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Calendar of Coming Events

PLEASE NOTE: Monthly Members General Meeting commence at 7:30pm

April 2019

**Saturday 6th
&
Sunday 7th**

National Rose Trial Garden of Australia **'People's Choice'**
International Rose Garden, Botanic Gardens **10:00am to 4:00pm**
Enfield Hort Show, Klemizig Community Centre
Chaffey Rose Club AGM, Renmark

Sunday 7th

Clare Autumn Garden Festival, Clare Showgrounds **10:00am to 4:00pm**

Wednesday 10th

Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**

Speaker:

Ross Kemp **Topic:** "New Plantings of Roses"

Question Time:

Kelvin Trimper

Competition:

Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Decorative Rose OR
"1 Rose Introduced from 1900 to 1940"** Open: **1 Exhibit**
Judge: Gavin Woods

Floral Arrangers

"Anzac Day" **Judge:** Melanie Trimper

**Saturday 13th
&
Sunday 14th**

Autumn Rose Show
Burnside Community Centre

Tuesday 16th

RSSA Council Meeting, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **4:30pm**

**Saturday 27th
to**

WFRS Regional Rose Convention, Nanyang, China

Thursday 2nd May

May 2019

Sunday 5th

ROE AGM, Kimba

Wednesday 8th

Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**

Speaker:

Pam Catcheside **Topic:** "Fungi"

Question Time:

Merv Trimper

Competition:

Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Miniature OR 1 Miniflora
OR 1 Australian Bred Rose** Open: **1 Exhibit** **Judge:** Gavin Woods

Floral Arrangers

Horizontal Design **Judge:** Patti Bennett

Tuesday 21st

Rose Show Sub Committee, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **3pm**
RSSA Council Meeting, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **4:30pm**

Sunday 26th

SE Branch AGM, Naracoorte

June 2019

Wednesday 12th

Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**

Speaker:

Ross Kemp **Topic:** "Fertigation"

Question Time:

To Be Confirmed

Competition:

Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Stem OR 1 Cut**
Open: **1 Exhibit** **Judge:** Merv Trimper

Floral Arrangers

Design using Bamboo **Judge:** Patti Bennett

Tuesday 18th

RSSA Council Meeting, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **4:30pm**

Sunday 30th

Rose Pruning Demonstration, International Rose Gardens, **1:00pm 4:00pm**

Calendar of Coming Events Continued:

PLEASE NOTE: Monthly Members General Meeting commence at 7:30pm

July 2019

Sunday 7th

RITH Rose Pruning Demonstration, 3 Para Road, Evanston, Gawler **1:30pm**
RITH AGM 3 Para Road, Evanston, Following the Pruning Demonstration

Sunday 14th

ROE Rose Pruning Demonstration, 3 Wishart Street, Tumby Bay at **1:30pm**

Wednesday 10th

Members General Meeting, **AGM**, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**

Speaker:

To Be Advised **Topic:** To Be Advised

Question Time:

John Bradshaw

Competition:

Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Stem OR 1 Cut**
Open: **1 Exhibit Judge:** Merv Trimper

Floral Arrangers

“Winter Basket” **Judge:** Melanie Trimper

Tuesday 16th

RSSA Council Meeting, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **4:30pm**

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Presidents Report - Autumn 2019

Summer

It is the best of times, it is the worst of times, it is the season of bush fires, it is the season of floods, it can also be a year to enjoy, it is a year of roses, it is the flower of colour, it is the flower of scent, it raises our spirits, we tread more joyously, we have our gardens, our shows and our public spaces to share, we have a fantastic opportunity as a Society to elate any and all of our visitors when they visit us for the National AGM in October and the 2021 World Rose Convention. In short, we need members to become actively involved to ensure that all events run like clockwork.

Where You Can Help.

The Society has many elected and appointed positions. Elected positions are made in accord with the constitution. Appointed positions are for sub committees and for many of the ongoing tasks that the Society undertakes. The Show Committee with administration, judges and stewards, plant stall, gift shelf, publicity and catering requires a platoon of volunteers. Winter season requires qualified pruners and we also provide rose advice to the public and to local councils. Monthly meetings have quite a number of volunteers working in the back ground to keep our interest. Our country branches have a similar structure and need similar support from the membership. Quite often, just to attend an event is support enough, on page 12 of the Strategic Plan 2017 - 2022 lists some of the positions on offer. It can be found on our web site : <https://sarose.org.au/about/strategic-plan/>

Being a member of the Society (any Society or Club for that matter) does come with responsibilities. If you want to continue to receive the benefits of belonging then the structures that make it all happen do need to be supported.

Having spent a lot of time in committee meetings as a teacher, administrator or volunteer I have noted a number of things that make it a less daunting task. One of the principle notes relates to complaints. A complaint will always be dealt with if it is in written form, which clearly describes the nature of the complaint and comes with a suggestion or suggestions of how the situation could be rectified. A second note relates to how changes to process or culture can be implemented. For major change it means that lobbying of other committee members is required and if needed some feed back from the general membership should be sought. The committee must come to a consensus decision, otherwise it may become divisive and lack the coordination to implement change. A third note relates to the committee members. A committee works best when all have the interests of their whole group as a first priority. The Rose Society has had some ups and downs in this area (like most special interest groups), but for the majority of our hundred and ten years we have been very well served by our elected officials.

President's Report Continued:

Roses

My favourite topic for discussion.

I've often thought that it would be good to have a shade cloth that could be pulled across to cover the whole garden. It could also be used for protection from the parrots in the spring. But then, the hot days come, they burn off a few blooms and the plants respond to water and fertiliser to produce an Autumn flush. Grandiose thoughts are left until the next hot spell. Even though the temperatures seem to be hotter than in the past, the records would suggest there really isn't much change. What has changed is the increase in the amount of concrete and tar and a decrease in the green space that surrounds us in our city environment. I wonder if it will ever get to the point where everyone with a garden uses shade cloth to cover it totally on a hot day.

The climate is changing, always has been. I wonder what we would have done as a species if we were around when the oxygen levels were above thirty percent and we had to try to stop the level from decreasing. The move to protect tomato plants, as promoted by John Lamb - ABC Radio, on very hot days has already started, it won't be long before other plants get the same treatment.

Revisiting a topic from the last Bulletin, I'd like to add another rose into the mix of 'why do we bother with different types of roses?' The rose ***Ole*** is a beautiful blood red, similar in colour to ***Cardinal*** but with fewer petals and not an exhibition form. I grow it for its colour and because it can be used as an excellent 'full bloom' rose for exhibiting. It holds its colour, shape and freshness and is an excellent rose for picking. Its flowers are produced either as single stems or in clusters of three to seven blooms and stand strong and upright. Within the cluster, the centre stem is short, the outer stems can be thirty centimetres or more and can be picked as individual stems in their own right. As a plant it grows as a typical hybrid tea with strong, upright growth. To cut a cluster of blooms would mean dealing with a well foliated hefty structure up to fifty centimeters high, nothing like the elegance of a head of ***Europeana*** or ***Seduction***.

Ole is registered as a 'floribunda'. To me, it should be a 'grandiflora'.

Council Business

The council meets monthly. The February meeting lasted for three hours. Much of what is done revolves about correspondence and reports from our branches and all of the sub committees. Other items on the agenda require organisation and discussion. As chairperson of the council I like to make sure that anyone who wants a say on a topic gets to say it. As can be imagined, a topic that involves subscription fees and entitlements of members, or a review of rose judging standards can create a lot of talking points. Policy and regulation that surround such issues are certainly not completed at one meeting.

Awards

It was with some delight to see Malcolm Watson listed in the Australia Day awards. His involvement and level of commitment to the Society over a long period of time is unparalleled.

Kelvin's award last year and Malcolm's this year were excellent news, but on further perusal of this year's list, two other of our members also received an OAM for services to the community. Namely, Coleen Houston from Hay (NSW) and Glenda Bailey (SA). Congratulations to all, we are proud of your achievements and take pride in knowing you are a member of our Society.

Events - *Get ready for a busy April!*

Mount Barker Show (Rose Show), Brian Wagner's Open Day (Kalangadoo), Clare Garden Festival (RITH stall), Public voting in the National Rose Trial Garden (Botanic Gardens), Autumn Rose Show (Burnside), Easter at Newman's Nursery (Tea Tree Gully) and Enfield Horticultural Show (Rose Show).

The country and suburban shows are an excellent place for new exhibitors to show their flowers and to obtain advice from the old hands who attend to set-up, exhibit or judge. Make a point of visiting at least two of these events. You will be surprised by the enthusiasm, colour, scent and friendliness. Gardeners have it all in spades.

What the Dickens?

My attempt to emulate Dickens in the opening paragraph may have been in vain, so perhaps finding a Dickens quote that gives us some idea of the feeling of Autumn will be compensation enough.

"The air came laden with the fragrance it caught upon its way, and the bees, up-borne upon its scented breath, hummed forth their drowsy satisfaction as they floated by." ~ The Old Curiosity Shop.

Doug Gregory



How Did Your Roses Survive The Extreme Heat?

Let other members know what roses did and did not survive well in your garden over the summer with the extreme heat conditions. Select your best and worst three roses and say what measures you applied to the roses in your garden to keep them cool and healthy.

Forward your article to BulletinRSSA@gmail.com

NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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

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

The nomination, together with a written citation are to be lodged by Wednesday, 10th April 2019 with the Society Secretary.

If you are unsure of the content, or correct information, contact the Secretary for referral for help prior to submission.

CLOSING DATES FOR FUTURE BULLETINS

EDITION	RESERVE SPACE BY	PROVIDE MATERIAL BY
Jul/Aug/Sep 2019	8 th May 2019	25 th May 2019
Oct/Nov/Dec 2019	8 th August 2019	25 th August 2019
Jan/Feb/Mar 2020	8 th November 2019	25 th November 2019
Apr/May/June 2020	8 th February 2020	25 th February 2020

SUBMITTING ARTICLES & IMAGES

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An A4 word document (Font: Calibri size 11) amounts to approximately 1 & 1/2 Bulletin pages

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The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated

2019 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 111th Annual General Meeting of The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated will be held on **Wednesday 10th July 2019** in the Burnside City Uniting Church, corner of Portrush Road & Fisher Street, Tasmore at **7:30pm**.

Business of the Meeting

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting held on 11th July 2018
2. Receive the President's Report
3. Receive the Treasurer's Report
4. Approve the Audited Financial Statements
5. Election of Officers and Council Positions:

President

Three Vice Presidents

Secretary

Treasurer

Six Financial Members who, together with the above elected officers, form the Council of the Society with the Immediate Past President Ex-Officio.

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

6. To consider any other business referred by the Council

Wendy Trimper, Secretary

The Treasurer's Report will be available at the AGM. For members not attending the AGM, who wish to receive a copy of the Treasurer's Report post AGM, an email copy can be arranged by contacting the Treasurer

Front: Seen at the 2010 WFRS Regional Rose Convention

'Flower of Peace' Zijjing Park, Changzou, China

Photograph by Mary Frick

Honoured Rosarians

On Australia Day 2019 three members of the Rose Society of South Australia were announced as being recipients of the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia. These three people have worked tirelessly for their community and organizations.

Malcolm Watson, Coleen Houston and Glenda Bailey have joined the 'exclusive club' of other highly recognised members in our Society.

Other recipients are:

Kelvin Trimper AM - 2018; For significant service to horticulture and the promotion of gardening, to urban development, and to the community of Salisbury

Brian Slack OAM - 2002; For Service to Equestrian Sport

Dean Stringer OAM - 1997; For Service to Floriculture

David Ruston OAM - 1984; For Service to Floriculture

Our Society was also privileged to have had the late Eric Trimper OAM (2001) and the late Ralph Lucas OAM (1998) as Past Presidents.

I deeply apologise to any person/s I have not mentioned; being unaware of your recognition. How fortunate are we to have so many highly regarded, dedicated people in the Rose Society of South Australia.



"Permission to reproduce the OAM Ribbon Mount above granted by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General".

Coleen Houston OAM

For Service to the Community of Hay

Bishop's Lodge Historic House and Heritage Rose Garden, Hay

- Committee Member, since 1985.
- Coordinator, Lodge Spring Market, 'for 10 years'.

Rose Society of South Australia

- President, Chaffey Rose Club (Branch), since circa 2013.
- Convenor, Heritage Roses in Australia National Conference, 2005.

Heritage Roses in Australia

- Co-ordinator, Riverina Group, current.
- Distinguished Service Award, 2006.

Riverina Women's Club

- Committee Member, since 1998.
- Past President, 2008-2012.
- Vice President, 2006-2008. • Member, since 1972.

Sing Australia, Hay

- Founding Member, since 2010.

Hay Uniting Church

- Elder, current.

Isolated Children's Parent's Association

- Co-Founding Member, current.
- Supporter, Dunera Museum, current.
- Past Member, Hay Amateur Dramatically Society.
- Past Member, Hay Historical Society.



Malcolm Watson OAM

For Service to Horticulture

World Federation of Rose Societies

- Executive Director, 2006-2015.
- Chairman, Regional Convention Organising Committee, 2008.

National Rose Society of Australia Inc

- National Vice-President 1999.
- National President 2000.
- National Secretary 2001-2006.
- National Treasurer 2001.
- South Australian Delegate to the Annual General Meeting, 2014, 1997-1999 and 1992, 1993.
- Member, Awards Selection Committee, current.



The Rose Society of South Australia Inc

- President, 2014 and 1996-1998.
- Immediate Past President, since 2015 and 1999-2001.
- Vice-President, 2007-2008 and 1995.
- Secretary, 2009-2011 and 1986-1994.
- Treasurer, 2002-2007.
- Life Member, since 1996.
- Member, since 1977.
- Editor, 'The Bulletin', 1987-1996.
- Tour Co-ordinator, 'Secretary's Bus Tours/Rambling Rosarians', 1989-2004.
- Treasurer, Roses in the Heartland Branch, since 2012.
- Consultant, Beijing Rose Museum, current.
- National Rose Society of Australia Delegate, National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Inc, 2001-2006.
- Secretary, Adelaide Rose Festival Committee, 1992-1997.

Tea Tree Gully District Garden Club

- Member, since 1970s.
- Former President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.
- Life Member, since 1986.

Awards and recognition includes:

- Australian Rose Award, 1998.
- T. A. Stewart Memorial Award, 2000.
- World Rose Award, 2003.
- Gold Medal, World Federation of Rose Societies, 2015.

Glenda Bailey

For Service to the Community of South Australia

- Artist, porcelain painting, current.
- Teacher, porcelain painting, current.

Keith Art Group

- Life Member, current.
- President, 1988.
- Secretary, 1986.
- Member, since 1982.
- Involved in the design and artwork completed on windows installed in a church by the Keith National Trust.

Mitcham Village Art and Crafts Association (trading as Gallery One)

- Life Member, since 2011.
- Committee Member, 2009-2010.
- President, 2008-2009.
- Member and Volunteer, since 1997.

South Australian Porcelain Art Group

- Member, current.
- Committee Member, current.
- Former President.

Myeloma South Australia

- Committee Member, since 2002.
- Member, Breakaway group, since 2002.
- Member, Tatiara Palette Painters, 1996-2016.
- Participant, Sporting Car Club of South Australia.
- Volunteer, Meals on Wheels, 1988.

Awards and recognition includes:

- Recipient, Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award, Tatiara District Council, 2000.



Volunteers working in the International Rose Garden

Flowers, Twigs Berries and Leaves.

by Joy Johnson

Flowers, twigs, berries and leaves have been part of my life, for as long as I can remember. As young child I was free to roam far afield - as long as the chores were done before I set out!

Off I would go, uphill and down dale, across fields, picking as I went on my journey, along the hedgerows and lanes returning home - sometimes with an armful of flowers and greenery, sometimes only a small bunch of wild primroses or cowslips. One of my favourite to pick in the autumn was spindle berry – I'm not even sure if that is the correct name. I loved that bush with its berries being bright pink on the outside and orange on the inside. I can still see it in my minds eye.

Once home with the days gatherings, I would (artistically of course) arrange them in a jar, or if the stone flour jar was empty, I would use that. Depending, on the time of the year they would be displayed either in the conservatory on the long table, or in the sitting room on the fireplace.

Formal floral art came into my life through the Rose Society monthly meetings. I wondered how difficult can could be? Having decorated churches and venues for various festivals, weddings, dances and formal occasions, I now do not think that any of my exhibits ever met the criteria, being untutored in the elements of design - Space, Line, Pattern, Texture, Colour, Proportion and Scale.

I joined a floral art club, such a steep learning curve, and still I am learning. Another thing came to my attention was the colour wheel, having never seen one before. I am of Romany Gypsy descent. In that culture there is no such thing as colours not matching. The sky, trees, bushes, earth, fields and vegetation all have their own colour hues and make up a wonderful palate for us to wonder at. It took me a long while to get my head around colour matching!

Floral art is for your own enjoyment, for pleasure and for sharing. Along the way we make good friends, and meet wonderfully artistic people, all who create beautiful designs from nature.

I am not competitive by nature so exhibit for other people to enjoy. It is not about the winning, it is about the sharing of your interpretations of a theme. I am always amazed at creativity of the entries at shows. I wish you joyous autumn and wonderful floral art arrangements.

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Kelvin Trimper



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S. Rosier & C. Sheath	Gawler, SA



Bronze Medal

Name: Splash of Summer
Type: Floribunda
Breeder: Horner, UK



Bronze Medal

Code: 5121-04-1
Type: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Meilland, France



Bronze Medal

Code: HARW109B
Type: Floribunda
Breeder: Harkness, UK



Most Fragrant Rose in Trial

Name: Climbing Avon
Type: Climber
Breeder: Knight's, Australia



Name: Ashton Gold
Type: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Walsh, Australia



Code: HARN228A
Type: Floribunda
Breeder: Harkness Roses, UK

2018 Rose Trial Garden Awards Certificate of Merit



Name: Troy
Type: Mini Flora
Breeder: Walsh, Australia
Image by Richard Walsh



Name: La Fillette
Type: Shrub
Breeder: Walsh, Australia



Name: Fairytale Magic
Type: Floribunda
Breeder: Kordes, Germany



Name: Watercolours
Type: Shrub
Breeder: Carruth, USA

Images on pages 16 & 17 supplied by Les Johnson

2018 National Rose Trial Gardens of Australia Awards



Gold Medal

Name: Golden Beauty
Type: Floribunda
Breeder: W. Kordes, Germany



Gold Medal

Code: 6009
Type: Floribunda
Breeder: Brundrett, Australia



Silver Medal

Name: Pink Ayoba
Type: Floribunda
Breeder: W. Kordes, Germany



Silver Medal

Code: 6429-02-1
Type: Floribunda
Breeder: Meilland International, France



Bronze Medal

Name: Vanessa's Gift
Type: Floribunda
Breeder: Walsh, Australia



Bronze Medal

Code: 6031
Type: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Brundrett, Australia

Roses are red.....

Join Rosarians from around Australia when we gather in Adelaide for the 47th Annual General Meeting Weekend of the National Rose Society of Australia.

Commencing on Friday 25th October 2019 the weekend will incorporate our

Spring Rose Show (Sat 26th and Sun 27th October);

Australian Rose Championships:

World Federation of Rose Societies Challenge Classes:

Lecture Programme, (Sat and Sun):

Bus Tour (Monday 28th):

and Social Activities.

Full programme details, together with registration form available on the Society's website

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Rose of the Month

January 2019 Daybreaker



Classification: Floribunda

Awards: NRTGA Gold Medal, Best in Trial & Best Floribunda; Portland USA, Best in Trial; Rose Hills USA, Gold Medal

Available from: Newman's Nursery, Wagner's Rose Nursery, Swanes Nurseries, Treloar Roses

Photograph: Melanie Trimper

February 2019 Red Gem

Classification: Mini Flora

Awards: Nil

Available from: Ross Roses

Photograph: Melanie Trimper



March 2019 William Christie

Classification: Shrub

Awards: Nil

Available from: Knight's Roses, Gawler, South Australia

Photograph: Les Johnson





ROSE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC

AUTUMN ROSE SHOW 2019

BURNSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

401 GREENHILL ROAD, TUSMORE

Saturday, 13th April 12.00noon to 5.00pm

Sunday, 14th April 10.00am to 4.00pm

Admission: \$5.00

OFFICIAL OPENING

3.00pm Saturday 13th April 2018

By

MRS LAN LE

Patron of the Rose Society of South Australia Inc.

Guest Speakers:

Sunday 1.00pm and 2.00pm

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NOW IS THE TIME

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RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

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- ✓ Four Bulletins issued each year with news of the Society's activities, calendar of events, cultural notes, member's advertisements etc.
- ✓ The Australian Rose Annual published by the National Rose Society of Australia and issued to members during April/May each year.
- ✓ Monthly meetings and all regular branch activities with guest speakers, cultural information, library and rose exhibit competitions.
- ✓ Free admission to the Autumn Rose Show held in April each year and the Spring Rose Show held in October each year.
- ✓ Pruning demonstrations.
- ✓ Consulting Rosarian advice.
- ✓ Neutrog 'Sudden Impact for Roses' and other approved products may be purchased twice yearly through the Society at 'Member's Only' special price.
- ✓ An 'Easy Guide to Exhibiting Roses' booklet issued free to members on request.

Meetings of the Society are held at the Burnside City Uniting Church, corner of Portrush Road and Fisher Street, on the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month, February through to November, commencing at 7:30pm. A special gathering is held in December. Ample car parking is available.

Each meeting features a guest speaker or presenter, a segment dealing with rose culture, and a cut flower and floral art competition. Our library and a raffle are regular items. Rose identification and cultural advice are also available.

Supper is provided at the close of the meeting.

Visitors are most welcome to attend our meetings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Ordering Neutrog Products

The Neutrog Order form is on the centre pages of this Bulletin.

Whoflungdung will again be available in 20kg compressed bales. All liquid products (**Sudden Impact for Roses, Seamungus, Strike Back for Orchids and Go Go Juice**) are now in **1 litre and 5 litre** containers only.

Riverton has a once yearly delivery. Members interested in collecting their order/product from 35 Masters Street, Riverton, remember to order enough product to last one year.

Ceduna and Pt Augusta have an annual delivery in November of each year.

When filling out your Neutrog Order Form please make sure you **tick the box** alongside your desired collection point on the right hand side of the order form under Collection Details.

Neutrog products at this special Rose Society price is for **current financial members only**.

Orders will be only be accepted on the enclosed Order Form received by post, email or fax. **Phone orders will not be accepted**

Online orders are now available and encouraged. Please see notice from Kelvin Trimper on Page 14 of this publication.



The closing date for orders is **Friday 19th April 2019**

Please ensure you keep a copy of your order and show your name badge when collecting your order from your pickup point. If you are unable to collect order at said day/times please arrange for someone to collect it on your behalf.

The collection dates for Adelaide Metropolitan from Banner Mitre 10, 2 Fullarton Road, Norwood are: **Friday 17th May: from 9:00am to 3:00pm** and **Saturday 18th May from 9:00am to 12:00 midday**.

You may collect your order direct from: **Neutrog, Kanmantoo on Friday 17th May from 9:00am to 3:00pm**. **Orders not collected from Banner will not be returned to Neutrog.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to recent legislative changes, members must ensure that their vehicle and/or trailer is not overloaded when it leaves the collection point. The load must also be securely fastened. Failure to comply may result in a refusal to fulfil your entire order. This is to keep you safe – at the end of the day we just want you to get home safely and enjoy spreading your fertiliser.



The Rose Society of South Australia Inc.
Order form for Neutrog products
Orders close by Friday, April 19th 2019



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Suburb/Town _____ Postcode _____

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	Products available	Size	Number of items	Cost per per item	Total
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	Gyganic	20kg bag		\$30.00	
	Kahoonia	20kg bag		\$30.00	
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	Sudden Impact for Roses Liquid 5L NEW	5 litre bottle		\$35.00	
	Strike Back for Orchids	20kg bag		\$30.00	
	Strike Back for Orchids Liquid 1L	1 litre bottle		\$10.00	
	Strike Back for Orchids Liquid 5L NEW	5 litre bottle		\$35.00	
	Sudden Impact for Lawns	20kg bag		\$30.00	
Upsurge	7.5kg bag		\$16.00		
ORGANIC FERTILISERS	Bounce Back	20kg bag		\$13.00	
	Rapid Raiser	20kg bag		\$15.00	
	Blade Runner	15kg bag		\$15.00	
	Rocket Fuel	15kg bag		\$13.00	
	Cock'n'Bull	30 litre bag		\$7.00	
	Seamungus Pellets	20kg bag		\$20.00	
	Seamungus Green Crumble	20kg bag		\$22.00	
	Seamungus Liquid 1L	1 litre bottle		\$10.00	
	Seamungus Liquid 5L NEW	5 litre bottle		\$35.00	
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GOGO Juice - Concentrated 5L NEW	5 litre bottle		\$35.00		
Meatworks Blood'n'Bone	25kg bag		\$30.00		
Whoflungdung	20kg bale		\$14.00		
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		NSW		\$35.00	
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Orders close by Friday 19th April 2019

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Collection Details

Please tick your Rose Society product collection point
Adelaide Metropolitan:

Banner Mitre 10 Trade Centre
2 Fullarton Road, Norwood
Corner Fullarton and Magill Rd
Orders are available for collection STRICTLY between the following dates and times

Friday 17th May 2019 9am-3pm
Sat 18th May 2019 9am-12pm
If you are unable to collect your order during the above times, please arrange for someone to collect it on your behalf.

Regional areas:
Collection from regional areas will be available from the week commencing 27th May 2019. Please contact the person listed for your area prior to collection to ensure the stock is available and they will be home to assist with your collection

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82 Para Road Tanunda
Contact: Ian and Mary Frick
T: 8563 0521

South East - Penola
Mount Burr Road.
Contact: Helen & Trevor Zadow
T: 0417 889 863

South East - Mt Gambier
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T: 08 8725 7216

Eyre Peninsula - Cleve
5 Hauschild Rd
Contact : Rex Crosby
T: 08 8628 2476

Eyre Peninsula - Tumby Bay
3 Paul Street
Contact: Eileen Weiss
T: 08 8688 1812 or 0427 881 812

Whyalla
Tanderra Craft Village
Contact: Ellen Zukowski
Lincoln Highway
(behind Maritime Museum)
T: 0417 805 257

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95 Tapalin Street
Contact: Jill Knight
T: 0415 387 943

Chaffey - Hay
363 Macauley Street
Contact: Ellen Townsend
T: 0429 935 812

Kanmantoo Pickup STRICTLY FRI 17th May 9am-3pm only
Neutrog Factory, 288 Mine Road
Kanmantoo T: 08 8538 3500

Yorke Peninsula - Rogues Point
14 Rogues Point Road
Contact: John Bradshaw
T: 0417 081 204

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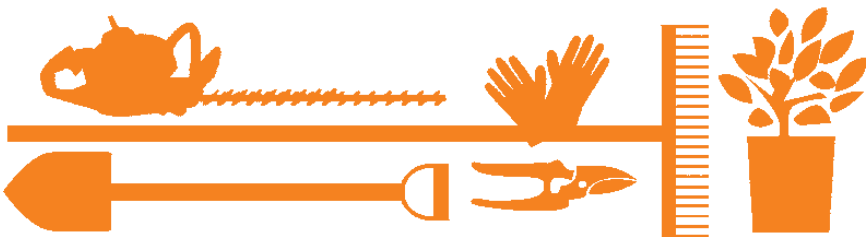
To make supporting Banner Mitre 10 Hardware even easier, here is an exclusive offer for Rose Society members to take advantage of upon collection of their Neutrog product order:

It is with great generosity that Banner Mitre 10 Hardware in Norwood provides Neutrog and the Rose Society of South Australia with a central collection point for the Rose Society orders of Neutrog product.

We are very fortunate to have the support of Banner Mitre 10 Hardware and to show our appreciation, it would be great if we could all support them in any way possible.

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Rose Society of SA

Order Form

All prices include GST

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4377	Econocut Bypass Large	\$35.00	\$35.00		
4377s	Econocut Bypass Small	\$30.00	\$30.00		
4869	Luxury Anodised - 6¾" Bypass	\$49.00	\$45.00		
4564	Cut & Hold Bypass Secateurs	\$35.00	\$35.00		
4105	Silver Series - 8" Bypass	\$30.00	\$30.00		
4107	Silver Series - 90mm Straight	\$30.00	\$30.00		
0479	Power Shears	\$30.00	\$30.00		
15	Black Pouch	\$12.00	\$10.00		
CT21	Tool Belt	\$35.00	\$35.00		
9902	Multi V Sharpener	\$25.00	\$20.00		
1017	Gear Action Bypass Lopper	\$85.00	\$80.00		
1682	Gear Action Anvil Lopper	\$59.00	\$55.00		
8332	Folding Saw (180mm)	\$32.00	\$32.00		
1150	Metal 8 Pattern Nozzle	\$29.00	\$26.00		
GF 5448	Adjustable Water Wand (G.F Italy)	\$30.00	\$30.00		
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2167	10" Hedge Shears	\$59.00	\$59.00		
7	Garden Gloves XS Sml Med Large XL XXL	\$9.00	\$5.00		
23	Garden Sleeves	\$20.00	\$20.00		
9114C	Garden Kneeler	\$55.00	\$55.00		

Please feel free to check the website and place additional products below: www.cutabovetools.com.au

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Payment Date	17 th May 2019	Delivery Date	June Meeting or soon after for branches	
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CutAbove Tools is pleased to be working with the Rose Society of South Australia. We believe that we have a selection of pruning and gardening tools that will be of beneficial use to you with roses and indeed other pruning and gardening needs. We have a local representative in Adelaide.

The company has been operating for nine years after taking over the Clevedon brand. We initially had about 40 items in the range however this has now grown to over 150 products.

What makes CutAbove Tools different? We believe that not one tool is going to suit everyone. Everyone has different requirements, hand sizes, strengths and of course different budgets. As a result, we provide a range of products that should satisfy your needs. In addition, we can assist you with your selection. Our website provides a lot of information for each product however if you wish to call or email us with your requirements, we can discuss your needs and make suitable recommendations.

For example, we have 18 different types of secateurs including ratchet mechanisms, bypass secateurs, anvil secateurs and snips. We even have some "Cut & Hold" bypass secateurs – ideal for picking or pruning thorny roses!

All our products have a two-year warranty. We carry a comprehensive range of spare parts – essentially if a part can be removed, we can replace it.

CutAbove Tools is a member of the Nursery and Garden Industry. We supply several commercial customers including florist schools and wholesale nurseries.

Our products include secateurs, loppers, shears, pruning saws, high reach pruning poles and garden accessories such as sharpeners, gloves, stainless steel hand tools, watering equipment, garden kneelers and rakes.

Our local representative (Trevor) can be contacted by phone: 0437 795 922 or by email: sa@cutabovetools.com.au. You can also contact Customer Service on 0403 128 500 or sales@cutabovetools.com.au

At this stage we are planning an ANNUAL promotion, so do not hesitate and think there will be another chance, you will have to wait a year for this offer to be repeated!

Importantly and most generously our society will receive 10% of the marked price of sales. Ours is a very expensive society to run and our members receive exceptional value for money so the funds will be welcome.

**Please support this initiative and try these products,
you will not be disappointed.**

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE of EXTREME HEAT on ROSES

by Les Johnson

Adelaide experienced an extreme temperature event on January 24th when the maximum temperature reached 46.6°C, breaking an eighty year record and taking from Melbourne the dubious honour of being the hottest capital in Australia. As you travelled north from Adelaide the temperature was higher with Port Augusta recording 49.5°C.

What was remarkable was how well our roses handled the heat. However, some suffered more than a few burnt leaves. From personal experience here are a few suggestions for handling an extreme temperature event.

By watering the day before the expected heat-wave ensures that the roses has plenty of time be well hydrated prior to the extreme heat. Don't panic if you see foliage on the day looking a bit wilted. This is natural protection for the plant which will recover in the evening.

Shade your roses with anything from old sheets to white shade cloth. In particular try to ensure the crown is protected. If you only have a few roses buy a couple of cheap, light coloured umbrellas and attach to a wooden stake. In the lead up to hot days avoid dead heading and pruning. Every bit of shade counts.

Over following days I surveyed the scene. It appeared that some roses growing may have died. At this stage nothing was done other than keeping up the watering. You never know if another heat wave is just around the corner and those brown, sunburnt stems may still be alive.

Within a week or two, new growth was poking through. Roses on their own roots which had dried out on top now sent out new shoots from below the soil level.

By the middle of February in South Australia, it is unlikely the weather would be the same as the likes of January 24th. This is the time to take action to prepare your roses for the Autumn Show being some 50 – 55 days away. Now your roses should have had time to recover from the worst of the extreme heat and sent out new growth from the crown of the rose bushes. Remove dead growth and trim back to active growth and fertilize with **Sudden Impact for Roses** unless the rose is just recovering from the effects of recent scorching. It is also not too late for mulching if it hasn't been done already. We are lucky that **Neutrog's WhoFlungDung** is now on the market, providing an active mulch for our roses.



Golden Dawn (Grant 1928) Prune dead growth. Sun-burnt stem on left has new growth is retained but will probably be removed during winter pruning

The roses will have sent out some remarkable new growth despite what the weather has thrown at them. After the trim back, celebrate how well the roses handled this summer with a glass of champagne and prepare yourself for the magnificent autumn display.



*Peace (Meilland 1945) already showing New Growth
22 Days after scorching*



*Felicia (Pemberton, 1928)
- Back from the dead*



Volunteers in the International Rose Garden (IRG), Botanic Gardens, Hackney Road

by Deborah Curtis

The IRG volllies have had a busy time deadheading over the summer. We've missed a few days due to the extreme heat and worked some half shifts as well. Well done team for your persistence despite the heat.

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

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

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Deborah Curtis

Supervisor of the Volunteers in IRG

On behalf of the RSSA

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The 14th Conference of Heritage Roses in Australia

by Sue Zwar

John & I have not long returned from the 14th National Conference of Heritage Roses which was held in Albany from Tuesday 6th November until Sunday 11th November with the pre conference tour beginning in Perth and concentrating around Kojonup and the post conference tour looking at gardens around Pemberton. What an exciting conference it was, excellently organised with nothing too much trouble for the 'Great Southern' Western Australians. The theme for the conference was 'Creating Collections' with about 160 people attending.



Entrance to the Rose Maze with Alistair Clark's Restless making up the outer hedge



Zephirine Drouhin & Wright's garden near

We began our tour from Araluen in the Perth foothills, a very large and beautiful public garden with an extensive area of roses, many of them Alister Clarks and tea roses and all in full flower.

We then travelled to Kojonup where Kodja Place and the rose maze was just "a-mazing" – a real tribute to the local folk who designed, built and maintain the garden of 1400 roses, all Australian bred. The garden pays tribute to women of the 20th century, following the story of three generic women – Yoondi, an aboriginal woman, Elizabeth, a British pioneer and Maria, an Italian. If you are ever near Kojonup, Kodja Place is well worth a visit, as is the town which is very proud of its farming history.

We had a wonderful two days in Kojonup visiting some beautiful gardens and partaking of wonderful country hospitality.

We arrived in Albany on Tuesday evening when we had a very enjoyable welcome sundowner function in their dramatic Albany Entertainment Centre built on the harbour to look like a giant ship. The centre was decked out with magnificent 'David Ruston' type flower arrangements which were quite spectacular. For the next three days we had morning lectures at the centre

followed by afternoons visiting stunning gardens around Albany. I was one of the speakers, with one of my topics being the collection John & I have planted on National Trust land in Penola, namely old hybrid teas and Chinas. Heritage Roses in Australia donated \$2,500 to cover the cost of setting up the collection. I then went on to tell the audience about the history of the Heritage Rose collection at Rustons Roses and finally about our own collection at Camawald, Coonawarra.

On Saturday afternoon we were taken to the National Anzac Centre at the old Forts on Mt Adelaide where one can see the harbour that the ships left from to sail to Europe, Egypt & Gallipoli. It is there that the local Heritage Rose folk have planted a garden of rugosa roses hedged, very appropriately, by



*Lamarque in Kathy
Kojanup*



Mostly Roses garden

rosemary in honour of the women and their place in war. A very touching tribute!

On Sunday morning, the centenary of Armistice Day, and a very significant time for Albany, we were privileged to witness the Ceremony of Celebration. A very moving and well run service held at Albany Peace Park on the foreshore. The MC was excellent with a good sense of humour when things didn't go according to plan and the Armistice Day address was very thought provoking and memorable.

It was then back onto the buses and the drive to Walpole where we were fortunate to be given time to do the tree top walk in the Valley of the Giants where we could marvel at the engineering feat that enabled us to walk amongst the upper canopy of the huge red Tingle trees, *Eucalyptus jacksonii*.

We spent the next two days in Pemberton looking at wonderful gardens, very extensive and filled with trees and shrubs as well as beautiful roses. The final garden we visited, also a rose nursery, was called 'Mostly Roses' and was owned by a charming Irishman, Seamus Johnston who told us that "I'm in love with roses! Just roses!" What an appropriate way to finish a brilliant rose conference!



EASTER ROSE DISPLAY AT NEWMAN'S NURSERY TEA TREE GULLY

Jon and Dianne Hall, Proprietors of Newman's Nursery, have invited the Rose Society to participate in a Rose Display over the Easter weekend, on **20th, 21st and 22nd April, 2019.**

The roses on display are gathered from far and wide to showcase as many varieties as possible. They will include new releases for 2019, Delbard and David Austin Roses.

The role of the Rose Society members is to share their knowledge with visitors, providing rose culture information and assisting the public to order their roses from 10am until 4pm each day. Members are rostered on for 2 hours at a time.

Over the past years the display has been spectacular, featuring over 1,000 rose blooms and the perfume totally intoxicating!

If **you can assist** in any way over the three days, please contact Kelvin Trimper by email **kttrimper@bigpond.net.au** or mobile **0418 818 167**. If you can't assist, then please come and visit the display - you will not be disappointed.

You can also collect our Rose List for the 2019 season.

Please also invite your friends and family to attend.

Any additional queries please email
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Roses in the Heartland

Rose Pruning Demonstration

Date: Sunday 7th July 2019

Time: 1:30pm

Where: 3 Para Road, Evanston (Gawler)

Contact: Sharyn – 0409 096 369

**Bring your gloves & secateurs & have a go
Afternoon tea available free of charge**

Followed by:

Roses in the Heartland

7th AGM

Date: Sunday 7th July 2019

Time: At the conclusion of the Pruning demonstration

Where: 3 Para Road, Evanston (Gawler)

Planting New Roses in an Established Rose Garden

by Ross Kemp

It has come to the time of the year to start removing rose bushes that have reached their used by date or have not been performing to their potential for various reasons; be it that they are too big for the spot, do not repeat flower or for a myriad of reasons to long to list here.

I look at the new roses planted in early July 2018 and observe how they have performed in this dry and very hot summer. I will describe my methods and remind you that they will only be as good as the ground they grow in and will be influenced by the greater effort you make being rewarded by healthier and more productive bushes with blooms for many years to come.

Walking around the garden with a sharp spade after deciding which roses are to be removed is an easy task when the unwanted plants are young, but the longer the plants have been in the growing in the ground or the more vigorous, the greater the effort needed. It is important to mark the new site for the replacement rose before it has been refilled as it will look the same as the surrounding area once filled in with fresh dirt.

Dig your new hole around 40cmx40cm square and deep disposing of the rose "sick" soil to other parts of the garden and again mark the sides of your hole with stakes which can be removed after planting. Here in our garden we get down to the clay soil at 40cm and put a good quantity of Gypsum in the hole which will provide many benefits for years to come. Fill 2/3rds of the hole with cow manure which has been composted and screened. If only replacing a few roses, bagged manure from your local hardware store will be fine. In our case, good quality composted cow manure is available by the trailer loads from various sources close by. In the city though it may be difficult to obtain, but



The hole that has been dug out in a garden bed where 12 year old roses formally occupied



The hole filled with all the

commercial products are available at good sand and metal yards.

Fill the remaining hole with **Neutrog's Cock 'N' Bull** and a fruit tin of **Neutrog's Seamungus** pellets. From there I add a 4 litre bucket of lucerne chaff and dig it through the hole mixing well, then water with 3 to 4 litres which has had **Neutrog's GoGo Juice** added at the recommended rate.

Water occasionally for the next four weeks to keep the ground moist unless it has rained. After four weeks add more lucerne chaff and **Neutrog's Seamungus** pellets digging the hole over again and be pleasantly surprised at the high level of worm activity that has happened in that short period of time, re-water with **Neutrog's GoGo Juice**. After three or four months of repeating the above preparation your new hole will now be ready for planting with your new rose or roses.

Any leftover lucerne chaff will keep until next year or is very beneficial in the veggie patch or used as a mulch around plants. It is not overly expensive and is good value for the dollar. The lucerne chaff mixes easier than hay and easy for the worms to digest.

I usually start the removing and preparation in February and March and be finished by early April. Spelling the ground for twelve months was normal practice, but this method can now give us the opportunity to replace new roses more readily.

During this time that we have been preparing our soil for new planting it has been a good time to check out the new roses available. There are many places to view these in rose catalogues, on the Internet, visiting Newman's Nursery at Easter and at the Burnside **Autumn Rose Show**. It is a hard decision to make as there are many new beautiful roses to choose for the home garden.



'good stuff'



Now 6 months old, the rose 'Dark Desire' shows healthy, vigorous growth



The rubbish bin shows the growth of the rose 'Forget Me Not'

Vale

Mr David C. H. Austin O.B.E.

Mr David C. H. Austin Snr OBE VMH, rosarian and founder of David Austin Roses Ltd. died peacefully at his home in Shropshire on Tuesday 18th December 2018, surrounded by his family. He was 92.

Mr David C. H. Austin OBE was a truly remarkable man whose English Roses have captured the imagination of gardeners and rose lovers worldwide.

“He loved nothing more than seeing the pleasure that his roses gave to others.” Mr David Austin Jnr, son and Managing Managing Director of the company for the last 25 years said.



David Austin OBE

Photo courtesy David Austin Roses UK

He developed a passion for plants from a very young age but the discovery of a magazine called *Gardeners Illustrated* tucked away in the school library truly ignited his passion for flowers. It was the book, *Old Garden Roses* that Mr Austin’s sister gave him for his 21st birthday that stimulated his love for roses.

With his new passion for roses, David decided to take up rose growing as a hobby, ordering his first few plants when he was in his early twenties. Beguiled by their beauty, his interest only really lay with the old roses, but with the fashion at the time being for modern Hybrid Teas, he decided to order a few varieties to compare the two groups.

Although he wasn’t charmed by the Hybrid Teas, he did recognise the attributes they possessed that the old roses lacked: a much wider colour range and the ability to repeat flower. This was his light bulb moment, the realisation that he had the opportunity to create something entirely new — a rose with the beauty and fragrance of his much-loved old roses but with the benefits of modern roses.

By 1969, after a lot of trials and errors, David had refined the breeding process and launched his first range of repeat-flowering ‘English Roses’, the name he coined for his ground-breaking varieties that fused the old with the new. The early years were a struggle because he was trying to compete with so many other rose nurseries.

In 1983, David experienced his first real breakthrough when he introduced three very good English Roses at the Chelsea Flower Show, including the rose named after his good friend and mentor, the revered horticulturist, Graham Thomas. The response from the press, as well as the general public, to *Rosa hybrida* **Graham Thomas** (Ausmas) was overwhelming and David credited it with being the rose most responsible for the recognition and success of the English Roses. The following year saw the first of many gold medals at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, and the David Austin garden

gradually became one of the highlights for visitors, which continues to this day.

David Austin Roses Limited is a world-leading breeder of fine English Roses. A family business based in the Shropshire countryside has over 200 varieties of roses to its name. In 1961, David Austin Snr introduced his first English Rose, **Constance Spry**. Now, nearly 60 years on, his collection of English Roses are celebrated throughout the world, winning a plethora of awards for their exceptional beauty, delicious fragrances and outstanding garden performance.

In 2014, The Rose Society of South Australia nominated Mr David C. A. Austin for the Australian Rose Award which he duly received being awarded “to any person whom the Society deems to have given outstanding service in a way whatsoever to the Rose.” In particular, “any service, which promotes knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of the rose by the public, shall be regarded as highly meritorious.” Mr Austin’s Citation reads:

“It is understood that during the mid 1980s, a number of Austin Roses were transported to Australia. Later, during 1991 a further selection of roses, both released and still to be released roses were imported into the Country. These roses, bred in the United Kingdom, included such cultivars as **Graham Thomas**, **Heritage** and **Mary Rose**. This was the start of an incredible relationship Australians would enjoy with a new series of roses – introduced as “English Roses by David Austin”.

Mr Austin’s emphasis has been on breeding roses with the character and fragrance of old garden roses (such as gallicas, damasks and alba roses) but with the repeat flowering ability and wide colour range of modern roses such as hybrid teas and floribundas.

Since its founding in 1969, he and his firm, David Austin Roses, in Albrighton, near Wolverhampton, have introduced over 190 rose cultivars.

Cultivars have been named in honour of his family, well-known rosarians, geographical landmarks in Britain, historical events and British writers, particularly Shakespeare and Chaucer, and their works or characters. For instance, roses have such diverse entities as the rosarian and artist Graham Thomas and King Henry VIII’s flagship, the Mary Rose.

In the twenty first century, Austin separated his roses into five groups as a guide to further developments. The groups are:

- ◆ the Old Rose Hybrids, roses with the appearance of the Old Roses but recurrent, healthy and with a wide range of colours
- ◆ the Leander Group, often with *Rosa wichurana* in their breeding, with larger



David Austin Senior at home
Photo: M. Trimper

Mr David C. H. Austin O.B.E. Continued:

- ◆ bushes and arching growth tending to make them pillar or low climbing roses.
- ◆ the English Musk Roses, based on *Iceberg* and the Noisette roses, with pale green, slender and airy growth. The musk rose scent is missing from most, though other scents are present in many.
- ◆ the English Alba hybrids, with tall, rather blue-leafed bushes like the old Alba roses.
- ◆ Rose Bouquet Collection. Intensive breeding was undertaken to produce these roses, specifically for the floral industry, combining all of the beauty and charm of Austin's garden roses, but ideal for bridal bouquets and special events.

These English roses, with their long flowering season, grew very well under Australian conditions, providing modern shrubs for rose borders, climbers and container plants, in addition to a range of cut flowers used extensively in bridal bouquets. It is reported that English Roses provide a variety of rich fragrances, including the beautiful Old Rose fragrance, the Tea Rose, Musk Rose and also the fragrance of myrrh, and a whole variety of other fragrances; making them a group of flowers, unrivalled in this respect.

Austin Roses, having become so popular with Australian gardeners and have been included in plantings within the following public rose gardens – the Mornington Botanical Rose Garden, Vic., Morwell Centenary Rose Garden, Vic., National Rose Garden, Longford, Tas., Old Parliament House Rose Garden, Canberra, ACT., Ruston Rose Garden, Renmark, SA., The Queensland State Rose Garden, Toowoomba, QLD., and the Victoria State Rose Garden, Werribee, Vic. Each State Rose Society also includes Austin's Roses in its list of Recommended Roses in the Australian Rose Annual.

David Austin's influence on rose breeding trends was acknowledged with an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2007, and during 2010 he was honoured as a Great Rosarian of the World.

In 2003, David Austin was awarded the Victoria Medal of Honour by the Royal Horticultural Society for his services to horticulture and the Dean Hole Medal from the Royal National Rose Society.

His roses are grown throughout the world, and he was delighted when his **Graham Thomas** received the highest accolade in the rose world, when it was voted as the World's Favourite Rose by the World Federation of Rose Societies. The award was announced at the 2009 World Rose Convention in Vancouver, when the rose was inducted into the Society's 'Hall of Fame'.

With in excess of 150 different varieties available in Australia, one rose nursery currently lists almost 70 different cultivars in its 2014 Rose Catalogue.

Through the introduction of these much loved new roses in the old theme, David Austin has captured the imagination of a new generation of Australian rose lovers".

Mr Austin was very honoured and appreciative when advised of being a

recipient of Australia's highest award, the Australian Rose Award as indicated in his reply (below) to National Rose Society of Australia Secretary, Mary Frick.

I was absolutely delighted when I received your letter telling me that I have been given the 2014 Australian Rose Award. It truly is a great honour and I shall look forward to Mr Malcolm Watson's visit on Monday 15th June.

I would take great pleasure in showing Mr Watson around our Nursery and the Rose Breeding Department. He might also find our Rose Gardens interesting, as the roses will be at their best at that time.

I have many happy memories of a number of visits to your country and always found everyone most welcoming. I have also been very impressed by how well you grow our roses.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely



DAVID C.H. AUSTIN



*Malcolm Watson (R) presents David Austin OBE (L) with the Australian Rose Award
Photograph courtesy David Austin Roses UK*

SOUTH EAST BRANCH REPORT

by **Ione Saint**

The February meeting of the South East Branch was held in the shady gardens of the historic homestead Yallum Park, Penola, the home of Annie and Andy Clifford our gracious hosts. Despite the extremely hot day, thirty members and guests enjoyed the welcoming cool shelter of the majestic, towering trees.

Yallum Park was originally settled in 1840 and the grand stately home we see today was completed in 1880 by John Riddoch. The Clifford family purchased the property in 1914 and have now been custodians of this magnificent property for over 100 years. Many of the original trees, shrubs and roses planted between 1850 and 1880 are still standing and growing strongly in the garden today. A rose bed planted in 1860 of **Fortunes Double Yellow** rose still flourishes beside the original well to the home. Many of the trees are named and dated and in the last four years new perennial beds have been established surrounding the home but encapsulated by the original box hedges planted in 1880.

For a novel idea, the Branch trialled having an exchange of unloved gardening books between members which proved very popular and brought great excitement. It was decided to repeat this as an annual event.

Another favourable concept was to discuss a rose that is growing well in our gardens under local conditions. Glenys Mulligan discussed and brought along a spray of a Kordes rose **The Lion**. It always has healthy glossy foliage, good disease resistance and great flowering ability with fully double creamy white blooms which open as an apricot colour. Quite a few members were impressed and will be seeking this one out in the near future.

Once again the Branch will be having a marquee at the Wagner's Rose Nursery Open Day to be held Sunday 7th April 2019 from 9.00am onwards. It is always a great day, being very informative and any assistance from members wishing to help in the marquee on the day will be greatly appreciated.



The next meeting will be our AGM at The Avenue Inn, 17 Fourth Avenue, Naracoorte 11.00 am on Sunday 26th May 2019. Hope to see you there.

Left-Right :
Gwen Hannaford, Marjorie Todd, Annie Clifford, Diane vom Berg, Andy Clifford and Robyn Thomas

Chaffey Rose Club Report March 2019

by Fleur Carthew – President Of The Riverland Branch

Congratulations to our President of the Chaffey Rose Club , Coleen Houston, for the OAM she received at this year's Australia Day awards. For anyone who knows Coleen or has ever been in contact with her, you will agree that this award is well deserved. Whenever Coleen is involved in an activity, she is 100% involved, from the ideas stage to the actual work involved and the cleaning up at the end. She is both an ideas and a hands on person. Bishops Lodge in Hay, with its very special roses, would not be the wonderful place that it is today without her efforts.

We would also like to congratulate Malcolm Watson for his OAM this year. Malcolm has been the Chaffey Rose Club's liaison officer in the past and we claim him as one of our Chaffey Rose Club's members. His advice and support over the years has been invaluable.

A programme was mailed out to all our Chaffey Rose Club members in February and I urge all members to keep the dates of the activities in a highly visible place, for future reference.

This year the AGM is one of our special events with the format being over a weekend in Renmark, with activities and the AGM intertwined. The programme has been printed out and every member should have a copy. Please make a big effort to attend as this is one of our premier events.

A bus trip is planned in November and more details will come later. At all our other meetings this year we would like to ask every attendee to bring along at least 1 rose to display and talk to the group about that rose for at least one minute. We would like to know what are the favourite roses in our region and perhaps why.

I believe that the weather has been extremely challenging this summer for everyone, everywhere in South Australia. I know that my days are spent supplementary watering. Maybe on the edges of the watering system, maybe on the top of a slope, maybe a new planting – all of these need extra care. There is nothing like a heat wave to tell you what spots are not being watered sufficiently. Having said that, it never ceases to amaze me how roses keep on flowering despite the heat, some better than others. I have been trying to note down those roses that are the real survivors here in the Riverland and look to concentrate on those in the future.

A Peek at the Past

The Advertiser, Tuesday 2 February 1954

To protect your hands from scratches when pruning rose bushes or other plants with thorns, use a spring clothes peg to hold the branch while you cut it off.

Cultural Notes for April, May, June

by Gavin Woods



April is the favourite month for seasoned rosarians, with cooler nights our plants bring forth the biggest and brightest blooms of the year.

Exhibitors will have “Summer Trimmed” 49-55 days prior to the Autumn show. Blooms will start to appear the week prior to the required date with a glut of blooms at the required time and a few the week after. Outside of that time-frame it is pretty much a bloom drought! Long-stemmed roses can be picked for exhibition and stored in a cool place for a couple of days prior to the show. Any longer than that will require refrigeration. A Champion bloom is certainly worth emptying out the kitchen fridge for!

There should be plenty of roses at this time for shows, to bring inside and to share with friends. Stems will be long and ideal for all of the above requirements. It is best to take a container of water to the plant, to cut blooms in the early morning or at dusk and to place them immediately into the water. There may be some value in floral preservatives; however I have always found that changing the water every 2 days will maximise the life of your roses. The water quickly fouls, allowing bacterial growth which is clearly of no benefit to any living organism. The smell of water from a week old vase of blooms is something never to be forgotten! When I began exhibiting flowers many competitors would burn, scald, split or crush the ends of stems in the belief that the life of the bloom would be prolonged. I found no value in any of these practices and thankfully we see almost none of it in the current era.

Water remains the prime ingredient for our roses. In the absence of any rain, heavy applications often is the rule. If you have not fed your roses, early April is not too late for an application of **Neutrog's Sudden Impact for Roses**. Feeding past this time frame is wasteful as it leads to soft new growth in June which may be detrimental to the plants at a time when they should be hardening off in preparation for the Winter dormancy.



The record temperatures experienced in South Australia has undoubtedly taken its toll. Plants that were stripped of foliage by fungal disease would have been more prone to the killer of roses; namely sunburn! I was dismayed to see a Trial Garden Gold Medal winner in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens with most canes severely sunburnt. Often the damage will not be fully appreciated until Spring growth begins. We may find this to be a more frequent occurrence if Climate scientists are to be believed.

If a rose is to be dug out, then get to it! The sooner it is out of the ground, the longer you have to rejuvenate the soil for new plantings. I have covered this topic previously and would say that April is the absolute latest that you can consider removing plants for a winter replant. The use of **GoGo Juice** and **Seamungus** is invaluable in the soil remediation process.

Early April is not too late to plant a quick growing green manure crop if an entire bed is being prepared for Winter planting. Barley is a tough, quick growing crop; dug into the soil in early June, decomposition will be sufficient by mid-July to allow for planting of bare-root roses.

April and early May are ideal times to make final decisions about the new varieties you wish to grow and to order them from our retail nurseries. The Autumn Rose Show will give you a final look at some newer varieties in anticipation of growing them yourself.

May is the best month to propagate roses from cuttings. I plant into zip-lock bags which have had the bottom corners cut off, half filled with wet potting mix and allowed to drain. Into this bag I place cuttings of 3-4 nodes length. The ideal cutting is one which the flower has recently faded and with prickles that easily snap off. The top two leaves are left on the cutting and the bag is sealed once the cutting has been watered in. Bags are left in bright, non-direct light for several weeks until roots appear at the base of the bag. At this time the bag is opened for the first time to allow the cutting to harden off for a week or two before potting on into traditional pots. I have had great success with cuttings of many different genera including roses.

Ripe hips should be picked from your plants and prepared for storage. I recently spent a weekend with Paul Hains at his and Toni's home in Brisbane and was surprised just how early hips can be harvested. Paul explained that hips did not have to turn orange to be ripe, rather one should look for a deterioration in the peduncle to determine when to harvest. Growing roses from seed selected from your own garden brings a new dimension to this fabulous hobby of ours. Many "Open Pollinated" roses (pollen parent unknown) have produced wonderful roses, so don't be frightened to plant a few seeds. Whilst at Paul and Toni's I had the pleasure of viewing several of Paul's raisings in their home environment. Paul has several fantastic roses yet to be released, however **Toni** has been released this year and I must say I will be planting it!

Cultural Notes Continued:

Toni has everything required of a great Decorative rose and Paul advises that it does make Exhibition form. I am anticipating good things from it.

For Adelaide Plains growers the penultimate flush of roses can be anticipated in late May. I grow in a mild climate and usually have many blooms to cut in late July whilst pruning. Hills and South East growers can expect the May flush to be the last. These blooms are long lasting and although are not of the quality of the earlier blooms can still be of great decorative use in the house or as garden blooms.

Some fungal disease on leaves of our plants can be anticipated as the days shorten and become cooler. This is when rust appears on susceptible varieties in my garden. My advice is to hold back on the sprays! Leaf fall is inevitable soon as plants begin their march towards dormancy. Spraying will reduce the burden of fungal disease in the garden, but removal of leaves either prior to them falling or afterwards (during the winter clean-up) will achieve the same thing, is more cost effective and better for the environment.



Pests tend to be fewer in Autumn than Spring although aphids, caterpillars and earwigs are sure to make their presence felt in most gardens. Sprays are available to help with control, however predators will multiply to manage the aphids; two fingers placed cautiously either side of the caterpillar and squeezed together firmly will take care of them. Earwigs are difficult to find and to control. Various organic methods are available as is chemical control. Take your pick!

Late June presents a great opportunity to commence the planting of bare root roses. At all costs avoid the plants available through chain stores in May. These will often have been dug from the fields very early and have begun growth in storage or when placed on the sales shelves. They will often be in full growth when the winter prune falls due and can receive a serious set-back particularly if hit by frost or severe weather over winter. Better to wait and get your roses from the more traditional source.

By planting in June you maximise the growth period prior to the production of flowers in Spring and with planting completed, July can be dedicated to the arduous task of pruning.

Whilst mentioning the "P" word.....do NOT be tempted to begin the annual tidy up before July. More about that in the next issue. See you at the show!

2019 Rose Pruning Demonstrations

The Rose Society of South Australia will once again be conducting Pruning Demonstrations in the city and country areas.

These demonstrations highlight the methods of pruning roses on different types of rose plants.

Qualified rose pruners will be on hand to show pruning techniques as well as answering any questions you may have.

Come along and bring your gloves and secateurs. Give it a go under the guidance of the demonstrators.

Pruning Dates:

Sunday 30th June 2019 RSSA Demonstration at the International Rose Garden, Botanic Gardens from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Sunday 7th July 2019 Roses in the Heartland Demonstration at 3 Para Road Evanston (Gawler), 1:30pm. Afternoon tea provided. Followed by the RITH AGM.

Sunday 14th July 2019 Roses on Eyre Demonstration at the home of Mrs. Julia Rehn, 3 Wishart Street. Tumby Bay

Rain, Hail or Shine We Will Be There!



Doug Gregory (left) watches on as an attendee "Gives it a Go"



Dean Stringer (centre) demonstrates how to prune a rose bush



Merv Trimper (left) shows some "Tricks of the Trade"



Gavin Woods (centre) demonstrates pruning a climbing rose that grows over an arch

Roses on Eyre Summer Meeting at Port Lincoln

by Trevor Kemp

On Sunday 3rd February 35- members and friends met at the home of our member Karen Miels and her husband Richardary. We were keen to view their garden that was just four years old from a bare block. As this area does not have reticulated water available, careful planning is needed. Reliable rainfall is caught and stored for the house, garden and orchard. Karen's comment was it helped to know how much water each plant needed to allow careful use of the water resource.

Besides the steep slope of the block some 3000 tons of granite was shifted to add to the beauty of this block. We did see an old bob-cat that was well used to shift the granite. A great watering system, along with mulch saw the all plants thriving. The orchard supplied us with many nectarines from an over loaded tree of juicy fruit.

We also noted our Past President/Secretary Mrs. Eileen Weiss, who was not able to attend, had been given the honour of been awarded the "Citizen of the year" for our district.

Our representative on State Council, Aileen Scott attended the meeting and outlined the upcoming programs and resolution of our request for a pruning instructor for our July meeting.

The President asked for a response to the question: "What did you do to help withstand the extreme heat we had just had?" Many shared that they had increased the watering, with the addition of plenty of mulch. It was shared with us that the spraying of Seamungus as a liquid over the bushes prior to the heat had helped a great deal. Some yellow blooms seemed to withstand the heat. One entry for the competition and 2 entries of **Solero** seemed to be good.

Citizen of the Year Award

Congratulations to Eileen Weiss on receiving the Australian Day 'Citizenship of the Year' Award for her voluntary work in the Tumbly Bay community.

Eileen has been involved in many community activities in the Cleve area before re-locating to Tumbly Bay.

- Joined Roses on Eyre in 2002 holding the positions of President and Secretary over a 7 year period. Still an active ROE member, her home is the collection point for member's who have ordered Neutrog products.

Since moving to Tumbly Bay Eileen has become involved with:

- **Teli Link** – an aged care phone call service.
- **Bowls Club** – holding positions Association President and Secretary
- **Probus Club** – holding the position of President for several terms
- **Garden Club** – 7 years as President
- **Meals on Wheels** – 12 years
- **Parkinson's Disease Group** – 6 years
- **Senior Citizens Club** – assisting with disabled and dementia sufferers

Eileen is a proud Australian who gives tirelessly to the community.



OUT & ABOUT WITH ROSES IN THE HEARTLAND

by Mary Frick

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful, restful festive season and ready for what 2019 has to offer in the rose world.

As I write this report we are in the middle of yet another sweltering heat wave with more days of over 40 degrees.

Most of the committee have been resting up after an extremely busy last 3 months of 2018, in anticipation of another busy year promoting our Branch, the Society and the Rose.

The best news ever though, was the announcement on Australia Day that our much treasured Treasurer, Malcolm Watson was the recipient of the OAM. Malcolm has done a huge amount of work within and for the RSSA, the NRSA and the WFRS over the past 45 years. A very deserving award to a very energetic, hard working and humble man.

Everything takes time and patience. It is the same with growing roses. There are always challenges being thrown into the mix. One just needs to persevere and it will all work out. We have had an army of harlequin bugs invade the garden. They have mainly stayed on the Echinopes (Globe Thistle) vying for space with the bees, though they don't seem to be causing any damage to the roses.



Harlequin Bugs invading the Echinopes

2019 is shaping up to be yet another busy year. With shows and promotions of our Branch, the Rose Society of South Australia, Neutrog and of course the Rose. RITH will again be supporting the local agricultural shows by donating the prize for the Champion Rose. These shows are always looking for more entries to fill benches.

Angaston : **Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th February**.2019

Tanunda: **Saturday 9th March** 2019

Mt Pleasant: **Saturday 16th March** 2019

Mt Barker **Saturday 23rd March** 2019. The RSSA is responsible for the Roses Section
April Diary Dates:

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th April 2019 National Rose Trial Gardens **People's Choice**, International Rose Garden within the Adelaide Botanic Gardens

Sunday 7th April 2019 RITH will be at the Clare Autumn Garden Festival giving out Rose Information, Neutrog products and will, hopefully, have bare root roses for sale from Knight's Roses. **Any assistance in any way would be most welcome and appreciated.**

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th April 2019 Rose Society Autumn Rose Show

Sunday 7th July 2019 RITH **Pruning Demonstration & AGM**, at the home of Lyn Williams, 3 Para Road, Evanston (Gawler).

Until next time stay cool and happy gardening



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