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Wagner's code: **100%ROSES!**

PLEASE NOTE: COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY
2022 Calendar of Coming Events

April

- Saturday 9th** Autumn Rose Show & People's Choice Weekend
Sunday 10th Adelaide Botanic Gardens
- Saturday 9th** Chaffey Rose Club AGM, **11:00am**. Followed by lunch.
RSVP 28th March to Secretary Dale Kerrin
- Tuesday 19th** Council Meeting via Zoom **7:00pm**

May

- Thursday 12th Competition:** Members Twilight Meeting. Details **Page 12**
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 **7:00pm**
- Thursday 19th** Chaffey: Morning Tea with Renmark Garden Club at Senior Citizens Rooms **10:00am**. **RSVP 13th May** to Secretary Dale Kerin.
- Friday 27th** **RITH 10th Birthday**, Tanunda Town Band *Melodienacht*
Saturday 28th Brunch & garden visit. **See page 15 for full details**
Sunday 29th SE Branch **AGM**

June

- Sunday 19th** Pruning Demonstration, Carrick Hill. Time **12:30pm-3:30pm**
Sunday 26th Pruning Demonstration, Botanic Garden. Time **12:30pm-3:30pm**
Tuesday 21st Council Meeting via Zoom **7:00pm**

July

- Sunday 3rd** **RSSA AGM**, Fullarton Community Centre. Details **Page 8**
Sunday 10th RITH Pruning Demonstration & AGM. 3 Para Rd Evanston at **1:00pm**
Sunday 17th Council Meeting, 124 Avenue Rd, Clarence Gardens. **2:00pm**

August

- Wednesday 17th** Members Twilight Meeting, ABC Goodman Building **6:30pm**
Tuesday 19th Council Meeting via Zoom **7:00pm**

September

- Tuesday 13th** Members Twilight Meeting, ABC Goodman Building **6:30pm**
Tuesday 27th Council Meeting via Zoom **7:00pm**

October

- Wednesday 5th** Members Twilight Meeting, ABC Goodman Building **6:30pm**
Thursay 27th to Thurs 3rd Nov World Federation of Rose Societies 19th World Rose Convention 'CELEBRATION 22', Adelaide Convention Centre. **See pages 24-28 for Convention Program, Registration Pre and Post Tour details.**



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

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SA REGIONAL: 27/5/2022

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 Store Closes: 8/8/2022
SA METRO: 19-20/8/2022
SA REGIONAL: 26/8/2022

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SA REGIONAL: 25/11/2022

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RSSA President's Report

by Diane vom Berg

Our planned February meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak experienced in South Australia, and as restrictions have eased, Council will continue to plan for member meetings to return, as published in this edition of the Bulletin, and for the Annual General Meeting to be held in July.

The Convention Committee's work continues with the organisation of the *19th World Rose Convention* and we look forward to welcoming participants to Adelaide to experience, celebrate and enjoy the iconic attractions, gardens, lecture program, tours and social events from **27th October to 3rd November**. The full program is published in this Bulletin. Earlybird Registration is available until 29th July 2022. Visit the website at www.wrc21.aomevents.com.au for all information and accommodation options. We ask members to consider volunteering, in the many areas needing assistance, before and during the convention. Details can be found on page 29.

The generous wine offer from Patrick of Coonawarra continues with a percentage of sales donated to the World Rose Convention's fundraising. Please contact Patrick of Coonawarra on 08 8737 3687 to place an order.

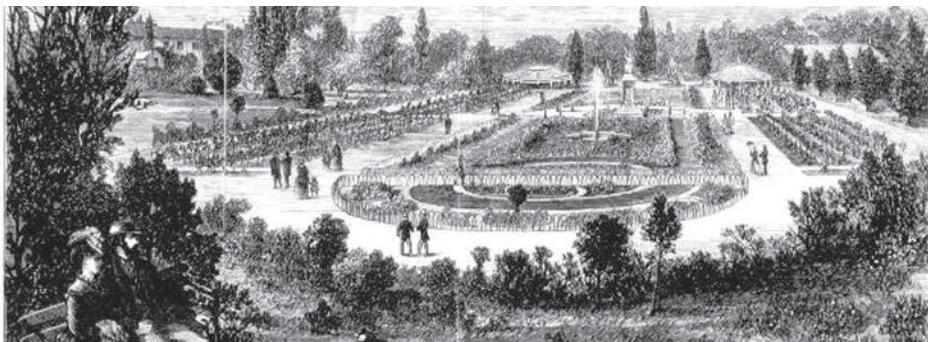
Remember to take time to look at the new release roses in online catalogues. To avoid disappointment, order your roses as early as possible as nurseries are experiencing high demand for their roses and many varieties are selling out quickly.

The Society's *Autumn Rose Show* will again be held at the Adelaide Botanic Garden, Noel Lothian Hall, coinciding with the People's Choice Weekend in the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia. For members interested in exhibiting, the Show Schedule and program details can be accessed on the Rose Society's website <https://sarose.org.au/>

Rose Pruning Demonstrations for Winter 2022 will be held in June and July at Carrick Hill, Springfield, South Australia's International Rose Garden at the Botanic Garden and Evanston, (Gawler). These present great opportunities for the general public to attend and be guided by our experts to learn the basic principles of pruning roses.

Join Roses in the Heartland on **27th & 28th May** as they celebrate their 10th Birthday with a program of events planned. They include music, brunch and a garden visit.

Enjoy the Autumn blooms and I look forward to seeing members at an upcoming rose event.



2022 Autumn Show Information to Members

- The 2022 Autumn Show will be held in the Adelaide Botanic Garden in conjunction with the People's Choice weekend.
- A two-day modified Rose Show, on **Saturday 9th** and **Sunday 10th of April**, will be staged in the Noel Lothian Hall.
- Some assistance from members will be useful in running the show, including answering questions from the public, topping up water to exhibits, setting-up and packing-down.
- The Show Schedule has been modified to suit the venue capacity and is published on the RSSA Website <https://sarose.org.au/>
- Assistance, if required, will be available to help members deliver their exhibits from the carpark to the hall. Staging for exhibitors is from **8.15am to 10.00am** on Saturday the 9th.
- Any COVID-19 regulations, as they are at the time, need to be complied with.
- We have early access to the gardens. Please refer to the website for setting-up and staging times, prior to the general admission times from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Members will be responsible for providing their own refreshments as COVID-19 regulations preclude the Society from serving food and drink. Choices include BYO, purchasing from The Gardens Café or perhaps scheduling your help around mealtime. Please consider offering to assist in some way with the Autumn Rose Show. If you are able to help, please contact me at president.rssa@gmail.com



Botanic Garden Board (Mr. T. H. Brooker) was inspecting the rosery early one morning this week a stranger, who is visiting Adelaide, communicated the opinion to him that he had been all over Australia, and had never before seen a finer display of roses than that on view at the North terrace institution at the present time.

Above: Saturday Journal (Adelaide, SA 1923 - 1929) Saturday 10 November 1923, page 20

Page 6: The Rosery in The Botanical Gardens - Adelaide Post, (SA 1867 - 1874), Friday 6 October 1871, page 1

Images: Courtesy of Trove



The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated

Notice of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 114th Annual General Meeting of The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated will be held on **Sunday 3rd July 2022 at the Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton at 2.00pm.**

Business of the Meeting

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting held on 4th July 2021
2. Receive the President's Report.
3. Receive the Treasurer's Report.
4. Approve the Audited Financial Statements.
5. Approve the changes proposed by Council to The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated Constitution listed on the following pages
6. 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.

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

John Humphries, 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.

The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated

Proposed changes to the Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated Constitution.

When the Society's constitution was originally written no one had any thoughts of a pandemic which would radically change the way people met and interacted. The changes we all have had to deal with have highlighted some areas in our Constitution that required review.

A decision was taken by Council to undertake a complete review of the Society's Constitution and as a result the following changes are recommended.

Each clause of the Constitution in which a change is recommended is detailed in full below with the changes from the current constitution in red, with appropriate explanatory notes.

4. Powers:

- 4.1 For the purpose of carrying out its objects, the Society shall have the powers conferred on it by section 25 of the Incorporated Association Act 1985 **(the Act)**, save and except such modifications and exclusions as **permitted by special laws or regulations enacted by State or Federal Parliament and** in this constitution.

The Society has such powers as follows:

- 4.1.1 to elect a Council to manage the affairs of the Society; and
- 4.1.2 to raise funds; and
- 4.1.3 to charge subscriptions and entrance fees; and
- 4.1.4 to establish and support activities of like societies; and
- 4.1.5 to affiliate with like associations; and
- 4.1.6 to appoint delegates to representative organisations; and
- 4.1.7 to appoint committees with the purpose of attaining any of the objectives of the Society; and
- 4.1.8 to appoint agents to transact any business of the Association on its behalf; and
- 4.1.9 to provide prizes and awards; and
- 4.1.10 to create By-Laws; and
- 4.1.11 to create a badge; and
- 4.1.12 to acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of any real or personal property; and
- 4.1.13 to open and operate bank accounts; and
- 4.1.14 to enter into agreements and do all such other things as are incidental and conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Society with exception of the actions covered in Clauses 4.2 (The Society shall not borrow money unless approved by a Special General Meeting called for that purpose) and 4.3 (The Society shall not administer any real property on trust unless approved by a Special General meeting of the Society called for that purpose); and
- 4.1.15 to invest any part of the available funds of the Society in any investment it deems fit.**

Explanatory notes for clause 4.

4.1 (the Act) inserted so the full name of the act need not be used elsewhere in the constitution.

The other addition covers operational management changes required by law under special circumstances such as Covid-19.

4.1.14 The addition of the words 'the actions covered in' in relation to clauses 4.2 and 4.3 is intended to strengthen the intention of these two clauses.

4.1.15 The investment clause merely expands on clause 4.1.14 and makes clear that the Rose Society has available a variety of investment options other than the low yield bank options.

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8. Subscriptions:

- 8.1 Annual Subscriptions shall be determined by the Council.
- 8.2 Subscriptions shall become due on the first day of April in each year.
- 8.3 Any member whose subscription is more than **four (4)** months in arrears shall cease to be a member of the Society.
- 8.4 The Council may reinstate any member upon payment of all arrears of subscription **or under such circumstances it deems appropriate.**

Explanatory notes for clause 8.

Four months in arrears rather than the current six months is considered to be sufficient time to enable payment of outstanding membership fees and Council should have some flexibility in reinstating an unfinancial member or members.

9. Management:

- 9.1 The Council shall, subject to the Objects and Powers of the Society and any decisions of the Annual General or Special General Meeting, have care, control and management in all aspects of the affairs, business funds and property of the Society.
- 9.2 The Council shall consist of:-
 - President; and
 - three (3) Vice Presidents; and
 - a Secretary; and
 - a Treasurer; and
 - **up to six (6) members of the Society; and**
 - the Immediate Past President.
 - **In the event that there are insufficient nominations to fill positions of Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer, the Society may resolve to elect less than three Vice Presidents, and may elect one person to the position of Secretary and Treasurer.**
- 9.3 The Council may appoint sub committees for any purpose, which shall report to the Council and are unable to bind the Society;
 - 9.3.1 **Delete section 9.3.1** (The Council may create by-laws for the management of the Society).

Explanatory notes for clause 9.

It would be prudent to stipulate up to six (6) members of the Society who can be appointed to Council.

The addition of the clause covering insufficient nominations for executive positions will provide some flexibility for Council if and when this occurs.

Deletion of 9.3.1. This is not required as it is already covered in clause 4.1.10 of the Constitution which provides the power to create By-laws.

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13. Secretary:

The Secretary shall:-

have a list of all members of the Society; and
convene all meetings of the Society; and
conduct correspondence on behalf of the Society; and
maintain records of the Society.

Explanatory notes for Clause 13.

The word 'have' rather than 'keep' has been used to ensure there is no confusion with the role of the Membership Data Base Manager who is appointed by Council each year following the AGM.

15. Finances:

15.1 The funds of the Society shall be kept in **bank or investment accounts.**

15.2 No funds shall be withdrawn from the Society's accounts except by an order signed by any two (2) of **four [4]** signatories being, the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer. **and one other member of Council.**

15.3 No two members of a family shall be signatories **to any single transaction.**

15.4 The financial year shall commence on the 1st day of April and end on the 31st day of March the following year.

Explanatory notes for Clause 15.

15.1 The change now covers cash and investment accounts.

15.2 Council considers it prudent to add an additional signatory for financial transactions.

15.3 This addition makes the intention clear. No two members of the same family should be signatories to any one transaction.

20. Meetings of Members:

20.1 General meetings of the members shall be held **at a venue and time determined by Council.**

Explanatory notes for Clause 20.

This is an up to date description of current meeting arrangements.

Note: Should you require further information and/or a full copy of the Constitution of the Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated please contact The Secretary, John Humphries whose contact details are: The Secretary, Rose Society of SA Inc, 7 Bluebell Court, Flagstaff Hill SA 5159. Email: rssasecretary@gmail.com Phone: 0478 107 260

Members Meetings & Events

Refreshments will be available at each meeting

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions being reviewed regularly to keep the people of South Australia as safe as possible, Members Meetings and Events may need to be amended or cancelled at short notice. The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. Council apologise for any inconvenience that are beyond its control.

April:

**Saturday 9th:
Sunday 10th:**

**Autumn Rose Show
&
People's Choice
Weekend**

Venue: Noel Lothian
Hall
&
Adelaide Botanic Gardens

MAY:

**Thursday 12th:
Twilight Meeting**

Venue: Fullarton
Community Centre,
411 Fullarton Road,
Fullarton

Time: 6:30pm
Speaker: Melanie Trimper:
'New Rose Varieties'

JUNE

**Pruning
Demonstrations**

**Sunday: 19th
Carrick Hill
Time:** 12:30pm-3:30pm

**Sunday: 26th
Botanic Gardens
Time:** 12:30pm-3:30pm

JULY:

**Sunday 3rd:
Afternoon Meeting
&
RSSA AGM**

Venue: Fullarton
Community Centre, 411
Fullarton Road, Fullarton

Time: 2:00pm
Speaker: Kelvin Trimper:
'Climate Change & the
Effect on Roses'

**THE ROSE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
AND
NATIONAL ROSE TRIAL GARDEN OF AUSTRALIA
invites you to**



**PEOPLE'S CHOICE WEEKEND
AND
2022 AUTUMN ROSE SHOW
9TH TO 10TH APRIL 2022**

**National Rose Trial Garden of Australia
And
Noel Lothian Hall**

**Adelaide Botanic Garden
Hackney Road Adelaide**

Opening Times

Saturday

Rose Show 11 to 4

People's Choice 10 to 4

Sunday

Rose Show 10 to 4

People's Choice 10 to 4

Choose your 5 favourite roses for the World Federation of Rose Societies' People's Choice Award



Renmark/Paringa 2022 Citizen of the Year

Lorna Taylor

Chaffey Rose Club member, Lorna Taylor was presented with the Citizen of the Year Award at the Renmark Paringa 2022 Australia Day Breakfast.

- Joined Chaffey Rose Club (CRC) in 2005
- Has been on CRC Committee for many years
- Has opened her garden for many causes, and events including CRC and the *Riverland Rose and Garden Festival*
- Regularly hosts dinners and meeting
- Stores CRC and, until recently, the *Riverland Rose and Garden Festival* equipment and floral art vases
- Organised and co-ordinated The Institute Floral Art Display
- Has been a long-time member of the Renmark Garden Club
- Has been a Committee member of the *Riverland Rose and Garden Festival* since 1999
- Has been a valuable contributor to the Renmark Hockey Club and Renmark Junior Primary and Primary Schools



Lorna Taylor with Renmark Paringa Mayor, Neil Martinson

Welcome to New Members

Ms B. Rosmann, Mount Gambier

Mr P. Hemmings, Salisbury Park

Ms M. Millton, Forest Range

Ms K. Te, Crafers

Ms A. Giles, Mount Gambier East

Mr M. Dobson, Hahndorf

Ms K. Meyer, Kapunda

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Ms A. Dawkins, St Marys

Ms H. Loechel, Lucindale

Mrs C. Snow, Malvern

Ms Helen Biggins, Woodside

Mr A. Teaha, Crafers

Mr D. Groening & Mrs A. Edler, Bridgewater

Ms J. Somers, Nairne

Roses in the Heartland

Join us as we celebrate our 10th Birthday,
with an evening of music and entertainment, brunch next morning,
and a garden visit.

Attend all activities or an individual event.
We'd love to have your company.

Friday 27th May 2022:

Event: **Melodienacht** with Tanunda Town Band

Venue: Tanunda Show Hall, Elizabeth Street, Tanunda

Cost: \$45 per person Pre-Paid when Registering

BankSA BSB: 105-021 Acc: 037 352 740

Time: Doors Open 7:00pm for 7:45pm start

Food & Beverage: BYO nibbles, finger food and drinks

Saturday 28th May 2022:

Event: **Brunch**

Venue: Company Kitchen, 27 Valley Road, Angaston

Cost: Own Cost

Time: 10:00am for 10:30am

Event: **Mystery Garden Visit**

Cost: Donation at garden

Contact, Further Information & Registering:

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RSVP: Not later than 26th April 2022



A Different New Years Eve Rising Above the Ashes

by Sue Zwar



Approaching the House & Garden

While most people were enjoying New Years Eve, the folk at Poolajelo, just over the border from Penola, were suffering the effects of an horrific fire that swept through their area, decimating the abundant dry feed, sheds,

equipment, shearing sheds and many thousands of sheep and cattle. Marjorie and Rodger Todd and their two sons, Malcolm and David, were three of those families. Most of you would know Marjorie, the President of our South-East Branch, and a long-standing enthusiastic rose grower.

As we approached the Todd's property on that fateful hot, windy Saturday evening, all that we could see was blackened burnt countryside, burning red gums and fallen burnt wooden power poles. However, in the distance, the Todd's home was still standing, surrounded by garden. I'm sure it was that large garden, planted with exotics and plenty of lawned areas, that saved the house, although all the periphery fences were still smouldering and within them, the garden for about five metres. In one corner of the garden was the shed housing Marjorie's Neutrog fertilisers and the lawnmower, all a blackened smelly mess. One small blessing, because of COVID restrictions, Marjorie had yet to pick up her last Neutrog order from Penola!

A portion of one fence line housed the tennis court fence, previously beautified by alternate *Pierre de Ronsard* and *Nahema* with a jumble of suckering



Tennis Court Fence with Nahema & Pierre de Ronsard



A Row of La Sevillana & the Ruined Potting Shed

gallicas growing out into the paddock. The upright posts were still all smouldering and collapsed, with **Pierre de Ronsard** and **Nahema** looking anything but happy. But I'm sure those gallicas helped save them from total destruction! The gallicas looked completely burnt, but knowing gallicas, they will come again even stronger!

Bordering the southern driveway was a long line of about 60 **La Sevillana** roses, many completely blackened but still with dried red blooms. There were others closer to the house that were hardly touched, except for heat scald.

The next day, we had a phone call from Kelvin Trimper who organised with Neutrog to very generously donate a box of liquid Seamungus and another of Gogo Juice. This is being applied every two to three weeks with copious watering in between. So, it will be interesting to see how the roses respond. As an aside about the toughness of the rose, I noticed, while applying the first dose of Seamungus, there was already a new water shoot at the base of one of the burnt **Nahema** roses, untouched by fire, so it obviously emerged after the fire went through.

Marjorie and Rodger had no power for several days until new poles were erected and they were dependent on generators until then. And the phone land line was off for a couple of weeks, so correspondence was difficult as mobile reception in the Poolaijelo area is very poor. But they have been overwhelmed by the kindness of so many folk, many of them complete strangers, dropping in food and supplies and enquiring about their welfare. And Marjorie's gardening spirit is as strong as ever with her making new plans about what replacement roses to plant in her garden!



New shoots emerging from the burnt 'Nahema'

Rose of the Month

For more information go to <http://sarose.org.au>

The World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) holds a World Rose Convention every 3 years. In 2022, this Convention will be held in Adelaide at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 27 October to 3 November.

At each World Convention, all Member Countries vote on a rose to be inducted into the WFRS "Hall of Fame" collection which now numbers 17 modern roses. Over the next 10 months, leading up to the World Rose Convention, one or two "Hall of Fame" roses will feature as 'Rose of the Month'.

January – *New Dawn* (Hybrid Wichurana), Large Flowered Climber



New Dawn was inducted into the *World Federation of Rose Societies Hall of Fame* in 1997. This beautiful, semi-double, light pink modern climbing rose was discovered by Somerset Rose Nursery in New Jersey, USA, in 1930. The rose is a sport of *Dr. W. Van Fleet*. *New Dawn* was the first rose plant in the world to be patented which opened the door for thousands of roses to also become patented.

New Dawn is a famous, repeat flowering, vigorous climber which can grow to 3m tall and 5m wide. It produces sweetly fragrant, blush pink blooms borne

both singly and in clusters throughout the season with an unusually long flowering period. Reliable and easy to grow, it has glossy green leaves and excellent disease tolerance, especially if it is correctly watered and fertilised. Grow it in full sun and train it onto a trellis, arbour, fence or other garden structure. However, watch out for the vicious thorns. This rose remains very popular among gardeners.

Available from: Treloar Roses and rosesalesonline.

Text: Kelvin Trimper

Images: Melanie Trimper



Rose of the Month

February – *PAPA MEILLAND* (*Meisar*), Hybrid Tea



Papa Meilland is a legend in the rose world. This could be due to its name – named in honour of a doyen in the rose breeding world, *Antoine Meilland* (1884 – 1971), by his grandson and head of the family-owned business, Alain Meilland. More likely, its worldwide fame is due to its beautiful, velvety, dark crimson colour and magnificent, strong, old rose fragrance. This rose was bred in France and introduced in 1963 by Meilland International.

Individual flowers, borne singly on straight stems are up to 12cm wide with up to 40 petals, creating a large, full, round bloom when completely open. It has regular flushes of flowers throughout the growing season.

Papa Meilland is a relatively low bush for a Hybrid Tea, approximately 1.2m high and 1m wide, making it suitable for the front row of a bed of roses. It is reasonably disease resistant and suits warm climates.

The popularity of this rose was highlighted when it was inducted into the **World Federation of Rose Societies' Rose Hall of Fame in 1988**.

Papa Meilland is a timeless classic rose and a most appropriate choice for February, as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

Awards: Gold Medal – Baden-Baden, Germany 1962
Fragrance Award – Geneva 1962

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

Another classic red Hybrid Tea which was inducted into the **Hall of Fame in the year 2000** was ***Ingrid Bergman***, named for the famous actress. This fragrant red rose, bred by Poulsen, is a very good variety available from Wagner's Rose Nursery.

Text: Melanie Trimper

Image: Ruston Roses

Rose of the Month

For more information go to <http://sarose.org.au>

March – *ELINA* (Dicjana), Hybrid Tea

Elina is a very prolific, constantly flowering Hybrid Tea rose bred by the Dickson family in Northern Ireland in 1983 and released in 1984. Growing to a height of 1.75m and a width of 1.2m, Elina can produce up to five dozen blooms per flush. As it can have up to 5 flushes per year in our moderate climate, each plant can produce 25 dozen roses per year – a rare feat for Hybrid Tea roses.

Elina's perfect classic rose shape, long straight stems, mild fragrance and attractive foliage ensures it is a popular cut flower variety as well as a wonderful feature plant in the garden. Each rich cream coloured flower comprises around 25 petals.

Very tough and disease resistant, this rose thrives in our hot dry climate, producing many flowers throughout the season. Inducted into the **World Federation of Rose Societies' Rose Hall of Fame in 2006**, it is one of the world's most popular cream-coloured roses and justifies its great reputation.

Awards: Gold Star of the South Pacific – New Zealand 1987

Silver Medal – Glasgow 1991

Available from: Wagner's Rose Nursery and Treloar Roses

Text & Image: *Melanie Trimper*



Volunteers in the International Rose Garden (IRG),

Botanic Gardens, Hackney Road

by Deb Curtis

The summer has been relatively kind to both the roses in the IRG & the vollies who maintain them.

While the humidity has encouraged the spots & rots, the roses are still looking good.

Attendance has increased with vollies enjoying the roses as well as the company of like-minded people. We all appreciate working with Andy & Ryan.

We will be deadheading into May before having a break till pruning in July.

New volunteers will be 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. Email: curtisnd@internode.on.net PH: 0408 474 977

ROSE PRUNING DEMONSTRATIONS – WINTER 2022

CARRICK HILL – 46 Carrick Hill Drive, Springfield

A rose pruning demonstration will be held at the historic Carrick Hill property, conducted by members of The Rose Society of SA on **Sunday, 19th June from 12:30 to 3:30pm**. The Carrick Hill Café has great food, tea and coffee. Have lunch or afternoon tea as a special treat. Rose pruning participants will receive a 10% discount on coffee, scones or lunch at the Café.

ADELAIDE – International Rose Garden, Adelaide Botanic Garden, Hackney Road, Adelaide on Sunday, 26th June from 12:30 to 3:30pm. The rose pruning demonstration is centrally located and you are invited to bring your gloves and secateurs and train under instructions from expert tutors.

EVANSTON (Gawler) - Roses in the Heartland Branch will hold a rose pruning demonstration on **Sunday, 10th July at 1:00pm at 3 Para Road, Evanston**. The Roses in the Heartland Annual General Meeting will commence at the conclusion of the rose pruning demonstration. All are welcome.



Critic (Adelaide, SA 1897-1924), Wednesday 10 July 1918, page 17.

Image: Courtesy of Trove

The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. (previously the National Rose Society of South Australia until 1973) has been conducting Pruning Demonstrations and giving rose related advice to the public since its inception in 1908. In the early days the demonstrations were attended by men only. It was not until November 1918 that women were 'invited' to attend a Rose Society meeting.

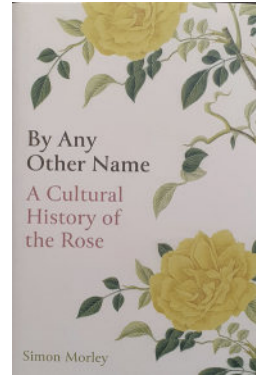
BOOKS – For Green Stems and Seasoned ‘Baby Bloomers’

by Celia Painter

The book *By Any Other Name, A Cultural History of the Rose*, by British artist, art historian and rose grower Simon Morley, has been released onto the Australian market.

By Any Other Name... explores how the beauty and charm of the prickly plant have seduced the world to become adored across cultures and ever-present at life’s seminal moments. The rose’s representation of love, sensuality, deceit, death and the mystical is celebrated within its 320 pages.

This hardback tome, for those passionate about roses and their history, rather than beautiful pictures – although there are a few – is being stocked by many of the few bookstores in South Australia. It is also available online from retailers such as Dymocks, Angus & Robertson, Booktopia and Amazon Australia. Prices vary and generally fall between \$45 and \$50. Audible and e-book versions are also available.



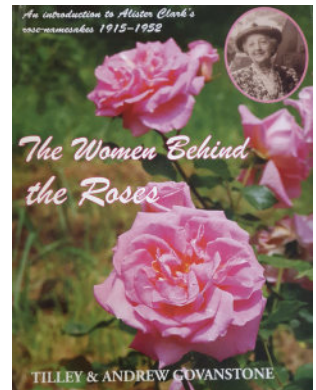
For those looking for practical information – especially those new to the Society – *Growing Roses*, by Australian rose grower, breeder and a Vice President of the World Federation of Rose Societies, Paul Hains, remains a ‘go-to’ publication. Published in 2017, it covers topics ranging from rose types to planting technique, pruning, fertilising, organic approaches and many others.

Growing Roses is endorsed by The National Rose Society of Australia and it is available for purchase by emailing Diane vom Berg president.rssa@gmail.com. Copies are \$25, plus \$2 for postage. Numbers are limited and they are available on a first come first served basis. Copies at higher prices can be bought at www.hainsroses.com.au and Treloar Roses www.treloarroses.com.au.

Growing Roses and Tilley and Andrew Govanstone’s *The Women Behind the Roses* have just been added to the SA Libraries Network. This means these books can also be borrowed from anywhere within South Australia by using the SA Public Libraries’ One Card network.

The Women Behind the Roses is also available through Amazon Australia and often via ebay. It introduces readers to beloved Australian rose breeder Alister Clark and the women who inspired the names he selected for his roses. Chapter-by-chapter, readers are ‘transported’ to the era and world of one of Australia’s most beloved rose breeders, Alister Clark.

There are also coffee table books available like



The Heritage Garden. Released late last year, this documents the background of Walter Duncan and his passionate journey, with wife Kay, in developing The Heritage Garden at Sevenhill in South Australia's mid-north. Copies can be bought on their website www.theheritagegarden.com.au



Each of these books can enrich the purchaser and make superb gifts for budding rosarians. If you think that younger rosarians might consider a book on roses to be 'old hat' perhaps reconsider. Before the pandemic, book sales and book borrowing from libraries were surging internationally. People of all ages were switching back from e-books and the internet to traditional sources for reading and researching. However, the Rose Society of South Australia's internet site www.sarose.org.au remains an invaluable resource for those wanting information on growing roses in this state. The log-in password for members is **PEACE**.

GIFTS – From Little Things, Big Things Grow

by *Celia Painter*

Call me 'a turkey'; I'll admit to it. It took me several months to work out that this gadget is a turkey baster, so I could buy and try one with a specific purpose in mind. That was to change my otherwise clumsy use of Neutrog's liquid products. This baster – which Neutrog would probably call something like Suck It Up – has metric and imperial measurements along its shaft, and a bulb and mantle that rest perfectly on the rim of Neutrog standard and chunky sized bottles. It comes apart for cleaning, and it is supplied with a made-to-measure bottle brush. The latter is important if it is to be used for gardening products.

It's a great and inexpensive gift idea for rosarians. If you want to get one, look in kitchen sections of \$2 shops, where they can sell for under \$5, or swish kitchenware shops and online retailers for a Rolls Royce version like this one, available for about \$20.

Bulletin Editor Mary Frick has long used a turkey baster to top-up water levels in rose exhibit display bottles and vases. She reckons it is the most useful gadget she has.

The turkey baster is an example of sometimes quirky, simple, and inexpensive gift ideas that budding rosarians can appreciate. We want to hear from you what they could be. Ideas should be sent, along with your contact details, to bulletinrsa@gmail.com



2022

World Rose Convention

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INVITATION

The National Rose Society of Australia invites you to Adelaide, Australia to experience, celebrate and enjoy the iconic attractions, gardens, lecture program, tours and social events during the World Federation of Rose Societies 19th World Rose Convention from 27th October to 3rd November 2022.

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Welcome Reception \$85 AUD
(drinks and finger food)

WFRS Gala 3 Course Dinner & Beverages \$150 AUD

NRSA National Dinner \$110 AUD
(Maximum 220 people)

DAY REGISTRATIONS

(Bookings available from 10/1/22)

Fri. 28 October \$200 AUD

Mon. 31 October \$200 AUD

Tues. 1 November \$200 AUD

Wed. 2 November \$100 AUD
– Full Day Tour
(Maximum 200 people)

Thurs. 3 November \$200 AUD

(Note: No evening meals or evening activities included in Day Registrations)

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Thursday, 27th October

Delegates Arrive

12:00 – 18:00 Registration Open
at the InterContinental Adelaide

18:30 – 20:00 Welcome Reception

20:00 Evening Free

Friday, 28th October

07:45 – 08:45 Registration Open
at the Adelaide Convention Centre

09:00 – 10:30 Opening Ceremony

10:30 – 11:00 Morning Tea

11:00 **CELEBRATION '22**
Celebrating the Rose in Australia
Presenter: NRSA President, Gavin Woods

11:35 **Australia's Unique Fauna and Flora
and the Impact of Humans**
Presenter: Prof. Chris Daniels

12:30 Lunch

13:15 Depart by bus for an afternoon at
Cleland Wildlife Park, Crafers.

16:00 – 21:00 Rose and Garden Expo,
Adelaide Convention Centre

18:00 Evening Free

19:00 – 22:00 WFRS Executive Meeting No 1

Saturday, 29th October

08:30 – 10:00 WFRS Convention Liaison Committee
Meeting

10:00 – 13:00 WFRS Awards Meeting

10:00 – 17:00 Rose and Garden Expo continues

13:30 – 13:45 Official Opening of the
Rose and Garden Expo

19:00 – 19:30 NRSA Dinner – Pre-dinner Drinks
InterContinental Adelaide

19:30 – 23:00 NRSA National Dinner
(additional cost AUD \$110)

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Sunday, 30th October

07:00 – 22:30	Optional Day Tour to Kangaroo Island (additional cost)
08:00 – 18:00	Optional Day Tour to the Clare Valley (additional cost)
08:30 – 13:30	NRSA AGM
10:00 – 16:00	Rose and Garden Expo Final Day
18:00	Evening Free

Monday, 31st October

CELEBRATING THE ROSE IN AUSTRALIA

08:30	The History of Gardening in Australia Presenter: Trevor Nottle
09:20	DAVID RUSTON and his role in putting Australia on the Rose World Map Presenter: Sue Zwar
10:05	Felco Presentation
10:25 – 10:55	Morning Tea
10:55	(Part A) ALISTER CLARK ROSES AND OTHER AUSTRALIAN ROSE BREEDERS: 100 years of Australian Rose Hybridising Presenter: John Nieuwesteeg
11:40	(Part B) ALISTER CLARK ROSES AND OTHER AUSTRALIAN ROSE BREEDERS: 100 years of Australian Rose Hybridising Presenter: Paul Hains
12:20	The Swedish Rose Society Presentation
12:40	Lunch
13:15 – 15:15	Depart for Adelaide Botanic Garden, International Rose Garden
14:00 – 15:15	International Trial Judging – by Invitation ONLY
15:30 – 16:15	Depart and Travel to Carrick Hill, Springfield
16:30 – 18:00	NRTGA Trial Garden Judging Results and Awards, Tour of Grounds, Alister Clark Rose Garden and house. Drink provided
18:30 – 19:00	Delegates return to the city. Evening Free
18:45 – 20:45	NRTGA Awards, Cocktail Party (Invitation only)

OPTIONAL FULL DAY TOURS

SUNDAY, 30TH OCTOBER

(Minimum numbers may apply)

Kangaroo Island \$315 AUD
by coach and ferry

Clare Valley \$100 AUD
by coach includes
Walter and Kay
Duncan's 'The Heritage
Garden' and lunch

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via the [Website](#)

VIRTUAL REGISTRATION

Virtual registration bookings will be offered from mid-2022 at approximately 50% of the Earlybird Registration fee and feature high quality streaming of the Opening Ceremony, 3-day Lecture Series and WFRS Gala Awards Dinner for Online Registrants.

WFRS FRIENDS OF THE FEDERATION DINNER

Dinner for the 'Friends of the Federation' on Tuesday 1 November from 19:00 to 22:00 by Invitation only. Invitation letter will be sent.

ACCOMMODATION AND OFFICIAL CONVENTION HOTEL

The Official Convention Hotel is the InterContinental Adelaide, conveniently located next to the Adelaide Convention Centre – special room rates apply for our delegates.

Please book accommodation through the registration portal.

Other recommended nearby hotels are on our [website](#) – offering a range of prices.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 1st November

CELEBRATING THE ROSE WITH THE PUBLIC AND IN PUBLIC SPACES

08:30	NEW ZEALAND Rose Gardens, Roses and Breeders Presenters: Doug Grant and Hayden Foulds
09:20	ROSE GARDENS FROM LYON AND ELSEWHERE: Parks and Gardens and their importance for our Cities Presenter: Daniel Bouleus
10:05 – 10:35	Morning Tea
10:35	SHRUB ROSES IN TODAY'S GARDENS: The use of Shrub Roses old and new in Public Spaces Presenter: Matthias Meiland
11:25	THE ROSE SOCIETY IN THIS CHANGING WORLD: Activities underway as the ARS celebrates 130 years Presenter: Diane Sommers
12:10	SIR HANS AND NORA HEYSEN: The history of Roses in their garden at 'The Cedars' and in their paintings Presenter: Allan Campbell
12:30	Presentation of the 15th WFRS Heritage Rose Convention Presenter: The Royal National Rose Society of Belgium
12:45	Lunch
13:30 – 18:00	Afternoon Free or Join a Tour City and Private Gardens tour, North Terrace Cultural Precinct walking tour
19:00 – 22:00	WFRS Friends of the Federation Dinner (by invitation only)
19:00	Evening Free

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 2nd November

08:30 – 18:30	Depart for a day of Art, Wine and Roses in the Adelaide Hills
18:30	Evening Free
19:00 – 22:00	WFRS Council Meeting

Thursday, 3rd November

CELEBRATING THE USE OF ROSES NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

08:30	ROSES IN CUISINE: Using Roses in Beverages and Food Presenter: Rose Kentish
09:10	NEW ROSE STYLES: Unusual Rose Blooms for the Future Presenter: Thomas Proll
09:55 – 10:25	Morning Tea
CONCURRENT SESSION A	DATABASES AND ROSES: Linea Rosa - a database of rose lineage Presenter: Jacques Mouchotte
10:25	
11:10	BREEDERS PANEL: Australian and International Rose Breeders Presenter: Kelvin Trimper AM
CONCURRENT SESSION B	ROSES IN FLORAL DESIGN: A demonstration using Roses in Floral Art Presenter: to be confirmed <i>Re-join group at Session A</i>
10:25 – 12:10	
12:20 – 12:50	Presentation of the 20th WFRS World Rose Convention Presenter: Japan Rose Society
12:50 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 18:00	Afternoon Free
14:00 – 16:00	WFRS Executive Meeting No 2
18:00 – 18:30	WFRS Gala Convention Dinner Pre-dinner Drinks
18:30 – 22:30	WFRS Gala Convention Dinner and Awards Presentation

Friday, 4th November

08:30	Delegates depart for Post Tour
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PRE AND POST TOURS

There are 3 proposed tours for a great holiday experience with many attractions and beautiful gardens.

**Pre-Convention Tour –
Sydney and Blue Mountains,
New South Wales**
Saturday 22 October –
Thursday 27 October 2022

**Post-Convention Tour –
Adelaide, South Australia to
Melbourne, Victoria**
Friday 4th November –
Wednesday 9th November 2022

**Post-Post Convention Tour –
Tasmania**
Wednesday 9th November –
Monday 14th November 2022

For information and bookings contact
Tania Allen at Oliver Travel
oliver.travel@adelaide.on.net

*The Organising Committee advises this
program may be subject to change.*

2022

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Your Help Is Needed – Can you Volunteer?

The **2022 World Rose Convention Organising Committee** is full steam ahead in planning for the WFRS 19th World Rose Convention which will be held in Adelaide from 27 October to 3 November at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

It's an honour for The National Rose Society of Australia to be chosen to host this event and we all need to ensure we surprise and delight our international and interstate visitors with our beautiful clean safe city, great food and wine and fine hospitality.

This is where we, the organising committee, need your help before and during the convention! So, what do we need help with?

Arrivals – we need people to be at the airport to meet and welcome our guests and to drive or direct them to their accommodation, which is likely to be a hotel in the city.

Guides – we need people to act as guides for our delegates throughout the convention, this could involve assisting with directions, assisting with recommended restaurants and on the bus tours.

Rose & Garden EXPO – we need volunteers to help stage and run the Rose & Garden EXPO from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 October. This exhibition will also incorporate the Rose Show and Australian Rose Championships.

Interpreters – if you or your friends can speak Japanese, Spanish or German we can use your help as some visitors' English is not very strong.

Odd Jobs – there will be a variety of tasks before and during the convention where “extra hands” will be greatly appreciated. Some jobs are as simple as helping to pre-pack the delegates' satchels with a program and some “goodies”.

Whether you do or don't register to attend the convention (and we hope you do) we need your help so please consider being a volunteer! You will meet some lovely people from overseas and interstate and potentially make new friends.

If you have friends or family who aren't members of the Rose Society, but are able to help we will be most grateful.

All volunteers will be given a T-shirt to identify them to our guests.

Please contact the President, The Rose Society of SA, by email if you are able to assist with any of these roles. Dates and times where assistance is required will be provided closer to the Convention. Email president.rssa@gmail.com

The International Rose Garden, Adelaide Botanic Garden

The International Rose Garden (IRG) was established at the Adelaide Botanic Garden (IRG) in 1999. This beautifully landscaped garden is being nominated by The National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA) for a World Federation of Rose Societies Award of Garden Excellence. The IRG was significantly upgraded over the past five years with the removal of poor performing roses and the introduction of new varieties.

Over the past decade volunteers – mainly Rose Society Members – have assisted in maintaining the garden. In addition, there has been generous support from Neutrog (donating fertiliser and mulch) and rose nurseries (Knight’s Roses, Wagner’s Rose Nursery, Corporate Roses and Treloar’s).

Recently, over \$90,000 was raised by the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation to upgrade rose signage and other interpretative material, irrigation and mulching.

The IRG will be independently assessed and a recommendation for the WFRS Award will be made to the Awards Committee for consideration. If successful, the IRG will receive this recognition at the WFRS Gala Dinner to be held in Adelaide on 3rd November, 2022.

The International Rose Garden is world class standard and open to the public with free admission.



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Andy's 'Office' Blooms at Adelaide Botanic Gardens

by *Celia Painter*

In the still of early morning at South Australia's International Rose Garden one could say they can almost hear the roses turning in their beds. The odd leaf flutters, dew drops, birds scratch through mulch, and petals stretch and relax to face each new day.

This subtle symphony of sound and colour is integral to the 'office' of one of Adelaide Botanic Gardens Senior Horticultural Curators, Andy Hart. He is the bloke in the sun hat who is 'a constant' in the rose garden; monitoring, nurturing, battling, and answering questions from the public.

Query something like aphids with Andy and he is 'onto it', enthusing and educating about the awe-inspiring life cycle of the pesky critter. If you were not fascinated and excited about aphids beforehand, you will be after talking with Andy.

Aphids and other sap sucking creatures are among many challenges Andy faces daily within the rose garden. The problems presented by bugs pale in comparison with those caused by birds. Australia's beloved Sulphur Crested Cockatoos mischievously pounce on the lawns, ripping at them with their strong beaks and talons, and glorious Rainbow Lorikeets tuck-in their wings, put their heads down and dart across the roses like Bullet Trains, only breaking their journeys to wrench off tender young rose shoots – just for fun! Problems caused by birds in the rose garden are among diverse challenges within Andy's patch. It spans nine hectares of the Adelaide Botanic Garden and Botanic Park 51-hectare city footprint and incorporates the International Rose Garden, First Creek Wetland, Mallee section, Waterlily Pavilion and Sunken Garden. Andy manages and works these areas with two small teams.

Andy has been at the gardens since 2006, initially undertaking an apprenticeship and studying Amenity Horticulture. That was after working for BankSA for 17 years, including postings at Cleve on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula and Burra in the State's mid-north.

Ultimately posted back to Adelaide and at a career cross-roads, the then new dad and his wife had a picnic tea in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. At dusk, his wife asked him what would be his dream job? A garden gatekeeper passed them, and Andy had an epiphany: he wanted to work in the Adelaide Botanic Garden.

To be honest, he says, it was the prospect of developing and working in the wetland area that really enticed him. Responsibility for the International Rose Garden, which has incorporated the National Rose Trial Garden since 1996, came with the job.

Andy's learning curve was sharp, with expertise from members of The Rose Society of South Australia



Andy Hart



**Bruce Brundrett's
Shirley's Rose**



***the late Bruce Chapman's
Flemington Racecourse***

being pivotal to managing this monoculture. Ongoing guidance and the work of volunteers, who he works alongside in deadheading the roses throughout the growing season, and to whom he is deeply grateful, makes it do-able and adds greatly to his enjoyment.

He reckons he is still 'no expert' but mention a rose and Andy will lead you to it. Mention a problem like how to manage blackspot, and Andy will discuss solutions, and mention the future of the garden, and he will happily share the vision.

On the horizon is the installation of the interpretive display – signs that tell the story of roses and labelling.

Meanwhile, rose arches and pillars will continue

to be revitalised and another 500 roses will be planted. That will take the total to about 3000, with more than 320 varieties already represented. More Australian bred roses by champions such as Bruce Brundrett and the late Bruce Chapman, and complementing the well-establish Australian 'sports' section, will be among them. There are already varieties produced by South Australians, including George Thomson and Mary Frick, represented in recently planted sections of the garden.

Installation of a fertigator, an irrigation device which mixes measured doses of liquid products like *Neutrog's GoGo Juice* with water, will also happen soon. This will help address a lack of overhead watering, to soak-in granule products like Sudden Impact For Roses, by making application of the liquid version possible.

The golden chalice of the vision is for the garden to receive an *Award of Garden Excellence* from The World Federation of Rose Societies in 2022. This would surely make our International Rose



***George Thomson's
Love's Gift***

Garden, with the National Rose Trial Garden at its heart, the jewel in the Garden City's crown?

In the meantime, Andy will continue to duck and chase the birds, check and minister to the needs of roses and their beds, and answer the questions of visitors. He chuckles: 'Usually, it's where are the toilets? After that, they're more about the general care of roses, or how to get them flowering like this?' He responds by telling them about Neutrog's products. 'I have no problem with that,' he says, 'because they work and they can see the results for themselves here.'



***Mary Frick's
Lacy Parasol***

ESSENTIALS FOR ROSE GROWING SUCCESS AUTUMN

ROSE GROWING CULTURE NOTES

FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

In South Australia roses are a favourite choice for the garden because they are easy to grow and maintenance is relatively simple. The frequent balmy days, particularly later in autumn, are ideal for producing a magnificent autumn flush of high quality, colourful flowers. Here are a few tips to care for your roses.

March often sees a continuation of summer-like conditions with some very hot days and lower rainfall. Milder days generally appear in April and continue into May. Seasonal opening rains often occur in late April or early May, heralding the onset of the wetter, colder months.

The average daily temperatures in Adelaide in March are 26.5°C, April 22.8°C and May 19.0°C. Average rainfall in autumn is about 26mm in March, 40mm in April and 61mm in May.

Evaporation rates decrease from their summer highs and daily sunshine hours reduce from around 10 hours per day in January and February to 8.6 hours in March and continue to decline to 5.4 hours in May.

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

1. Watering

It is essential to maintain a regular and thorough watering regime. We can be easily misled by milder days and cooler nights. However, the average March and April rainfalls are generally insufficient to maintain healthy Autumn growth in our roses. Like summer, it is best to look at the forward weather forecast for the next 7 days. If the weather forecast is for warm to hot and dry conditions, hydrating roses with a weekly thorough irrigation is recommended. If rain accompanied by lower-than-average temperatures occurs, irrigation may be halted for a period and recommenced when a dry, warm to hot period is forecast.

Generally, irrigation is needed until the opening seasonal rains occur late April – early May. If unsure whether watering is required, scratch down 3 to 5cm below the ground under a rose plant. If dry at this depth, apply water immediately. Remember, the rose has many roots just below the surface and these can dry out, hindering optimum performance.

Roses in pots also require regular watering during the autumn months.

2. Mulch

The mulch which was applied late spring or early summer will be breaking down in autumn and its thickness reducing. Providing sufficient mulch was initially applied, adequate cover will remain to reduce evaporation, continue to cool the roots and feed the earth worms and beneficial microbes in the soil during autumn. However, if all mulch has disappeared, a fresh application of Neutrog's **Whoflungdung** (a certified organic mulch) in early autumn is recommended. 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.

3. Flowering

Autumn is an excellent flowering period for roses. A light, late summer or early autumn trim will ensure a great flush of flowers around 55 days later. This trim is simply removing the spent summer blooms and a portion of the stem down to a healthy pin-head sized bud nestled between the leaf and stem. Stem removed is generally around 15 – 30cm. Importantly, this is a trim and not a prune and sufficient foliage must remain to avoid exposing the stems to sunburn.

The summer – autumn trim is far more effective if it is completed two or three weeks after an application of Neutrog **Sudden Impact for Roses**. Don't be concerned if autumn colours are different to spring colours of the same variety. The on-set of cooler nights and less sunlight through autumn often produces more intense colours in some varieties.

4. Fertilising

If an application of **Sudden Impact for Roses** was not applied in February, ensure the rose plants receive it in March. Once applied, it should be "watered in". If possible, and given favourable weather, apply just before forecast rain, which will assist in ensuring the fertiliser is taken to the root zone. If you can't rely on rain or a sprinkler system, use **Sudden Impact for Roses** Liquid Fertiliser applied in fortnightly applications until the end of March. Neutrog **Go-Go Juice** will certainly provide an additional boost to plants after enduring a long hot dry summer.

5. Pests and Diseases

Our autumn seasons are generally warm to hot and dry until the end of April and these are favourable conditions for rose growing. As far as pests and fungal diseases are concerned, usually no preventative or curative remedies are required. With the change in season to wetter weather, cooler nights and even heavy dews, in late April or early May, some fungal diseases may emerge. You can choose to do nothing and tolerate some infected foliage or apply a preventative organic oil or fungicide spray mid to late April to ensure plants remain clean well into late autumn and early winter.



6. New Rose Plantings

Autumn is the best period to commence soil preparation for new rose plants, including the removal of under-performing old plants. Where a rose plant is to be removed, commence the process in April or early May by removing the old plant. Endeavour to dig-up as many of the old rose roots as possible. If you can, take a half a barrow of old soil out and replace with soil from elsewhere in the garden which has not grown roses. Then apply an application of 10cm of **Whoflungdung** plus **Neutrog Seamungus** and **Go-Go Juice** to the area to be planted with the new rose(s). This should be dug into the ground to at least the depth of the spade or even deeper if possible. If the soil is lumpy from a high clay content, an application of gypsum maybe required.

Repeat the application of Go-Go Juice every few weeks until the end of May. Keep on digging over the soil to reduce weed growth and to encourage the earth worms and beneficial microbes to remain very active.

New rose beds or locations should be prepared in the same way, except the removal and replacement of soil is not required. These should be in full sun and free of root competition from trees or shrubs. Preparation should commence on or before Easter.

7. Recommended Specialist Rose Retailers

Autumn is also the best time to pre-order new rose cultivars. Rose plant producers and specialist retail nurseries release their catalogues listing and describing the varieties available. Order early to ensure you don't miss out on the roses you wish to purchase. Watch out for release information on new varieties in garden magazines and on social media.

If you want to purchase bare root roses in winter, it's time to order them now. Contact South Australian specialist rose nurseries such as:

Wagner's Rose Nursery

www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au

Knights Roses

www.knightsroses.com.au

and **Newman's Nursery** or your **local garden centre**.

Look at their websites and also interstate specialist rose suppliers. Not all varieties are in abundant supply, especially the new releases. Therefore, order early in Autumn to avoid disappointment.



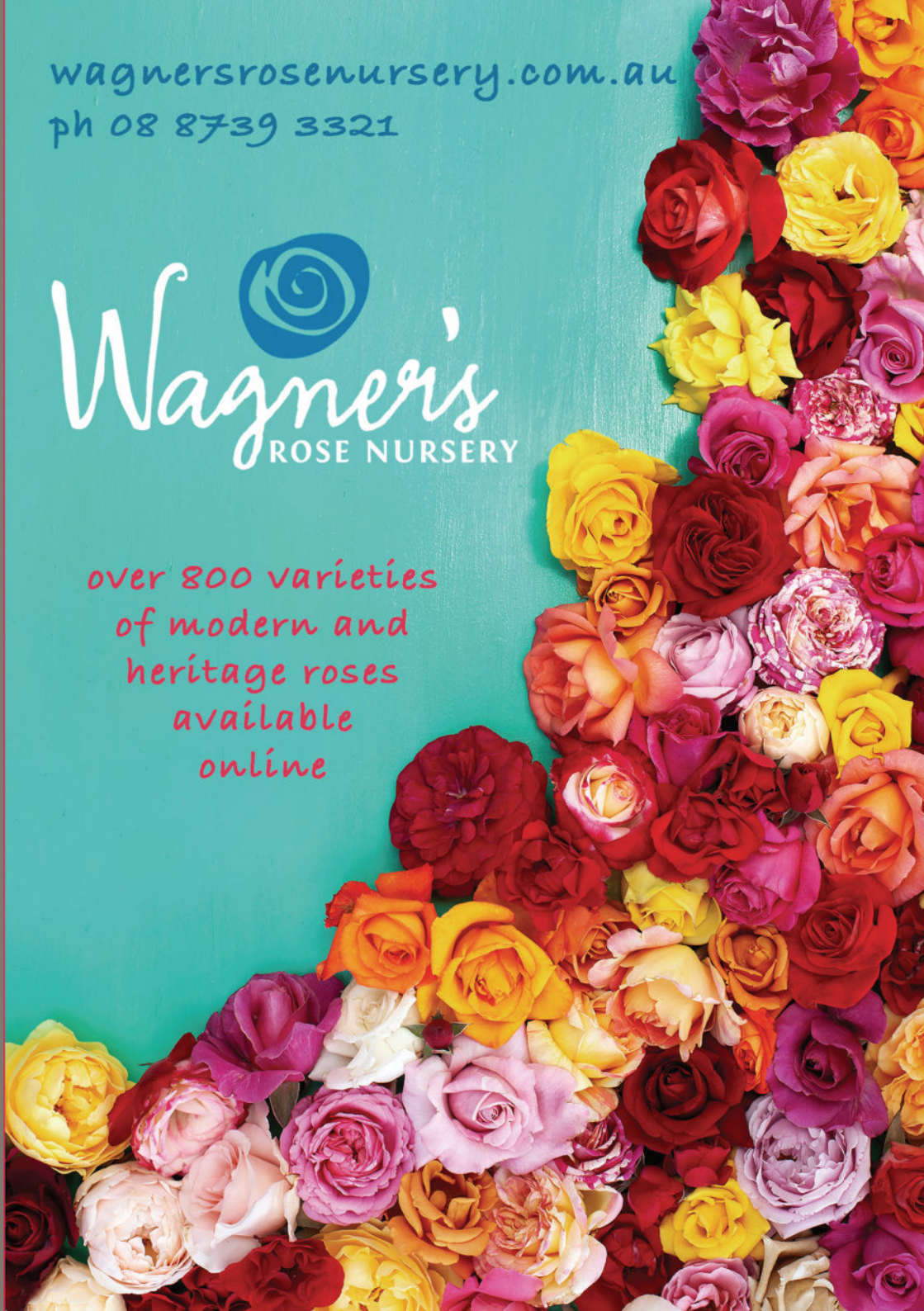
Autumn is a great time for roses and gardeners who provide the care necessary to maximise performance.



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The Queen of Flowers

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The lineage of the Rose is older than the Rose of Sharon: Milton planted it in Paradise. Its history is a romance: its latter-day splendours are a miracle of modern science. Where-ever it first grew, it now blooms world-wide, and it still holds its throne as the Queen of Flowers, wherein it was placed by Sappho of Lesbos over twenty centuries ago.

Its birthplace is said to be Persia; but it seems to be indigenous to various parts of the Northern Hemisphere. In Australia it is an exotic which has conquered the country; yet no-one is sufficiently philistine as to find any analogy between the ***Cloth of Gold*** and the ***Yellow Peril***.

The Rose in History

Tradition tells us that the rose travelled from Persia to Europe along the highway of Greece, Rome included in its plunder, and when luxury lulled the Empire into Lotus land, flowers, and especially the rose, became ministers of pleasure. Wines, baths, and bed chambers were perfumed by the rose. She became, as it were, Mistress to Lucullus. Heliogabalus filled a swimming bath with rose scented wine, and Nero, dilettante in the bestial and connoisseur in beauty, spend four million sesterces – about twenty thousand pounds sterling – upon these blooms for one feast alone. It requires the barbaric emulation of American millionaires to rival such extravagance today.

Large tracts of land around Rome and in other parts of Italy were devoted to rose-growing. Lucania reared the choicest blooms which were sold in the streets of Pestrum by the daintiest damsels of the town – the prototypes of one of whom a later poet raved:-

There is a garden in her face
Where roses and white lilies grow;
A heavenly paradise is that place
Where all pleasant fruits do grow;
There cherries grow that none may buy
Till Cherry ripe themselves do cry

The Return of the Rose

When the Empire fell, rose culture languished; and it was not revived in Europe until the reign of Charlemagne, in the ninth century. France was the scene of the renaissance; and the movement spread gradually to the neighbouring countries. The rose had come to her own again.

Apparelled in celestial light. The glory and the freshness of a dream.



Cloth of Gold
Image: Hortus Camdenensis.com

Roses in Many Lands

Though Europe had lain in darkness the East had not lost the light, for the roses of Damascus still linger in memory – and in old-fashioned gardens. Spain had culled the musk rose from Northern Africa to play part in the language of flowers-an oriental fancy of the Moor. Provence the land of the troubadours, became a rose centre – as might be expected from the climate and the character of the place and the pleasure-loving Provençal. As a contrast, the ice-bound plains of Labrador have an indigenous variety. The fragrant *moss*, cultivated from ancient times, came from the Caucasus. The Briar and trailing field-rose of England and the Ayrshire of Scotland are in their native land; while the Alpine roses need no explanation. *Rosa gallica* is essentially French and still fills the woods and hedgerows of that country. No country south of the line can claim to any species. Humboldt expressed wonder at finding none growing in South America, even in localities climatically analagons to the temperate regions of Europe. Neither South Africa nor Australia has any indigenous roses among its flora, but they have bowed their necks to a foreign yoke.



Rosa gallica officinalis

Image: David Austin Roses

Our Debt to the East

To China and Japan we are really indebted for the profusion of blooms and iridescent hues of our twentieth century rosaries. The many flowered variety with its faint aroma of tea appropriately came from The Flowery Land. *Rosa indica* derived its name from India, but its origin from China. When Early English travellers brought it back to their homes it was grown in the greenhouse! Its blooms were white; and **Madam Plantier** is a type of the family.

Modern Magicians

The rich colours and delicious perfume of spring roses maintained them in favour, and many years were to pass before they were deposed. They met their fate when the enterprise of rose-growers, hitherto devoted to perfecting *hybrid perpetuals*, turned to the development of the less gorgeous but constantly blooming kinds. Hybridisation was the secret, and patience secured success. From whites to yellows and pinks, with all imaginable intervening shades the masted craftsman of the garden gradually worked up the gamut of the palette until they attained the red-light and almost single at first; ruby and fully cupped at last; bathed in the true fragrance of rose-land. For the first red ever-bloomer, so runs the legend, Mr W. F. Bennett, of New York, paid ten thousand dollars. The rose bears his name – but the proud proprietor of a few square feet, sacrosanct to flora, can now buy a root for sixpence, or a cutting for nothing.



Mme Plantier

Image: James Young



Papa Gontier

Image: The Antique Rose Emporium

Many Varieties

Catalogues run into five or six thousand names! The descriptions of colours baffle the imagination of the most poetic nurseryman – the English language runs out of adjectives. The enthusiastic amateur, having gained a certain amount of experience, becomes slightly sceptical. After he has planted both **Fortune's Yellow** and the **Beauty of Glazenwood** he is disposed to argue with anyone who tells him they are not the same rose; and he who places **Papa Gontier** and **Lady Battersea** side by side will get mixed up in the sexes. And there are others, but after all these little

eccentricities of the amiable gentleman who raise – and sell – roses be forgiven them when we survey an Australian rosary in Spring or Autumn. In its shimmering glories all trifling differences of opinion are forgotten.

The Rose in Commerce

France is the land of roses; but it were treason to deny Australia a place in the front rank. She had no rosy children of her own; but her adoptive daughters have thriven and grown beautiful in the abundant warmth of her bosom. The older country has a commercial incentive greater than any in this southern land. The markets of England, France and Germany demand flowers and plants; the boudoirs of the world clamour for attars. From Cannes to Nice are great fields of roses; and Central Europe yields rich harvests of flowers to make the famous essences of Turkey.

Provence grows millions of roses whose life blood is distilled for the perfume that like the *alabaster cruse of ointment*, is very costly. Luxemburg, is a German centre of fame, whose nurseries are honoured among rosarians but pay tribute to the same juggernaut of fashion. The rose it is, which dies *in aromatic pain*.



General Jacqueminot

Image: James Young



Paul Neyron

Image: James Young

The Rose in Literature

The varieties that formally existed under more or less arbitrary classifications have been discarded for a sensible didiotomy – the ever blooming and the spring blooming. The latter are chiefly represented by the type formally known as hybrid-perpetuals. The name appears to refer to a specimen which had been obtained by crossing and which did not revert to type – the hybrid was perpetual. This class included such grand roses as **Général Jacquemenot**, **The Sultan of Morocco**, **Paul Neyron** and that old favourite **John Hopper**. For richness of colour,



La France

Image: James Young

for sweetness of perfume and for perfection of form they are unrivalled: but they only last for a season. Some of the newer sorts, such as the charming and deservedly popular **La France** and, say, **Belle Sebricht** – to mention but two out of many – approach their prototypes which, it is to be feared, are suffering the fate of old friends who have served their turn. There were also *Noisettes*, of which **Cloth of Gold** is best known; *Bourbons* like **Souvenir de la Malmaison** – seen at their best in autumn – and *Polyantha* such as **Cécile Brünner** or **Perle d'Or**.

Then came the *Teas*, to be followed by *Hybrid-Teas* until in sheer desperation common-sense was called in to cut the Gordian Knot wherein gardeners had tied themselves up.

To the amateur the rose makes special appeal. The care required in culture yields a special return. Of a surety there are drawbacks. Plants have a nasty habit of dying young; aphids requires the application of a kerosene emulsion; the curculio



Souvenir de la Malmaison

Image: James Young

beetle has to be trapped by night or disturbed by day; the soil must be loosened and mulched; the rose is a glutton for drink and food; and its pruning requires both knowledge and care, and when all these labours are ended there are glorious blooms – which unscrupulous persons steal if they can and the Australian sun withers with the warmth of its caresses, but with the treasures that escape the embraces of these pirates the gardener gaily enters that hot bed of heart-burning, the suburban show, and leaves it cordially cursing the ignorance and partiality of the judges. From the rapture of the lover to the wrath of



Cécile Brünner

Image: Ian Frick

the exhibitor is but one step in the life of the rose.

The decoration of a dinner-table is an art that appeals to every gardener, and the very great interest taken in the classes provided for this class of work at our Floral Exhibitions is also an indication of the place it holds amongst flower lovers.

Editor's Note: The article continues as it writes about the 'Kind of Vases'; how 'Light Affects Colour'; 'The Best Height' and 'Table Arrangements'.

There were many 'typos' in the article that, when retyped, have been corrected. Readers can find the full article online by going to the State Library's '**Trove**' digitized newspapers.



Perle d'Or

Image: James Young

SE Branch Report

by *Ione Saint*

More than torrential rain is needed to deter the avid gardeners of the SE Branch from attending a meeting. In February, we all felt very privileged to be welcomed into the historic home and garden of our gracious hosts, Helen and Michael McCourt, owners of Woakwine Station at Beachport.

Equipped with umbrellas and raincoats, sodden ground underfoot, we explored this delightful and expansive garden – a feast for our eyes in every direction.

Moving into the family homestead in 1996, a concept map of the garden was drawn up to serve as a guide and reference for the future. An arborist was employed to assess and treat the aged trees. With a love of English and Japanese style gardens, a large circular rose garden is the centrepiece of the front garden. David Austin and Delbard roses are planted in abundance. The garden is enclosed with the hedge of *Tiny Trev Lilly Pilly*, and *Cypress Leylandi* is clipped and used as internal fencing.

There is a contemplation garden, walled by clipped *Thuja Cypress* and this hides rustic troughs filled with a tapestry of succulents, plus a bench seat where one can reflect.

A Japanese garden is a work in progress and there is a bountiful veggie garden and fruit trees.

On a separate note, one of our valued members unfortunately suffered enormous devastation in a recent bushfire which ravaged their garden and farming property. She has been completely overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of Neutrog. The company immediately donated a pallet of various fertilisers and

a box each of Seamungus and GoGo Juice to kick start her garden and help her nurse it back to good health. Not only has this considerate gesture made a huge impact materially in the garden, but it has also been a help psychologically. Thank you.

The branch's next meeting will be its **Annual General Meeting**. It will be held at **11:30am** on **Sunday 29th May**, at Bompas Restaurant, Beachport. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Your meal should be ordered by members upon arrival from the menu and members should state that they are with the Rose Society group.



L-R: *Nancy Mattner, Jeanie, Chris Gurney*



L-R: *Colleen Fox, Jane Hood, Penny McGorm*

CHAFFEY ROSE CLUB REPORT

by Shann Hausler

We have experienced a relatively mild summer to date, albeit dry. We have not had the rains that Coleen Houston reports the Riverina area has experienced.

October was a busy month for our members as we all supported the *Riverland Rose and Garden Festival*. Members opened their gardens to the public, supplied and arranged roses for the three-day Floral Display in the Renmark Institute, participated in the Saturday Fete and helped support the festival.

During the festival, members also held a Rosey High Tea in the delightful garden of Rhonda Taylor. We limited the number to 50 and were very happy with the responses.

Our Christmas break-up party at Greg and Jill Knight's place was a relaxing affair, with Malcolm and Ruth Watson attending. After our busy year of 25th Birthday planning and celebrations, we were happy to just 'chill out'.

Our first function for 2022 was also a very informal event. We visited a country garden in Winkie, visited a nursery and had lunch in a bistro in Berri.



*Lorna Taylor (L) & Jill Knight
at the February Garden Ramble*



*Dale Kerin (L) & Marilyn Schier
at the February Garden Ramble*

This was followed by a visit to a townhouse garden in Berri, where we were treated with homemade afternoon tea. Over lunch, we shared our blooms of the month and were pleased to identify 30 of the 33 blooms on show.

A group of us had the pleasure of supporting Lorna Taylor and her family at the *Australia Day Renmark Paringa Breakfast*, where Lorna was presented with the Citizen of the Year Award.

Roses in the Heartland – The First Decade

by Mary Frick

Twenty Twenty Two marks a significant milestone for Roses in the Heartland (RITH). As the youngest branch of The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. (RSSA), it's the year we celebrate our 10th birthday.

Our humble beginnings were much different to those of other Rose Society branches. Many, many years ago, a small, local, one-day and mid-week rose display, named Angaston Rose Show, was created by a group of Angaston Senior Citizens. During 2002, the show saw a huge change when a new, younger group of rose lovers became involved and renamed the event the Barossa Rose & Flower Show (BR&FS). The event developed into a two-day weekend floral spectacular that included participation by our Society members from outside the Barossa area.

BR&FS organisers broadened the appeal of the annual event when it introduced the annual 'Barossa Rose Pruning Demonstration' and 'How to Show Roses' workshops. Through the continued support given by the Society, both events continue to be very successful.

The 2008 BR&FS was included in the Society's Centenary Convention programme and was visited by participants as part of a Post Tour activity.



*Rose Adelaide 2008 Post Tour
Barossa Rose & Flower Show*



RITH Inaugural Committee L-R: M. Watson, M. Frick (President), H. Noble (Secretary), P. Schulz (Vice President), A. Eygenraam, R. Sherwood, I. Frick. Absent: K. Brook (Treasurer)

This was the turning point because it became clear and seemed a natural transition for BR&FS and RSSA to join forces.

After lengthy discussions to establish the Society's fifth branch, the inaugural meeting, chaired by Society President Aileen Scott, was held on 1st July 2012 in the Barrel Room of the Barossa Chateau. Rose Society members who attended this historic event named the branch **Roses in the Heartland**, and



Attendees at the 2012 inaugural Roses in the Heartland meeting

the BR&FS and the other events/workshops moved under its banner.

RITH covered – and continues to do so – a large area from Adelaide’s northern suburbs through to the far north of the state. A logo was designed to depict the different areas of the branch – green to represent the vines in the Barossa and Clare grape growing regions, brown for the crop growing areas and, of course, the rose.

The time of development was very exciting as we spread our wings, promoting the rose far and wide, giving Rose Society members who previously had limited face to face contact with other members due to distance, the opportunity to become involved and attend functions.

To celebrate this milestone, RITH’s committee has organised an event with a difference!

You are invited to join us at the Tanunda Town Band’s *Melodienacht* on Friday 27th May, followed by brunch and a garden visit on Saturday 28th May. Please refer to page 15 of this Bulletin for the details.

On 3rd April, our branch will be represented at the Clare Autumn Garden Festival. If you can spare a little time to assist, you would be most welcome. Otherwise drop by for a chat.

Our Annual **Pruning Demonstration** and **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 10th July** at the home of Committee Member Lyn Williams – 3 Para Road, Evanston at 1:00pm. Please consider becoming a committee member – new voices and ideas are always welcome.

Until next time, take care and above all, stay safe.



Roses in the Heartland

My View: Gavin Woods – 'Foliar Feeding'

Whilst feeding roses through their leaves will never replace sound soil based nutritional practices, there is a role for foliar feeding in bringing plants to their absolute peak of perfection.

Some believe that foliar feeding at best feeds the leaves rather than improving bloom size and structure; however, as an exhibitor chasing perfect foliage, I am happy to accept that outcome. The logical extension of this surely is that optimal leaf structure improves photosynthesis which in turn will maximise plant performance and therefore improve the blooms those plants produce.



This sprayer nozzle is from a Swagman Battery Powered Sprayer

Sound soil structure coupled with frequent, balanced nutritional supplementation sets our plants up for the best chance of optimal performance. The strong preference now is for the use of predominantly organic fertilizers and to this end we are very fortunate to have Neutrog products which meet our every need in this regard.

Foliar feeding can be viewed as an augmentation to the nutritionally optimal soil environment and in some cases can be used as a “quick-fix” solution to some of our plant’s nutritional challenges.

Some basic concepts worth highlighting when considering the foliar method include the following:

- Do not apply during 30°C and above heat – residual fluid droplets on leaves can act as a magnifier and cause burn
- Avoid wet weather – rain or overhead irrigation in the hours following application will negate the value of this method
- Apply only at the recommended rate or lower – it is better to apply a weaker solution more frequently than to risk leaf burn from a too high rate of application
- Product should be applied to the top and underside of the leaves, to the point of run-off – any excess will be absorbed via the plants root system

- Select products specifically formulated for the purpose.

In high pH soils where lime induced chlorosis is endemic, many growers apply chelated iron via a foliar spray. Quicker absorption is guaranteed with prompt resolution of the deficiency. Some other nutritional issues can be thus managed. I would, however, advise caution in applying base minerals directly to foliage. Soil provides a buffer which of course is absent when applying directly to the plant's foliage. A test application to a small area and waiting for a few days to allow observation for adverse effects might be prudent. If no leaf burn is noted, one can safely make a wide spread application as required.

As with soil-based fertilising, there are many methods of delivering nutrient via the foliage. If only a small number of plants are involved, a watering can is a good option. Droplets from the nozzle of the can will be large, resulting in much run-off and potential waste of the product. This is often of little consequence if only one or a few plants are involved. Various sprayer options are available, from the smallest hand-held devices to the large battery-operated versions. Whilst



there are as many options available as there are preferences, my best advice is to ensure that you have separate spray devices for nutrition and poison. Unless you are meticulous with cleaning between usage, the results could be disastrous! My personal preference is for a hose-attached diffuser. These little beauties are cheap and reliable and allow me to feed about 600 roses in half an hour!

Of course, the only question that remains; "which product is the best

to use?" My orchid growing friends have long exalted the use of Liquid *Strike Back for Orchids* and this has been my baseline product for a few years. Understanding the very high standards to which Neutrog would be held by our orchid growing colleagues, I felt confident in trialling the product on my roses. The results have been very pleasing.

Foliar application of product to roses will never replace sound root-based nutrition. It does however provide a useful adjunct to the tool-box of options for those seeking perfection in the rose garden.



Cocktail
Shrub/Climber, Meiland 1957

Image: Meiland International