational to use in flower arrangements because of their long vase life and as the petals drop, the perfume remains scattered around the base of the vase.

Available from Wagner's Rose Nursery, Newman's Nursery, Rankin Roses, Swane's Nurseries and Silkie's Rose Farm.

Text: Sharyn Perrin Photo: Melanie Trimper



**SEPTEMBER 2018 - 'Remember Me' is a** Hybrid Tea bred by Alexander Cocker in Scotland and released worldwide in 1984.

Coppery orange with golden tones, this rose is an outstanding and novel colour in roses, but its popularity is because of the name 'Remember Me'. It has become one of the special roses to plant in remembrance gardens or as a personal memorial to loved ones.

The blooms are of a classic Hybrid Tea form with flowers produced on single, long stems or small

clusters on long stems carried evenly over the bush producing a most decorative plant.

Parentage is 'Alexander'and 'Silver Jubilee', two well-known roses in past decades and used as breeding parents in many of Cocker's roses.

Growth is strong and upright around 1.5 metres tall by 1 metre wide. An outstanding feature of this rose is its abundance of glossy rich green foliage which has a high resistance to disease. 'Remember Me' blooms can change from a light russet/brown and increase in colour to deeper tones in the sun. The blooms have a lovely fragrance.

This rose was an award winner in the United Kingdom and Europe when first released. It was not released in Australia until many years later when it was introduced by Brundrett's Roses in 1990.

South Australia's George Thomson was an apprentice in Cocker's Rose Nursery prior to coming to Australia and remembers Alex Cocker's creation of this rose being part of his breeding group.

This popular rose is widely available from most major garden centres and all specialty rose nurseries including Ross Roses, Wagner's Rose Nursery and Knight's Roses, all proudly South Australian.

Text: Maureen Ross Photo: Melanie Trimper

#### MULCH TO RETAIN MOISTURE IN YOUR ROSE GARDEN

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All organic mulches conserve water by reducing evaporation due to sun and wind, they supress weed growth and feed earthworms and many other microbial insects vital to balance the eco-system of the soil in your garden. Organic mulches hold and retain moisture for their use in hot weather!

Straw (wheaten, oat, barley, pea) can be used very effectively in times of dry weather. There is no doubt that lucerne straw is by far the most superior mulch because it breaks down and adds beneficial nutrients to the soil – right now, however, most lucerne will be used for drought affected animals!

Mulch of woodchips / leaves / animal manure around roses and other plants is effective however, apply lime over the soil every second or third year to counter possible acidity.

**IMPORTANT**: get a good cover of any of the above mulch products over your soil as soon as you have weeded the garden.

#### WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES (WFRS) NEWS

The WFRS now has a new website www.worldrose.org which replaces the old website.

It includes more information with past editions of World Rose News and By Any Other Name, more downloads and videos to name just a few additions.

You can read information about each of the officers who represent the WFRS, see who the Friends for Life are, all of the Past Presidents, and award winners.

Members without Facebook can review the live Facebook feed directly from the website without having to join.

## KELVIN TRIMPER HONOURED AT WORLD ROSE CONVENTION



A number of awards were presented at the 18th World Rose Convention in July 2018. Outgoing WFRS President, Kelvin Trimper, received the highest honour for an individual, a Gold Medal for his record of outstanding service to the Federation (2009-2018) and the Rose.

(Malcolm Watson is the other S.A. recipient.)

On 26 January, 2018 Kelvin was appointed as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) 'for significant service to horticulture and the promotion of gardening, to urban development and to the community of Salisbury'. Our congratulations to Kelvin on these prestigious awards!

The curious thing about power is, it's a bit like the sun — time spent in it changes one's complexion and how one is perceived.



### New NRSA Sauvignon Blanc Fundraising Wine



We are very proud to announce the release of our National Rose Society of Australia 2018 Sauvignon Blanc in July. This is an elegant and refreshing wine showing guava and melon aromas with a hint of citrus. The bouquet is beautifully complemented on the palate with rich passionfruit and well balanced natural acidity. It is a delicate wine with a rich mouthfeel due to the perfectly ripened fruit. This wine remains true to variety with the typical fresh Sauvignon Blanc characters. This versatile, easy drinking wine style is perfect on its own or makes a great accompaniment to antipasto platters and seafood dishes. Represents great value at \$11.25 per bottle incl. freight.

<u>To find out more or order visit this link: www.patrickofcoonawarra.</u> <u>com/rose</u> or phone (08) 87373687 and speak to our Cellar Door staff.

#### 2018 Vintage Report

After an initially cool start to the season, the regular hot weather in January and early February accelerated ripening to change what was going to be a late season into a more 'normal' vintage. The Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc in both Wrattonbully and Coonawarra were harvested in mid-February. The timing of the grape picking couldn't have been better. The 2018 wines are balanced with great natural acidity due to the cooler start to the season. Overall, the 2018 vintage will be remembered as being relatively stress free with optimal weather conditions producing wines of exceptional quality, balance and intensity.

#### **Fundraising on Target**

Congratulations to all members involved with fundraising for the 2021 World Rose Convention. I have been informed your fundraising has achieved its targets again this year. We are proud to partner with the Rose Society to help achieve this, with nearly \$5,000 raised for the convention from the sale of wine. Keep up the great work and I hope you continue to enjoy the wines we have to offer to support this campaign.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family and friends when you next visit Coonawarra, hopefully you will join us for a taste.

Luke Tocacíu
Winemaker

