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## **2022 Calendar of Coming Events**

### **January**

**Tuesday 18th** Council Meeting via Zoom – **7pm**

### **February**

**Friday 4th** Chaffey RC: **12:30pm**. Lunch and local garden visits. Bring blooms to discuss for Bloom of Month. Details contact Secretary Dale Kerin.

**Thursday 10th** Members Twilight Meeting. Details **Page 8**  
**Competition:** Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C Grade: **1 Shrub OR 1 Full Bloom**  
Open: **1 Exhibit**

**Floral:** Interpretive - Branching Out

**Sunday 13th** ROE: **10am** for 10.30 start at Cleve Hotel. Guest Speaker. Contact Secretary

**Tuesday 15th** Council Meeting via Zoom – **7pm**

**Sunday 27th** SE Branch Meeting, Woakwine Station – **11am**.

### **March**

**Monday 1st** Chaffey RC: Shrove Tuesday. Pancakes in the Jarrett Memorial Gardens and visit our Treasurer's town house garden. Details contact Secretary Dale Kerin.

**Saturday 12th** Portland Dahlia & Rose Show. Civic Centre, 30 Bentinck Street, Portland, Victoria.  
**Sunday 13th** Saturday 11am–5pm, Sunday 9:30am–4pm

**Sunday 13th** Council Meeting, 7 Bluebell Court, Flagstaff Hill – **10:30am**

**Sunday 13th** Members Afternoon Meeting. Details **Page 8**  
**Competition:** Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C Grade: **1 Floribunda OR 1 Miniature**  
Open: **1 Exhibit**

**Floral:** Interpretive – Mainly Wood. Must include at least 1 rose

**Tuesday 15th** Council Meeting via Zoom – **7pm**

### **April**

**Saturday 9th** Autumn Rose Show & People's Choice Weekend  
**Sunday 10th** Adelaide Botanic Gardens

**Sunday 10th** Chaffey RC AGM, BYO food & drinks for BBQ lunch. **RSVP 28th March**  
to Secretary Dale Kerrin

**Tuesday 19th** Council Meeting via Zoom – **7pm**

### **May**

**Thursday 12th** Members Twilight Meeting. Details **Page 8**  
**Competition:** Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C Grade: **1 Decorative OR**  
**1 Australian Bred Rose** Open: **1 Exhibit**

**Floral:** Interpretive - In a Box. Must include 1 rose

**Tuesday 17th** Council Meeting via Zoom – **7pm**



**Thursday 26th**

Chaffey RC: Afternoon Tea – **2pm**. For Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea. Venue and details contact Secretary Dale Kerin.

**Friday 27th**

RITH 10th Birthday, Tanunda Town Band *Melodienacht*

**Saturday 28th**

Brunch & garden visit. Expressions of interest to Secretary Sharyn Perrin

**Sunday 29th**

SE Branch **AGM**

## June

**Sunday**

Pruning Demonstration, Botanic Gardens. Details To Be Confirmed

**Sunday**

Pruning Demonstration, Carrick Hill. Details To Be Confirmed

**Tuesday 21st**

Council Meeting via Zoom – **7pm**

## July

**Sunday 3rd**

**RSSA AGM**, Fullarton Community Centre. Details **Page 8**

**Sunday 10th**

RITH Pruning Demonstration & AGM. Venue & time to be confirmed

# NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Council of The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. 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 the Society**' and deserves our highest honour.

To assist you, a 'Life Membership Nomination Form' has been formulated detailing all the information required when nominating a person for the prestigious award, Life Membership.

The '**Life Membership Nomination Form**' is available from the Society Secretary – phone 0478 107 260 or 08 8270 7949 or email [rssasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:rssasecretary@gmail.com) or download from the Society website – <http://sarose.org.au> and is to be completed and submitted together with a written citation to the Society Secretary by Wednesday, 6th April 2022.



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The **closing dates** for **Autumn 2022** Orders will be **7th February 2022** with **Metro collections** on **19th February** and **Regional Locations** around **25th February**.

The **closing dates** for **Winter 2022** Orders will be **7th May 2022** with **Metro collections** on **20th–21st May** and **Regional Locations** around **27th May**.

Any questions regarding ordering should be referred to Neutrog or Paul (RSSA) on **0409 096 758**.

# RSSA President's Report

*by Diane vom Berg*

As I write this report, South Australia has opened its borders with reduced restrictions for the fully vaccinated to travel and reunite with loved ones. Again, the past year has been very uncertain. I trust the festive season brought joy and peace to you and your family and friends.

We are now beginning 2022, and I look forward, along with our Council, to again be able to bring members together to share together our love of roses at members' meetings planned for February, March and May, at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for July and at other activities. Please check the 2022 Calendar of Events Page in this bulletin for information and times.

Council will continue to conduct Zoom and face-to-face meetings and any urgent matters will be dealt with by email. Technology has greatly assisted us with alternate ways to conduct the administrative business of The Rose Society of South Australia (RSSA).

The Autumn Show will again be held in conjunction with the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia's People's Choice weekend in the International Rose Garden, Adelaide Botanic Gardens, on the weekend of 9th and 10th April. This is a chance to see the great work that our volunteers contribute to the garden. Further details will be posted, once finalised, to the RSSA's website, and full details will be in the next bulletin.

The society receives many requests for guest speakers. These are opportunities to promote the rose and answer questions from the public. Pruning demonstrations, educational and information stands at nurseries, and attendances at the Adelaide Royal Show and the Melbourne International Flower Shower, are all activities planned for 2022.

Please continue to support our mutually positive relationship of over 20 years with Neutrog and its significant benefit to the society and its members.

The organising committee continues to meet regularly to ensure the World Rose Convention 22 Convention is an enjoyable experience for all delegates attending. To stay informed and receive regular updates, visit the website and join the mailing list at [www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au](http://www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au)

The generous wine offer from Patrick of Coonawarra will continue in 2022. Please contact them on 08 8737 3687 with your order. The five wines available are sparkling, sauvignon blanc, rose, riesling and shiraz.

There were some fabulous activities available to members in 2021. Our Rambling Rosarians coordinator, Wendy Trimper, arranged two bus trips to coincide with the Chaffey Rose Club 25 Year Celebration and Roses on Eyre 20th Year Celebration. We thank Wendy for organising such great weekends away for our members.

A pleasant Sunday afternoon was spent at Urrbrae House for the September meeting. We learnt the history of the Waite family and enabled members to visit some of the original rooms in the house and also wander in the Rose Garden.

A twilight mid-week meeting in November, at the Adelaide Botanic Garden's Goodman Building, was an opportunity to see the International Rose Garden and the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia. Our guest speaker, the recently appointed Director of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens, Michael Harvey, enlightened members with an informative talk of his past experiences when working for museums in Australia and the United Kingdom. He also outlined future developments for the gardens, with the recent

Annual Appeal of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation raising funds to revitalise the International Rose Garden, including increased signage and informational content.

The society's Spring Show at Garden Grove Nursery was a great success. Apart from the rose show itself, there was an extensive lecture program covering rose growing, landscaping with roses, fertilising and flower arranging. Thanks are extended to the management and staff of Garden Grove who made us feel most welcome and to Rose Society members and exhibitors who supported this new initiative of "taking the show to the people".

It was unfortunate that the weekend planned for the National Championships and National Rose Society of Australia's AGM in Kiama was cancelled for the second year. The AGM was conducted by Zoom. We congratulate RSSA member Gavin Woods for being elected as the new President of the National Rose Society of Australia.

Christmas was celebrated at Auchendarroch House, Mt Barker, where our Vice-Patron – the Lord Mayor of Adelaide – Ms Sandy Verschoor, joined us and assisted with the presentation to members awarded with 25 years of continuous membership. We all appreciated the afternoon spent enjoying the company of fellow rosarians.

I look forward to welcoming visitors to our city and to Australia for the World Rose Convention from the 27th October to the 3rd November, 2022.

In 2022, may you all "Take time to smell the Roses".



***L-R: Kathryn Pearson, Urrbrae House Co-ordinator,  
Diane vom Berg, Society President, Lynette Zeitz,  
Urrbrae House Historic Precinct Manager***



***'Aussie Bred' Judy's Song***



***Ramona  
AKA Red Cherokee Rose***



***Members who attended the meeting at Urrbrae House***

# 2022 MEMBERS MEETINGS

Refreshments will be available at each meeting

## FEBRUARY:

Thursday 10th:

Members Twilight Meeting

Venue: Fullarton

Community Centre, 411

Fullarton Road, Fullarton

Time: 6:30pm

Speaker: Kelvin Trimper:

'Climate Change & the  
Effect on Roses'

## MARCH:

Sunday 13th:

Members Afternoon Meeting

Venue: John & Maureen

Humphries Garden, 7

Bluebell Court, Flagstaff Hill

Time: 2:00pm

Speaker: Maureen Humphries:

'Our Garden'

## April:

Saturday 9th:

Sunday 10th:

Autumn Rose Show

&

People's Choice Weekend

Venue: Noel Lothian Hall

&

Adelaide Botanic Gardens

## MAY:

Wednesday 12th:

Members Twilight Meeting

Venue: Fullarton

Community Centre, 411

Fullarton Road, Fullarton

Time: 6:30pm

Speaker: Melanie Trimper:

'New Rose Varieties'

## JUNE

Sunday: To be Confirmed

Pruning Demonstration,  
Botanic Gardens

Sunday: To be Confirmed

Pruning Demonstration,  
Carrick Hill

Times: To be Advised

## JULY:

Sunday 3rd:

Members Afternoon Meeting  
RSSA AGM

Venue: Fullarton

Community Centre, 411

Fullarton Road, Fullarton

Time: 2:00pm

Speaker: To be Confirmed

## SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE ON 1ST APRIL 2022

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# Chaffey Rose Club 25th Year Celebrations

by Shann Hausler

Well, what a whirlwind of 25th Birthday Celebrations we experienced over the September weekend! Such great friendships, laughter, and variety of experiences, all drawn together by our love of roses. It was wonderful to have Wendy Trimper, the Rambling Rosarian Bus Coordinator, organise a busload of members from Adelaide and Roses in the Heartland to support us in our celebrations. Others drove their cars and we very much appreciated the presence of Presidents Diane vom Berg, Mary Frick and Marjorie Todd. Of course, we very much missed our interstate Chaffey Rose Club (CRC) members from the Riverina and Sunraysia. When David Ruston formed our Club 25 years ago, we had no idea the COVID-19 (COVID) pandemic would result in closed state borders.

Our celebrations began on the Friday night, with a Meet and Greet and light meal in the lovely garden of Brad and Lorna Taylor at Paringa. On arrival, one could not help but admire the hedges and arches of *rosa Laevigata* (The Cherokee Rose which David Ruston so loved). This was complimented by several weeping bushes of white *spiraea*, among other roses.

COVID compliant regulations observed, we handed out Welcome Packs to all registrants. Housekeeping and all COVID expectations out of the way, we relaxed and began our first course. Imagine our surprise when our meal was interrupted by two SAPOL officers. Someone had expressed concern we were not COVID compliant. Fleur and COVID Marshall, Allan Carthew, produced our COVID Safe Plan for the weekend and they guided SAPOL through our COVID compliant plan. It was good to know that SAPOL is following up on COVID compliance. I think the unexpected visit added to the enjoyment of the weekend.

Saturday morning saw us all at Fleur and Allan's garden on the *Sixty Foot*. Fleur had a number of roses out, including the yellow and white *Banksia* roses, *Climbing Dainty Bess*, *Maigold* and tea roses *Mutabilis* and *Mrs B.R. Cant*. We enjoyed a lovely morning tea in bone china cups and mugs, and then heard neighbouring blocker and local dentist, Dr Nick Paniaryris, talk about avocado growing.

Saturday lunch was at the Pike River Riverland Wine Centre, Lyrup. This was followed by two more Lyrup garden visits, one of which was surrounded by vineyards. Both gardens featured creative gardenalia rescued and made from discarded block machinery.

We returned to Renmark accommodation, via the Lyrup ferry. It was interesting to see how high the river was, after generous water releases from upstream. The Rambling Rosarians, however, had to take the long way back as the coach was too large for the ferry!

Saturday night saw us at Eleni's Greek Restaurant where we enjoyed a generous Greek Banquet in the Barrel Room. RSSA President Diane vom Berg presented 25 Year Continuous



*rosa Laevigata* AKA *The Cherokee Rose*

Membership Badges and framed certificates to Elaine Schier, Dale Kerin and Jill Knight. Chip and Rose Mawby were to be at the presentation, but Chip had a bad fall and they were unable to attend at the last minute. I had the pleasure of driving to Waikerie and presenting Ivon Kuchel with his badge and certificate and also going to Loxton to present Chip and Rose with theirs. I came home with a magnificent bunch of Madame Alfred Carrière and Percy Thrower, courtesy of Chip.

Others who were unable to receive their 25 Year Continuous Membership badges and framed certificates were Riverina members Coleen Houston OAM, David Houston AM, Val Davies, Liz Gibson and Patricia Barber. From Sunraysia, the badges and certificates were awarded to Joan Sirivica, Dianne and Bill Dalla Santa and Bev and Kevin Braun. Just days before the presentation, Kevin Braun passed away. We send our condolences and very best wishes to Bev.

Chaffey Rose Club auditor and Mayor of Renmark Paringa, Neil Martinson, attended our Presentation Night and Malcolm Watson was our capable master of ceremonies for the evening. Life Member, Elaine Schier, cut our cake. Elly and Dale organised wonderful raffles for the night and they oversaw lucky seat prizes. We even had a television set discreetly positioned for one avid Port Power follower!

Early next morning, CRC held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the home of Anton Webb and Elly Johnson, at Paringa. All executives were returned to their positions, as were all committee members except for Marilyn Schier, who did not seek re-election. We thank Marilyn for all her support and input. We welcome Jay Fischer to our Committee. Chip Mawby has stepped down as our Patron and we thank Chip most sincerely for all his hands-on support. Malcolm Watson has taken on the role as our Patron. We thank Penelope Schulz for her continued role as our Rose Society of South Australia liaison contact person.

Non-AGM attendees visited David Ruston's sculpture and enjoyed the walks along the town riverfront. Some visited Jill and Greg Knight's newly planted townhouse garden.

At 9.30am, everyone arrived at Anton's and Elly's garden in time for morning tea and a look at the extensive gardens. The Rambling Rosarian bus was left on the roadside and surprisingly, nearly all chose to walk down the cliff face to their home and garden. This provided magnificent views of the Murray River and surrounding countryside. Elly and Anton have an extensive acreage of natives as well as roses flowering including Lorraine Lee, Gold Bunny, Princess Margaret, Magic Carrousel and Sir Harry Pilkington.

We regretfully left the lovely tranquil views of the river and drove a short distance to our sixth garden, the home of new members Jay and Jim Fischer. They have done wonders in a short time, restoring the garden and planting roses. We look forward to returning to their garden at a later date.

As we left their garden to visit our final garden, clouds were gathering, the wind freshening and a light rain threatening. Thankfully, our last garden, also in Paringa, had a number of connecting sheltered areas, so when our hosts offered seating and shelter for our lunch we gratefully accepted. I rang Lock 5 and Weir, to cancel our booking and was informed by the Lock Master it was blowing a gale down by the river.



***Magic Carrousel***

After “thank you’s and farewells”, we saw our wonderful visitors depart, appreciative of their support and friendship. Many thanks to our wonderful team of helpers; Elly Johnson, Anton Webb, Jill and Greg Knight, Dale Kerin, Lorna and Brad Taylor, Fleur and Allan Carthew, Elaine Schier, Lyn Nichol, Jay Fischer and Charlene Santos.

## 2021 Committee



*L-R: Jay Fischer, Lorna Taylor, Shann Hausler (President), Fleur Carthew, Malcolm Watson (Patron), Dale Kerin (Secretary). Seated: L-R: Jill Knight (Treasurer), Elly Johnson. Absent: Charlene Santos*

## 25 Year Memberships Presented



*L-R: Chip Mawby, Rosemary Mawby, Ivon Kuchel, Dale Kerin, Elaine Schier, Jill Knight*



## Meet & Greet



*Right: Serving dinner were (L-R) Elly Johnson, Jill Knight, Lyn Nicol, Dale Kerin*



## Lunches Enjoyed At

*Left: Sunday in the garden of Ian & Jan Howarth, Paringa*

*Below: Saturday at the Pike River Wine Centre, Lyrup*



Saturday Evening Dinner



Eleni's Restaurant, Mallee Estate Winery – Barrel Room



Elaine Schier cuts the cake



MC: Malcolm Watson



CRC President Shann Hausler Names Barrel



Raffle Winner: Bev Scott



Rambling Rosarians Group



Raffle Winner: Penelope Schulz



Raffle Winner: Jan Wass



## Gardens Visited



*Anton Webb & Elly Johnson  
Anton & Elly with Fleur Carthew*



*Fleur & Allan Carthew*



*Marg Tschirpig*



*Sindy Lloyd & Joe Romeo  
Sindy (L) with Dale Kerin*



*Jim & Jay Fischer  
Jay (L) with Elly Johnson*



*Ian & Janet Howarth  
Ian & Janet with Lorna Taylor (R)*



*At David Ruston Sculpture*



# Roses On Eyre 20th Birthday Celebrations

by Karen Miels



**L-R: Joy Crosby (Treasurer), Rex Crosby (Past President), Shirley Dennis (Past President), Eileen Weiss (Past President), Sandra McCallum (President), Karen Miels (Secretary), Diane vom Berg (RSSA President), Merv Trimper (RSSA President when ROE was formed)**

Roses on Eyre celebrated the club's 20th anniversary from November 5th to 7th 2021. A bus with 34 Rambling Rosarians from various country locations and Adelaide joined 16 local members for garden visits and celebrations.

The gardens were varied and very interesting. They included *Bostonvista*, where roses grow by the sea at Port Lincoln, and *Fiddlestix*, a garden at Coffin Bay, developed in limestone soil and a great example of perseverance, as the soil has been built up to retain moisture and fertility. This garden is interspersed with quirky oddments among roses, irises, salvias and hardy shrubs.

The third garden was at a funeral house on farming land. This extensive garden has many "rooms" featuring roses, hellebores, dahlias, cannas, and large shrubs.

Celebrations on Saturday night were held at The Grand Tasman Hotel, Port Lincoln, and featured speeches and messages from present and past office bearers, as well as items of interest from historical records.

Sunday began with a visit to *Glendara Rose Garden* at Koppio. This is a large garden in a paddock accessed by an unsealed road. It is most unexpected: as visitors "round" the corner, they are met by a field of colour.

There was a quick viewing of the silo art and then lunch at Tumby Bay. We visited a small but extensively planted garden there before visiting Sue Enright's garden at Cowell. Sue has been battling dry and extremely windy conditions and has lost many roses. Despite this, the surviving roses presented a colourful display. Rambling Rosarians continued onto Whyalla, returning to Adelaide on Monday.

It was encouraging to hear comments from visiting members about how amazed they were at the variety and high standard of all the gardens visited. It was unexpected to find such gems in paddocks!

It was a great weekend. Thank you to Wendy Trimper for organising the Rambling Rosarians bus. This enabled so many members to visit the Eyre Peninsula, and it was not locked down due to Covid! We will do it all again in 2031!



## Gardens Visited



*Celebratory cake decorated with Souvenir de Louis Amade, Icebergs – pink & white – & Bonica  
Image: L Johnson*



*Sue Enright's Garden*



*Bostonvista—Owners: Karen & Rick Miels*



*Fiddlesticks—Owners: Helen & John Bowyer (Images Les Johnson)*



*Glendara Rose Garden—Owners: Lyall & Jenith Howard*

*L-R: standard of the four Icebergs, Westerland (Images Les Johnson), bushes of the four Icebergs*

# Rambling Rosarians

*Text: Wendy Trimper, Coordinator; Images: Les Johnson*

## Trip 1 – Renmark - September

A lively group of 22 Adelaide and country members travelled to Renmark for a wonderful weekend in the Riverland as part of the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Chaffey Rose Club. There was a pick-up at Nuriootpa, and three who joined the bus at Renmark. A bit of fun along the way with jokes by Merv Trimper, and a quiz by Deb Curtis, who gave yummy Fruchocs as prizes. Our Adelaide Coachlines driver, Colin, was included in all activities. Our stay was at the comfortable Citrus Motel.

All events, lovely gardens and delicious meals were very kindly arranged by the Chaffey committee. Each were different, well organised and very much enjoyed. Congratulations to Shann and her committee! We had a great time – it was hard leaving! We did manage a stop and shop at 'Lotsa Pots' outdoor nursery, before heading home.

## Trip 2 – Port Lincoln – November



Roses On Eyre's 20th anniversary celebrations had 32 excited members make the trip to Port Lincoln. Adelaide Coachlines driver Colin, made four pick-ups and regular rest stops in a very comfortable bus. Another fun quiz by Deb (with Fruchocs), jokes courtesy of Merv, and lollies from Joy Johnson kept us entertained.

The Hilton Motel was comfortable and accommodating. The two days were packed full of amazing garden visits, and tours of Winter Hill lookout, Port Lincoln city and marina, Coffin Bay and the surrounding countryside. We seemed to be eating constantly with morning and afternoon teas, lunches and dinners. Our thanks to Sandra, Karen and the committee for a wonderful selection of activities and events!

With many rose purchases from Koppio nursery under the bus, our return journey went via Tumby Bay and Cowell. On Sunday night, we stopped at the Sundowner Motel, Whyalla. A visit next day to the Mt Laura Homestead Museum was interesting with volunteer guide, Brian, sharing amusing historic stories. We had a short tour of Whyalla and its marina, before going to the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens where we enjoyed the best scones. Thanks to Shirley Mundy for her knowledgeable commentary! All too soon, the four days away had ended.

Many new friendships were formed from both trips, and that's what it's all about – Getting to know other members, having fun along the way, and visiting gardens. Of course, the food is an optional extra!



# Members Twilight Meeting

Forty-five members attended the members meeting held on Wednesday 16th November in the Botanic Garden's Goodman Building. Guest speaker was Botanic Garden Director, Micheal Harvey. Many took advantage of the 'extended' daylight to wander through the rose garden.



**Rose Judge Penelope Schulz**



**Guest Speaker:  
Michael Harvey**



**A Grade & Best Rose: Lacy Parasol  
M. & W. Trimper**



**B Grade: Black Beauty  
Les Johnson**



**C Grade: Mr Lincoln  
Jan Kentish**



**Open: Sunny Sky  
M. & W. Trimper**



**A Grade Floral: Christmas Table Arrangement  
Joy Johnson**



**Pre 1900  
Old Garden Roses:  
Reine de Violettes  
K. & G. Moxham**



# Uraidla Show

by Gavin Woods



A small core of hardened RSSA exhibitors converged on the beautiful Uraidla Showgrounds on Sunday November 7th to stage a magnificent display of roses as part of that town's annual Agricultural Show. With an absence of several exhibitors who were attending the Roses on Eyre anniversary celebrations, those remaining doubled their efforts under difficult conditions to again make the rose section the highlight of the show pavilion.

One seasoned exhibitor claimed it was the most difficult lead-up to a show he had ever encountered, with wind and rain, heavy hail and infestations of thrips all challenges that had to be overcome in order to find blooms good enough to exhibit. As a consequence, quality of blooms was not as we would have liked, but full credit to the exhibitors for producing blooms at all!

Kelvin Trimper AM and Penelope Schulz were our judges and made the following awards:

**Grand Champion Rose and Champion Open Bloom:** Peter and Brenda Burton with a cut of ***Hannah Gordon*** (Floribunda)

**Champion A Grade Rose:** Gavin Woods with a vase of 6 ***Elysium Fields*** (Shrub)

**Champion B/C Grade Rose:** David Post with a bloom of ***L D Braithwaite*** (Shrub)

**Uraidla Spring Open Championship:** Gavin Woods

**Uraidla Spring Intermediate Championship:** David Post

We are grateful for the cooperation and friendliness shown to us by the officials of Uraidla AH&F Society. Regrettably, the World Federation Convention will prohibit our participation at the 2022 show, however we very much hope to return in 2023.



***Hannah Gordon***



***Elysium Fields***  
20



***L. D. Braithwaite***



*Uraidla Championship: Various*



*Right: Uraidla rose judges  
Penelope Schulz & Kelvin Trimper*

## Welcome to New Members

S. & J. Staltari, Warradale

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J. & G. Easlea, Happy Valley

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Templewood House, North Adelaide

M. Coles, Gilberton

G. Cole, Riverton

E. Poczman, Modbury

## Maitland Show

The Perpetual Trophy for the 'Most Successful Exhibitor' at the annual Maitland Horticultural Show was donated by The Rose Society of South Australia in 2012.

*Below L: Peter Burton (judge) with the Most Successful Exhibitor, John Bradshaw.*

*Below R: Grand Champion Rose Cathedral City*



## Rose of the Month



### October – *Pat Austin (AUSmum)*, Modern Shrub

This rose was bred by David C. H. Austin (1926–2018) and was introduced in the UK in 1995 and in Australia in 1999 as **Pat Austin**. It was named after David Austin's wife, who was an accomplished sculptor.

David Austin's collection of over 240 English Shrub Roses captured the imagination of rose lovers worldwide with many rightfully taking their place among the world's most popular roses. He created **Pat Austin** from a crossing of **Graham Thomas** and **Abraham Darby**, both of these also bred by him. It was regarded as an entirely new colour breakthrough in English shrub roses, introducing an orange colour to the range for the first time.

**Pat Austin** has deeply cupped, bright copper blooms with a brassy-yellow reverse and long pointed buds. The flowers are medium to large (41+ petals) with a moderate Tea rose fragrance, produced either solitary or in small clusters.

The softly arching, hardy bush is well branched growing to 1.2m tall x 1m wide with good repeat flowering in flushes throughout the season.

For more than 20 years, **Pat Austin** has been a great performer with its heat tolerance and prolific flowering. Recommended for garden beds or containers and it looks very attractive as a 90cm standard.

**Awards:** Certificate of Merit – National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Adelaide 1998; Royal Horticultural Society / Royal National Rose Society UK 2001

**Available from:** Newman's Nursery, Wagner's Rose Nursery, Treloar Roses, Swane's Nurseries and Rose Sales Online

*Text:* Deb Curtis; *Images:* Melanie Trimper



### November – *About Face (Wekosupalz)*, Grandiflora

**About Face™** was bred by Tom Carruth (Weeks Roses) in the USA in 2003 and was introduced in Australia in 2007. It was named About Face because of its distinctive two-tone appearance, having orange petals with a darker reverse. It is registered as a Grandiflora, meaning usually a tall bush, derived from crosses of Floribunda and Hybrid Tea roses and characterised by blooms both singly on long stems and also in

small clusters on the same plant.

**About Face™** is unusual among bi-coloured roses, as it features golden-orange upper and darker bronze orange-red on the reverse of the petals (26–30 petals), eventually fading to subtle pink and yellow. Blooms are medium to large, approx. 10–12cm in diameter, with a fruity apple fragrance.

Upright, well-branched and vigorous, this rose grows to approximately 1.8m tall with clean, semi-glossy foliage and good disease tolerance. But, watch out, it is thorny.

The bush has loads of blooms all season long. The large flowers, unique colour, fragrance and long straight stems make this rose ideal as a cut flower and also an eye-catching feature plant in the garden.

**Awards:** All-America Rose Selections winner (ARS) 2005

**Available from:** Wagner's Rose Nursery

*Text & Images:* Melanie Trimper



## Rose of the Month

### December – *Versigny* (Masversi), Modern Shrub

*Versigny* was bred by Dominique Massad in 1992 and introduced in France by Roseaie Guillot in 1998. It was created by the cross-pollination (or hybridising) of the two parent plants *Graham Thomas* x *Davidoff*.

This fragrant rose came about as a tribute to all those who love flowers and gardens, who come together from all over France and gather at Chateau de Versigny, near Paris, in October every year.

Introduced as part of the 'Generosa Collection', *Versigny* is a soft salmon pink apricot blend with an orange centre and its fragrance shows fruity notes of anise, apricot, peach, citrus and vanilla.



*Versigny* produces very full clusters of flowers which are cupped and ruffled with 26–40 petals. The bush grows to a height of 1.2m and width of 0.7m and blooms in flushes throughout the season. This healthy shrub rose has very good disease tolerance and thrives in our climate.

A worthy addition to any garden, putting on a good show especially when planted en masse.

**Available from:** Wagner's Rose Nursery, Knight's Roses, Newman's Nursery

**Text:** Sharyn Perrin; **Images:** Melanie Trimper

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

*by Deb Curtis*

The vollies had a longer winter/spring break and started later this season due to the cooler weather causing a later than usual flowering.

The roses really enjoyed the winter rains though and have been flowering beautifully. I have been advised that the garden has been looking spectacular when viewed by those going past on buses along Hackney Road.



We're always looking for more help. If you have an hour to spare on a Friday morning and would like to 'get out & smell the roses' we'd love to see you.



New volunteers will be most welcome. All you need is a bit of enthusiasm for roses, clean, sharp and secateurs, gloves, suitable clothing, a hat, a 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. Email: [curtisnd@internode.on.net](mailto:curtisnd@internode.on.net)  
PH: 0408 474 977

# SPRING ROSE SHOW AT GARDEN GROVE MOVES WITH THE TIMES

*by Kelvin Trimper AM – Show Manager*

Aristotle said, *“For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them”*. Well, we certainly gained a lot of valuable insights from our decision to hold our Spring Rose Show at Garden Grove, a large retail and garden supply nursery located in the north-eastern suburbs.

The show was a great success thanks to the efforts of Garden Grove’s hard-working staff who ensured we could conveniently locate our show in the heart of their retail centre. Thanks to Rick, Lou, Steve and the staff who made us feel most welcome.

The show featured 400 entries and the major prizes were distributed between a number of exhibitors. Rose admirer Paula Luethen MP, who is a strong local leader, officially opened the show on Saturday 23 October.

The Rose Society helpers were fantastic and I thank the teams that received and processed entries, set up the show, assisted with judging, prize cards and trophies, staffed information and raffle tables, provided lectures and helped us dismantle the show. Also, thanks to Paul for design work and advertising. This time, we did not need to staff an entrance table and provide catering which took pressure off our members. The manner in which we adapted to the new venue was admirable and any issues which arose were quickly resolved.

I believe we have learned that we can stage a successful show in partnership with a retail nursery and proved that new members and rose enthusiasts were gained by *“taking the show to the people”* and it was mutually beneficial for all involved.

Thanks to all who helped us achieve a great result which I am sure we will repeat again in the future. We were lucky with the weather, especially as Garden Grove was in the path of a severe hailstorm four days later!



**Paula Luethen MP – Member for KING with Society President Diane vom Berg**





**SA State Rose Championship  
NRSA Medallion  
H Charles Thomas Trophy**  
Exhibitor: G. Woods  
Roses: Various



**Intermediate Championship  
Oliver Travel Trophy**  
Exhibitor: L. Johnson  
Roses: Various



**'C' Grade Championship  
W. H. Ifould Trophy**  
Exhibitor: J. McCormick  
Roses: Various



**'A' Champion Exhibition  
Rose  
Allan Campbell Trophy**  
Exhibitor: G. Woods  
Rose: *Silver Lining*



**'B' Champion Exhibition  
Rose  
T Howland White #1**  
Exhibitors: J. & D. Bradshaw  
Rose: *Kardinal*



**'C' Champion Exhibition  
Rose**  
Exhibitors: R. & J. Kemp  
Rose: *Peter Frankenfeld*



**'A' Champion Decorative  
Rose  
Christine Michell Cup**  
Exhibitor: G. Woods  
Rose: *Cherry Lady*



**'B' Champion Decorative  
Rose**  
Exhibitors: J. & D. Bradshaw  
Rose: *Ashram*



**'C' Champion Decorative  
Rose**  
Exhibitor: J. McCormick  
Rose: *Papa Meiland*



**'A' Champion Full Bloom  
Rose**  
**Alexander Ross Memorial**  
Exhibitor: G. Woods  
Rose: *Marilyn Monroe*



**'B' Champion Full Bloom  
Rose**  
Exhibitor: P. Schulz  
Rose: *French Lace*



**'C' Champion Full Bloom  
Rose**  
Exhibitor: J. Johnson  
Rose: *Passionate Gardner*



**'A' Champion Floribunda/  
Grandiflora Rose**  
**Eric & Myrtle Trimper Memorial**  
Exhibitor: G. Woods  
Rose: *Simplicity*



**'B' Champion Floribunda/  
Grandiflora Rose**  
Exhibitor: P. Schulz  
Rose: *Fabulous*



**'C' Champion Floribunda/  
Grandiflora Rose**  
Exhibitor: J. McCormick  
Rose: *Madam President*



**'A' Champion Miniature/  
Miniflora Rose**  
**Jack Moule Memorial**  
Exhibitors: K. & M. Trimper  
Rose: *Irresistible*



**'B' Champion Miniature/  
Miniflora Rose**  
Exhibitor: L. Johnson  
Rose: *Vista*



**'C' Champion Miniature/  
Miniflora Rose**  
Exhibitor: J. Johnson  
Rose: *Green Ice*



**'A' Champion Shrub/  
Polyantha Rose**

**Exhibitors:** P. & B. Burton  
**Rose:** *Lady of Shalott*



**'B' Champion Shrub/  
Polyantha Rose**

**Exhibitor:** L. Johnson  
**Rose:** *Charles Darwin*



**'C' Champion Shrub/  
Polyantha Rose**

**Exhibitor:** J. McCormick  
**Rose:** *Pro Hart*



**'A' Champion Bunch  
of Roses**

**Emma Voke Memorial #1**

**Exhibitors:** P. & B. Burton  
**Rose:** *Tinkerbell*



**'B' Champion Bunch  
of Roses**

**Exhibitor:** D. vom Berg  
**Rose:** *Tequila Sunrise*



**'C' Champion Bunch  
of Roses**

**Ted Phillips & Bill Nelson**

**Exhibitor:** T. Hancox  
**Roses:** Various



**'A' Champion Bowl  
of Roses**

**Helen Sunter Memorial**

**Exhibitors:** K. & M. Trimper  
**Rose:** *Tinkerbell*



**'B' Champion Bowl  
of Roses**

**Exhibitors:** J. & D. Bradshaw  
**Rose:** *Gold Bunny*



**'C' Champion Bowl  
of Roses**

**Exhibitor:** J. McCormick  
**Rose:** *Gold Bunny*





**'A' Champion 3 Stems/  
Cuts**

**Exhibitors:** P. & B. Burton  
**Rose:** *Valerie Jean*



**'B' Champion 3 Stems/  
Cuts**

**Exhibitor:** D. vom Berg  
**Rose:** *Top Gear*



**'C' Champion 3 Stems/  
Cuts**

**Exhibitor:** J. McCormick  
**Rose:** *Gold Bunny*



**'Open' Champion Multi  
Stage Exhibit  
Ralph Smith Memorial**

**Exhibitor:** G. Woods  
**Rose:** *Marilyn Monroe*



**'Open' Champion of  
Sundry Classes  
The Royal National R.S. #2**

**Exhibitor:** L. Johnson  
**Rose:** *Freda Kahlo*



**'Open' Champion  
Australian Bred Bunch**

**Exhibitors:** K. & M. Trimper  
**Rose:** *Victoria Gold*



**'A' Grade Champion Floral  
Arrangement  
Rose A Thomas Memorial**

**Exhibitor:** J. Johnson  
**Title:** *Afternoon Tea*



**'B' Grade Champion Floral  
Arrangement**

**Exhibitor:** P. Schulz  
**Title:** *Afternoon Tea*  
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**'C' Grade Champion Floral  
Arrangement**

**Exhibitor:** J. McCormick  
**Title:** *Split Level*



**'Open' Champion  
Australian Bred Stem/Cut**

**Exhibitor:** G. Woods  
**Rose:** *City of Quindao*



**'Open' Champion Roses  
Introduced Prior to 1900  
Judith Waters Memorial**

**Exhibitors:** M. & W. Trimper  
**Rose:** *Banksia Purezza*



**Champion Non RSSA Member  
'Tea Tree Gully Garden Club'**

**Exhibitor:** I. Bonney  
**Rose:** *Heart of Gold*



**Champion Non Member  
General Public Exhibit**

**Exhibitor:** D. Stainer  
**Rose:** *Topsy Turvy*



**View of the show from  
upstairs of 'Cafe de Grove'**



**The task of judging in  
progress. L-R: D. Bradshaw  
(steward), W. Trimper, K.  
Trimper, M. Trimper**



**Dean Stringer, assisted by  
Jenny Stainer, judged the  
roses exhibited by Tea Tree  
Gully Garden Club & non  
RSSA members**



**Floral Arranger Julia  
Jacobs, assisted by Les  
Johnson, demonstrates  
'Arrangements Suitable for  
the Home'**



**Members of Woodville  
Academy of Floral Design  
were kept busy making  
arrangements for sale**

# 2021 Spring Rose Show Trophy/Awards Winners

TROPHY / AWARD	EXHIBITOR	CATAGORY
Grand Champion of Show	P. & B. Burton	Selected From All Champion Exhibits of Cut Flower & Floral Art
The President's Trophy	G. Woods	Most Successful Exhibitor
H. Charles Thomas Memorial	G. Woods	State Championship
Oliver Travel Trophy	L. Johnson	Intermediate Championship
W. H. Ifould Cup	J. McCormick	'C' Grade Championship
Allan Campbell Memorial	G. Woods	Best Champion Exhibition Rose
T. Howard White Memorial # 1	J. & D. Bradshaw	Best Champion Exhibition Rose 'B' & 'C' grade
Christine Michell Cup	G. Woods	Best Champion Decorative Rose
Keith Copas Memorial Trophy	K. & M. Trimper; G. Woods	Bunch Classes Aggregate Points
Jack Moule Memorial Trophy	K. & M. Trimper	Best Champion Miniature Rose Stem or Cut
Heather Bernard Memorial Trophy	J. & D. Bradshaw	Miniature Roses Aggregate Points
Emma Voke Memorial # 1	P. & B. Burton	Best Champion Bunch
Helen Sunter Memorial Trophy	K. & M. Trimper	Best Champion Bowl
Eric & Myrtle Trimper Memorial Trophy	G. Woods	Best Champion Cut Floribunda/Grandiflora Rose
Royal National Rose Society # 1	J. & D. Bradshaw	Most Successful 'B' Grade Exhibitor Aggregate Points
Royal National Rose Society # 2	L. Johnson	Best Champion Sundry Exhibit
Judith Waters Memorial Trophy	M. & W. Trimper	Champion Rose Introduced Prior to 1900
Ivy Gerard Award # 1; #2; #3	L. Johnson; J. & D. Bradshaw; P. Schulz	'B' Grade Exhibitor Best Exhibits, 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Ralph Smith Memorial Award	G. Woods	Best Champion 'Multi Stages'
Herbert Kemp Award	K. & M. Trimper	Most Successful Exhibitor of the 3 Stems/Cuts Sections
Alexander Ross Memorial Trophy	G. Woods	Best Champion Full Bloom
Ted Phillips & Bill Nelson Trophy	T. Hancox	'C' Grade Champion Bunch
Rose A. Thomas Memorial	J. Johnson	Best Champion Floral Arrangement
Champion A Grade Floral Art	J. Johnson	Trophy
Champion B Grade Floral Art	P. Schulz	Trophy
Champion C Grade Floral Art	J. McCormick	Trophy



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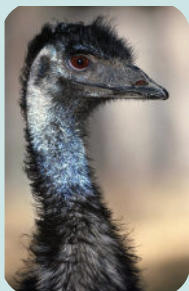
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## Wives of the Governors—General Rose

**Lady of Australia** is an Australian bred rose that made history when it won several important awards at the National Rose Trial Garden in 2018: Gold Medal as the best rose overall, Trophy for Best Rose of the Trial, Best Floribunda rose, Most Pest and Disease Tolerant Rose of the Trial, and the Australian Bred Rose of the Year.

For the first time in the Trial Garden's 22-year history, an Australian bred rose won the main awards, beating the strong international competition.

For all her awards and for being an excellent Australian creation, **Lady of Australia** has been chosen as the official rose to celebrate the wives of the Governors-General of Australia and it was launched on 11th November at the Government House in Canberra with an official ceremony.

**Lady of Australia** is also a Charity Rose, with \$2 from each sale donated to Australian War Widows Inc, providing support and advocacy for all war widows from all conflicts ([www.warwidows.org.au](http://www.warwidows.org.au)).

**Lady of Australia** is a beautiful floribunda that produces clusters of classically shaped, bright yellow flowers, showing ruffled petals when fully opened, and fading to lighter yellow/cream on the reverse. The plant is healthy and highly disease resistant, very free flowering and fragrant, with dark green foliage on a well-shaped bush 1.2m tall and 1m wide.

This lovely rose was bred by Bruce Brundrett in Victoria, a well-known dedicated rose man who has spent his entire life in the rose industry. Bruce Brundrett commenced work growing roses in the family business in 1956. The rose nursery

in Moonee Ponds was established by his grandfather in 1893, and it evolved over the years to become S. Brundrett and Sons by 1961 and finally ceased trading in 2002. Thereafter, indulging his passion, Bruce became a rose hybridiser and is now recognised as one of Australia's most successful rose breeders, with many other of his creations receiving important awards.

**Lady of Australia** is introduced and grown by Wagner's Rose Nursery, one of the largest and longest-running rose nurseries in Australia, based in Kalangadoo – in the South East of South Australia – and growing roses for 70 years.

[www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au](http://www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au)

For more information, please contact Benedetta Rusconi or Brian Wagner **ph 08 87393321**

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**Lady of Australia**  
Image: Benedetta Rusconi



**Mr and Mrs Hurley  
with Bruce Brundrett**

Image: Jill Millburn



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## **RSSA 2021 Christmas Lunch** **Auchendarroch House, Mt Barker**

Ninety guests attended The Rose Society of South Australia end of year Christmas function and enjoyed lunch with fellow rosarians at Auchendarroch House, Mt Barker. Our Vice Patron, The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Ms Sandy Verschoor assisted with the presentation of awards to members and cut the cake, baked and decorated by President, Diane vom Berg. The day ended with tours, conducted by Michele Wallis, Wallis Cinemas, of Auchendarroch House.



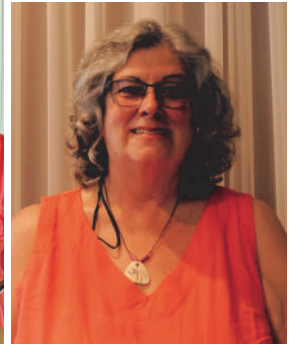
*Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Ms Sandy Verschoor with RSSA President Diane vom Berg*



*Ms Sandy Verschoor cuts the Christmas cake*



*Michelle Wallis & Ms Sandy Verschoor*



*Honorary Membership presented to Lorraine Thurlow*







## 25 Year Membership

Each year at the Society's Christmas function, recognition is given to the members who have achieved 25 Year Membership with the presentation of a 25 Year badge and framed certificate. 2021 achievers are: Pauline Curnow, Graham Douglass, Christine Douglass, Joy Wheaton, Evelynne Bowden, Donna Beadman, Andrew Beadman, Kerrie McLean, Patricia Forrest, Barbara Lightbody, Max Lightbody, Gavin Woods, Kim Humphreys, Margaret Harrington, Grant Harrington, Elaine Schier, Rosemary Mawby, James Mawby, Joan Sirovica, Patricia Barber, Bill Dalla Santa, Dianne Dalla Santa, Valerie Davies, Elizabeth Gibson, Ivon Kuchel, Jill Knight, Coleen Houston, David Houston, Dale Kerin, Beverlie Braun and the late Kevin Braun.



***Pauline Curnow***



***Andrew Beadman, Donna Beadman, Joy Wheaton***



***Graham & Christine Douglass***



***Grant & Margaret Harrington***



***Kim Humphreys & Gavin Woods***



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### **Saturday**

**Rose Show 11 to 4**

**People's Choice 10 to 4**

### **Sunday**

**Rose Show 10 to 4**

**People's Choice 10 to 4**

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# ESSENTIALS FOR ROSE GROWING SUCCESS

## SUMMER ROSE GROWING CULTURE NOTES FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

### Rose Society of S.A.

Roses will thrive in our hot dry summers providing we follow a few basic guidelines.

Summer in South Australia is generally hot, dry and sunny with very low humidity. The average daily temperatures in Adelaide in December are 26°C, in January 29°C, and February 29°C. These averages are lower in the Adelaide Hills, Lower South-East, Lower Eyre and Yorke Peninsulas and Kangaroo Island and similar or higher elsewhere in the State.

Of course, what these averages don't show are the very hot days and heatwaves we have during these months which can be very severe and savage our garden plants.

Rainfall, on average is also generally low in these months being 28mm in December, 19mm in January and 13mm in February. The amount of sunshine is very high, averaging around 300 hours per month. The UV readings are often high to extreme and evaporation rates, due to heat and low humidity, are very high.

So, what does this mean for our roses and how can we care for them during summer?

### 1. Watering

The most important ingredient for roses in summer is water. Generally, established roses need an average of 20 to 30 litres of water for each rose per week. It is essential that a rose is well hydrated prior to expected heatwaves, where the temperature is above 35°C on average. If severe heat is forecast in the week ahead, you should increase the rate of watering to 30 to 40 litres per plant. If a rose dries out, it is difficult to get it to recover quickly. It is recommended to apply the water in one weekly application or, at most, twice per week preferably early in the morning. Deep watering weekly is far better than small amounts daily.

These watering recommendations assume you have a substantial covering of mulch. Without mulch, you will need twice the volume of water per plant.

Finally, for those with roses in pots, a good watering (until it flows from the bottom of the container) will be required every two days. Try and shift or place your pots under partial shade during heatwaves.

### 2. Mulch

Mulch is the gardener's *best friend* in the summer months. A good layer of mulch performs three key tasks:

- Significantly reducing evaporation from the soil, saving up to 40% to 50% of the irrigation otherwise required.
- Cooling and maintaining moisture levels around surface roots (those in the top 10cm of the soil).
- Feeding the plant and enriching the good microbial activity in the soil.

**Whoflungdung** is a certified organic mulch from Neutrog which has revolutionised mulch



and its application throughout Australia. This mulch is biologically activated, nutrient rich and weed free. It comes in convenient 20kg compressed bales and can be taken to and easily spread where it's needed.

On rose garden beds **Whoflungdung** should be applied between 5cm (if topping up areas already mulched) to 10cm thick (if applying for the first time). It can be applied after pruning when it is easier to work around roses or in spring/early summer. Keep at least 10cm radius from the base of the rose. Apply water after application to settle the mulch in and reduce the initial odour which only lasts a couple of days.

### 3. Flowering

Providing the spent blooms were removed following the first flush in spring, another bountiful blooming period will coincide with the Christmas/New Year period.

Once this is over, we have two options. The first is to leave the spent blooms on the bush and reduce the watering a little, providing just enough to keep the plants alive, but not thriving – effectively placing them into a summer hibernation. They can then be stirred back into strong growth with an application of **Neutrog Sudden Impact for Roses** and a summer trim in late February or early March.

**Sudden Impact for Roses** is an organic based fertiliser recommended by The Rose Society of S.A. It provides a full range of plant nutrients in a slow-release form together with water-soluble nutrients to maximise performance.

The second option is to keep the rose flowering with continuous removal of spent blooms, with plenty of water and applications of liquid 'Sudden Impact for Roses' every two weeks in January.

It is to be expected that the flowers in January, February and early March will generally be smaller with less petals than are produced in the spring and late autumn flushes. This is heat related. In addition, due to high UV readings, dark coloured roses, such as red roses, can show scorched petals after very hot, sunny days. Like us, some roses can burn under these conditions. Temporary shade can prevent this occurring if desired.

### 4. Fertilising

If you want your roses to thrive during summer, an application of **Sudden Impact for Roses** soon after Christmas is recommended. This can be applied as pellets if you have a sprinkling system or as a liquid if you have drippers.

Any under-performing roses can be given an application of Neutrog's **GOGO Juice** every fortnight. This is essentially a pro-biotic for your soil and plants which is rich in beneficial bacteria and other microbes to assist in encouraging the plant to recover. If it does not recover, it may be near the end of its natural life and could be dug out in autumn to enable a new rose to be planted.





If you have put your roses into summer hibernation, start applications of heavy watering early in February and then fertilise with **Sudden Impact for Roses** in mid to late February. A summer trim should follow two weeks later to ensure the rose is set up for an abundant autumn flush in around 55 days after the trim.

A word of warning is required here because the operative procedure is summer trimming. It is sometimes wrongly referred to as summer pruning and the inexperienced grower must resist the temptation to cut too heavily.



*Roses in the Adelaide International Rose Garden have benefited from Sudden Impact for Roses*

## 5. Pests and Diseases

Given our hot, dry, low-humidity summers, most fungal issues disappear and pests such as Aphis and grubs also *back off*.

Spider Mite may be an issue and when present, lower leaves close to the ground may pale in colour. Remove a leaf, turn it over and watch carefully (a magnifying glass may help). If insects, the size of pepper start moving around and/or a fine web is evident, Spider Mite are present.

Organic oils (such as Eco-Oil or Eco-Neem) or one of the natural sprays (such as Natrasoap) can be used to control bad infestations – don't use strong, toxic insecticides.

Water sprayed upward from under the leaves can also assist with the removal of early infections. Spider Mite live under leaves and don't like to be wet.

Summer is all about the weather. Plan ahead based on the weather forecast for the next seven days in relation to watering and possibly using shade protection.

If you follow these guidelines you will continue to get the best from your roses.



## 2022 WFRS Convention Lecture Speakers – Part 3



### **DANIEL BOULENS (France)**

#### **Rose Gardens from Lyon and Elsewhere – Parks and Gardens and their importance for our cities**

**Daniel Boulens** is a recent retiree who has spent his professional career working in public parks and gardens, including Director of Public Parks and Gardens of the City of Lyon and Lyon's Botanical and Zoological Gardens. Since 2001, he developed a strategy to ban chemicals in public green spaces. Since 2007, no more chemicals

have been used in public spaces in Lyon. This is exemplary!

Daniel Boulens is a leading and respected member of the French Rose Society and the Association Roses Anciennes en France (Heritage Roses). He is also an International Judge at rose trials.

In 2015, Daniel assisted in organising the 17th WFRS World Convention and rose festival in Lyon with more than 600 rose-related events. Daniel will share with you his passion for roses and rose gardens of the world.



### **THOMAS PROLL (Germany)**

#### **New Rose Styles – Unusual Rose Blooms for the Future**

**Thomas Proll** was born in Barmstedt, Germany, not far from the premises of W. Kordes' Söhne that would, in time, become his employer. He completed his studies at the University of Hanover, where he qualified in Horticultural Sciences, producing his thesis on Resistance and Susceptibility of Rosa Species and Hybrids to Powdery Mildew.

Thomas has worked with Kordes Roses for the past 25 years. As head of the breeding department, Thomas has been responsible for the development of new garden cultivars and pot roses since 1998 and now concentrates on the breeding of garden roses. For over 20 years, Kordes have focused on producing highly disease tolerant roses and have had many successes at rose trials in Australia and around the world.



### **DIANE SOMMERS (America)**

#### **The Rose Society in this Changing World**

In 2021, **Diane Sommers** commenced her three-year term as the 57th President of the American Rose Society (ARS). A rose grower for over 40 years, Diane's new garden in Wisconsin features more than 170 different rose varieties. She has served as ARS Treasurer, NCD District Director and Region 5 Regional Director, in addition to chairing many ARS Committees. Diane is also a past president of two local rose societies and is an ARS

Master Rosarian and Accredited Horticulture and Arrangement Judge.

The American Rose Society is celebrating its 130th Anniversary in 2022! While it is time to celebrate, it is also time to strategically invest in the future. Gardening is becoming more popular and the quality and variety of rose varieties continues to expand. Diane will share activities underway as the ARS strives to stay relevant in today's changing world.

# National Rose Trial Garden of Australia 2021 Awards

More information on [www.nationalrosetrialgarden.net.au](http://www.nationalrosetrialgarden.net.au) Images supplied by Les Johnson

## Gold



**Code/Name:** KORravreli *Heaven On Earth*  
**Type:** Floribunda  
**Breeder:** W. Kordes', Germany (Treloar Roses)



**Code/Name:** KORbevmahe *Delightful Parfuma*  
**Type:** Floribunda  
**Breeder:** W. Kordes', Germany (Treloar Roses)



**Code/Name:** KORkaans *Afrikaans*  
**Type:** Floribunda  
**Breeder:** W. Kordes', Germany (Treloar Roses)



**Code/Name:** 4038 *Jessica's Rose*  
**Type:** Hybrid Tea  
**Breeder:** Bruce Brundrett, Australia



## Silver



**Code/Name:** LION P 81 *Lampion*

**Type:** Hybrid Tea

**Breeder:** Rosen Tantau, Germany (Knight's Roses)



**Code/Name:** KORoutofko *Cayenne*

**Type:** Floribunda

**Breeder:** W. Kordes', Germany (Treloar Roses)



**Code/Name:** BAR 7563 *Mariangela Melato*

**Type:** Hybrid Tea

**Breeder:** Rose Barni, Italy (Wagner's Rose Nursery)



**Code/Name:** P393N *Eden's Apricot Blaise*

**Type:** Climber

**Breeder:** Harkness Roses, UK (Knight's Roses)



**Code/Name:** 5103-07-8

**Type:** Hybrid Tea

**Breeder:** Meilland International, France  
(Corporate Roses)



**Code/Name:** 5083 05 1

**Type:** Miniature

**Breeder:** Meilland International, France  
(Corporate Roses)

## Bronze



**Code/Name:** 7008  
**Type:** Floribunda  
**Breeder:** Bruce Brundrett,  
 Australia



**Code/Name:** BAR 7117 *Cometa*  
**Type:** Ground Cover  
**Breeder:** Rose Barni, Italy  
 (Wagner's Rose Nursery)



**Code/Name:** *Dancing Ayoba*  
**Type:** Floribunda  
**Breeder:** W. Kordes', Germany  
 (Treloar Roses)



**Code/Name:** *Pink Illusion*  
**Type:** Hybrid Tea  
**Breeder:** W. Kordes', Germany  
 (Treloar Roses)



**Code/Name:** 5652 06 2  
**Type:** Hybrid Tea  
**Breeder:** Meiland International,  
 France (Corporate Roses)



**Code/Name:** Walfight *First Light*  
**Type:** Miniature  
**Breeder:** Richard & Ruth Walsh,  
 Australia



**Code/Name:** BAR 6992 *Sungirl*  
**Type:** Ground Cover  
**Breeder:** Rose Barni, Italy  
 (Wagner's Rose Nursery)



**Code/Name:** T272 1  
**Type:** Floribunda  
**Breeder:** C. Bedard, Weeks Roses,  
 USA (Swane's Nurseries)



**Code/Name:** KORmonali  
**Type:** Floribunda  
**Breeder:** W. Kordes', Germany  
 (Treloar Roses)





**Code/Name:** Waltrendy *Trendy*  
**Type:** Floribunda  
**Breeder:** Richard & Ruth Walsh,  
 Australia



**Code/Name:** T53 C  
**Type:** Hybrid Tea  
**Breeder:** Harkness Roses, UK  
 (Knight's Roses)



**Code/Name:** *Twiggys Rose*  
**Type:** Floribunda  
**Breeder:** Harkness Roses, UK  
 (Knight's Roses)



**Code/Name:** *You Are My Sunshine*  
**Type:** Climber  
**Breeder:** Laurel Sommerfeld,  
 Australia



**Code/Name:** 6171 06 E  
**Type:** Floribunda  
**Breeder:** Meilland International,  
 France (Corporate Roses)



**Code/Name:** *Samantha's Dream*  
**Type:** Hybrid Tea  
**Breeder:** Richard & Ruth Walsh,  
 Australia



**Code/Name:** 7030  
**Type:** Hybrid Tea  
**Breeder:** Bruce Brundrett,  
 Australia



**Code/Name:** *Desdemona*  
**Type:** Shrub  
**Breeder:** David Austin Roses, UK



**Code/Name:** N 293 A  
**Type:** Floribunda  
**Breeder:** Harkness Roses, UK  
 (Knight's Roses)



# SE Branch Report

by *Ione Saint*

Fortune favoured us with beautiful weather and Nancy Mattner's enchanting garden as the venue for our end-of-year meeting. This colourful spot, where a grand old red gum takes centre stage, and abuzz with bird life, was warm, welcoming and peaceful.

Guest speaker was Kalangadoo rose nurseryman Brian Wagner, who brought along a selection of future releases and spoke of their merit. They included ***Spirit of Community***, pretty pink and slightly fragrant, the red ***Mona Lisa***, and ***As Good As It Gets***, a deep red and exceptionally healthy rose of medium height. Brian kindly donated three ***Lady of Australia*** rose plants that were given to lucky members. Bred by Bruce Brundrett, the rose is a celebration of the wives of the Governors-General. It won a Gold Medal at the National Rose Trial Garden in Adelaide in 2018.



*Lois Hodge & Nancy Mattner*

Brian told us of the challenges associated with releasing a new variety. Firstly, there is the decision to accurately predict market preferences. Then once over the hurdles of propagating and growing, there is photography, labelling, contracting budders, quarantine restrictions, changing borders and changing rules, among many other matters, to contend with.

Brian's advice to the home gardener on the watering of roses, was to saturate the surrounding area of the plant to ensure water penetrates deeply into the soil to reach the roots.

The bloom competition was judged by Diane vom Berg and won by Lois Hodge for the hybrid tea, Gaujard.

**Our next meeting will be at 11am, Sunday 27th February 2022, at Woakwine Station, 509 Beachport – Penola Road, Magarey SA 5280.** After our garden visit, we will travel 11km to Beachport and buy lunch at a licensed venue.



*Guest Speaker Brian Wagner*

# Roses on Eyre

by Karen Miels

Roses on Eyre met at Cowell Bowls Club for the Spring meeting. Thirty-two members, fewer than usual because of COVID – 19, attended. As usual, the weather was a hot topic. While much of the country had a substantial rainfall during winter, some areas, including Cowell, missed out. The spring meeting always has an extensive array of blooms for the competition.

There was much discussion on preparations for the upcoming 20th Anniversary celebrations, being held from November 5th to 7th. Unfortunately, many members notified us that they would be unable to travel to Port Lincoln to join in the celebrations. However, we were also advised that a group of approximately 34 Rambling Rosarians from Adelaide and surrounding country clubs, coordinated by Wendy Trimper, would be attending.

Members also discussed the large number of aphids and thrips on the roses this year. Remedies included squirting them with a hose, using Neem oil, squashing the bugs, or leaving them to natural predators — ladybirds and hover flies. Some members also said they had been using banana skins in a watering can or burying the skins in the ground to add potassium to the plants, with good results (ie for plant fertility, not aphids!)

After lunch, members visited Sue Enright's large garden and were delighted to learn that her neighbour has started a rose garden as well. Sue reported that her own garden had suffered extensively from strong winds

and dry conditions over the last 12 months and she had lost many roses. Despite this, the surviving roses were looking healthy and colourful.

The **Next meeting** will be held on Sunday **February 13th 2022** at 10am for a 10.30am start at Cleve Hotel for lunch. There will be a guest speaker.



**Multiple bloom 1st Raelene Harradine  
with Just Joey**



**Single bloom as judged by members. 1st Chippendale, Karen Miels;  
2nd French Lace, Ken and Mary LeRay**

# Roses in the Heartland

by Mary Frick

Thirty-three Roses in the Heartland (RITH) members and guests attended the RITH Garden Ramble in October. It was a pleasure to have The Rose Society of South Australia (RSSA) President, Diane vom Berg, attend, as well as John and Sue Zwar from Coonawarra.

At *Camelot*, the first garden we visited, we were greeted with a warm gesture: a blackboard sign welcoming RITH. The garden certainly lived up to its reputation.

Next was a native garden owned by Jan White. The short stroll from *Camelot* took longer than planned as we got lost!! The garden was interesting, with various types of shrubs which attract birds and wildlife.

RSSA Vice President, Gavin Woods, greeted us at the front gate when we arrived later at his garden. Gavin's hospitality was second to none – nibbles and drinks were enjoyed while we wandered through his garden. However, the roses, many of which had blooms to inspect, did not hold everyone's full attention: Gavin's prize-winning unusual chooks stole the show!

Parking close to a Kadina nursery was not a good idea, as following lunch, at the Kadina Hotel, a lot of retail therapy was a 'must do' before heading home.

Our garden has been a hive of activity for the aphid wasp and other aphid predators as there has been an abundance of aphids for them to feed on.

The massive hailstorm that hit the state in late October may have lasted only five minutes or so but it did varying amounts of damage to structures and gardens – leaves stripped, canes broken, buds broken off or damaged and bark stripped from canes – and only a few days before the Uraidla Show! On a positive note, not an aphid has been seen since then!

Three gardens were visited before lunch at the Clare Bowling Club for the RITH Christmas event. Our celebration began with morning tea at Walter and Kay Duncan's *The Heritage Garden*, followed by *Caro Brae*, owned by John and Cathy Giersch, and then went onto *The Station Master's House*. The gardens were stunning, each entirely different to the other, but all had a relaxing atmosphere. Thank you to John and Cathy Giersch for organising the event. There was great camaraderie, with all 24 attendees having a very enjoyable day.

The youngest of the RSSA branches, RITH will reach its 10th birthday in 2022. To celebrate this occasion, the committee has decided to do something a little different. We



*Diane vom Berg, Sue Zwar  
& John Zwar*



*At The Heritage Garden*

are inviting RSSA members and guests to join us on the evening of 27th May for the music and fun of Tanunda Town Band's annual *Melodienacht*. Brunch will be held on Saturday morning and there will be a garden visit in the afternoon. Full details will be in the next Bulletin. Expressions of interest to Secretary Sharyn would be appreciated.



# The Heritage Garden Open Day

by Kay Duncan

Roses blooming, foxgloves nodding and crowds arriving! What joy there was for those revisiting or discovering the Heritage Garden, in the Clare Valley, in 2021!

We were so fortunate to have chosen Sunday 7th November for our open day and book launch.

The garden was just at its peak and we had managed to clean up from the wind damage of the week before. As anyone who opens their garden understands, it's all in the timing, and that timing is always subject to the weather condition – but we were lucky once again.

With the added complications of COVID-19 regulations, there were many more procedures in place to help make the day run smoothly. We used Humantix ticketing to help with



numbers and space out our visitors and we were thrilled to get over 800 people on the day.

The launch of our book, *The Heritage Garden*, was a great success with three men being the stars of the show. Firstly, my husband, Walter Duncan for his creation of the garden, secondly Rob Linn, author of our book, and finally, media personality, Ian Doyle who gave a wonderful outline of the story of our book. Ian was just the right person to launch it as



**Book Launch by Ian Doyle OAM**

he has had a founding interest in the SA Open Garden Scheme and a big commitment to Australia's Royal Flying Doctors Service. We are very fond of both charities. It was a lovely and relaxed atmosphere with perfect weather for such an event. Book sales were set up in the summer house and we were inundated with shoppers.

We also had Rod and Judy Manning, selling their wonderful wire and metal creations in the garden, Café 1871 selling food and coffee and a sausage sizzle to feed the hordes.

Visitors were treated to old world roses blooming happily in the front of the garden, with many perennials giving added colour. We did have fewer poppies this year because of the late autumn/ winter rains but there were still plenty to see in the herb garden.

The French rose bed was a real delight, with perfume swamping the visitors! But our newest feature, the stone moon gate and wisteria arbour, was an added feature this year. The labyrinth, with its new grasses is yet to be planted, but set in the paddock with the new trees it will be a delightful park addition to the garden in a few years'.

We welcome visitors most of the year and if you wish to see the fruits of our labour, you can phone me on 0418837430 to find a time mutually convenient. *The Heritage Garden* book is getting rave reviews. It is available online from our website [www.theheritagegarden.com.au](http://www.theheritagegarden.com.au) or by phoning me.



## **My View: Gavin Woods – 'Mentors'**

*Mentors play an important role in all aspects of life, not least of which is rose growing.*

From the very beginnings of life we are learning beings; how to walk, talk, feed ourselves and develop into independent, fully functioning individuals. Those who teach us along the way become our mentors.

A true mentor is someone who takes us under their wing and shares skills and knowledge with us in a collegial way. Some mentors may not even know that they are functioning in that capacity; it may be that information is passed in a more passive manner but is readily received and absorbed by the learner.

Members of The Rose Society of South Australia have indeed been fortunate that many mentors have existed for those willing to learn. We have had strong administrators, expert growers and consummate exhibitors happy to pass their knowledge and skill to others. This has ensured a constant succession of experts to learn from.

The question is "Will this continue?"

The era of electronic information devices is upon us. People now source most of their knowledge from sources that do not involve an actual conversation. A quick search of the internet will reveal a plethora of documents and videos on just about every topic known to man, and more! The individual mentor has been replaced with countless experts of every shape and size; some offering factual and useful information whilst others less so.

Don't get me wrong; I am not a troglodyte bemoaning the advance of modern man simply for the sake of it, for I too use the internet daily and find it to be an extremely useful tool. Missing from the equation is the ability to have a face-to-face discussion and to question what is being fed to us; surely an important part of the mentor, student equation.

Many believe that in order for civilisation to endure and evolve, we must see a reversal of the current situation. One idea might be to formalise a mentorship program within our society. Interested members could apply to be paired with a mentor who has expertise in the member's particular field of interest. Those wanting to maximise their ability to grow fabulous roses would have a wealth of suitable mentors to learn from. Someone geographically close to their residence would be of most benefit, so that visits to each other's gardens could be considered. Those few with a penchant for exhibiting could likewise be buddied with one of our A Grade exhibitors, all experts in their field. Much can be learned in one to one sessions and continued to show day. I would see the mentor and the learner staging their flowers side-by-side at our shows, thereby swapping ideas on the best presentation of the learner's blooms.

Then there is the issue of administrators. It takes a very unique (some might say strange) type of individual willing to accept the rigors of a club executive position. There is no guide book to assist those new to these roles. It is usually

a situation where you *learn on the job* and can result in a *Baptism of Fire*. The American Rose Society elects their Vice-President who then automatically transitions to President at the end of their term. Three years of mentorship is then possible from the incumbent President; a very sensible framework in my view.

Suitable mentors represent an invaluable resource to our organisations with many eager to pass on their skills and knowledge; perhaps we should be utilising them more effectively?



***David Ruston OAM (1930 – 2019)***  
***David was an 'Arranger Extraordinaire' who took great pleasure in displaying his large arrangements wherever possible.***  
***He encouraged and mentored hundreds, if not thousands, of would be floral arrangers in his lifetime.***  
***David was a much sought after guest speaker and floral demonstrator – locally, nationally and internationally.***  
***Penelope Schulz was honoured to be one of David's 'students'.***



It's time to enjoy premium wines from one of Australia's most celebrated wine regions. Available for purchase, with part proceeds going to the 2022 Convention fund, are wines from Patrick of Coonawarra.

These wines are offered at very special prices. The selection of wines are a testament to the superior fruit and winemaking skill at Patrick of Coonawarra.







Grand Champion Floral Arrangement  
Title: Afternoon Tea  
Exhibitor: J. Johnson

Image: M. Frick