

# The Queensland Rose Society Inc.

Established 1930

## General Information

The annual Membership fees are currently \$25 plus a \$5 joining fee for New Members.

All Annual Fees are due on July 1st each year.

The Society's postal address is GPO Box 1866, Brisbane, Qld 4001

The Society's Website: [www.qld.rose.org.au](http://www.qld.rose.org.au)

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# Calendar of Rosy Events

2015

11 <sup>th</sup> March	Monthly Rose Show at <b>Annerley 7pm. Topic: “Floral Designs and Care”</b> with Donelle.
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Committee Meeting at <b>Moorooka 7pm.</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Judges’ Seminar and Exhibitors’ Workshop</b> , 9am – 2pm at Paul & Toni Hains, Chandler. <b>RSVP to Sue on 55463975 by 22<sup>nd</sup> March.</b> Morning Tea and Lunch provided for \$5 a head. All members are welcome.
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Happy Easter to all Members</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Monthly Rose Show at <b>Annerley 7pm. Topic: “General Garden Maintenance”</b> Speaker to be advised.
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Committee Meeting at <b>Moorooka 7pm.</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>QRS Lunch</b> at Albert River Winery, 869 Mundoolun Connection Rd, Tamborine, 11.30am start. <b>RSVP to Sue on 55463975 by 20<sup>th</sup> April.</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>QRS Autumn Rose Show</b> in the Auditorium at Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens. Time: Saturday 11.30am to 4pm and Sunday 9am to 3pm. Refreshments, Rose Gift Stall, Craft Stall, potted roses and bunches of roses for sale. Rose Talks such as Potted Rose Demonstration and Rosarians to help with any queries.
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Committee Meeting at <b>Moorooka 7pm.</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Monthly Rose Show at Annerley 7pm. <b>Topics: “Winter Rose Care” and “Lyon World Convention”</b> with Paul Hains.
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Committee Meeting at <b>Moorooka 7pm.</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Pruning Day</b> RSVP to Sue on 55463975 by 20 <sup>th</sup> June Time: 9am – 2pm.. Cost \$5
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Monthly Rose Show <b>Annerley 7pm , Topic: “Potting Up Bared Rooted Roses”</b> with Tony Stallwood,
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Committee Meeting at <b>Moorooka 7pm</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Xmas In July</b> at 12.30pm at Plum Café Bistro, Kenmore Plaza, 17/841 Moggill Road Kenmore <b>RSVP Sue by 12<sup>th</sup> July 55463975.</b> \$40 a head three course meal (alternative drop).
12 <sup>th</sup> August	No Monthly Rose Show
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Committee Meeting at <b>Moorooka 7pm</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Lunch at The Shingle Inn, City Hall, Brisbane 11.30am start. Tours of City Hall start at 10.30am, 2.30 and 3.30pm and last 45 minutes. Clock Tower tours are every 15 minutes. The Museum is also open. For lunch RSVP Sue 55463975 by 20 <sup>th</sup> August.
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Annual General Meeting at Annerley 7pm</b> Guest Speaker Tba

## Cover Rose

Thank you to Paul Hains for supplying the cover rose.

## Some Rose History “Josephine and her rose garden”

In 1796, Josephe Rose Tascher de La Pagerie (1763-1814) met Napoleon Bonaparte and they married on March 9th 1796. While Napoleon was away fighting the Egyptian Campaign, Josephine bought Malmaison, a small chateau in the country just outside of Paris. The house was in very poor shape and needed renovations but in a short time they restored the house to a state of glory. From 1800-1802, Malmaison was the headquarters of the French government. The estate of Malmaison initially comprised of 650 acres, increasing over the years to 4500 acres.

Josephine was interested in plants and grew and collected anything that was considered rare. She brought in flora and fauna from around the world but her favorite plant was the rose. Between 1804 and 1814 Empress Josephine built her rose collection and it was to become the greatest and largest rose collection in the world. The collection was made up of about 250 species and varieties. Josephine grew 167 Gallica roses, 27 Centifolias, 22 Chinas, 9 Damasks, 8 Albas, 4 Spinossissimas, 3 luteas, R. moschata, R. carolina, and R. setigera. Being Empress had its benefits and rewards during time of war. The French Navy was enlisted to confiscate any plants or rose seeds from ships at sea and her large purchases from the British nursery Kennedy and Lee were permitted safe passage through the naval blockade.

Josephine’s rose garden was important for other reasons besides being the largest collection in the world. The acquisition of Slater’s Crimson China, Parson’s Pink and

Hume’s Blush Tea Scented China (through Kennedy and Lee) was of great importance for France, for they were among the first new ever blooming roses to come from China that would later produce ever blooming rose cultivars. Her collection encouraged French hybridizers to work on new varieties. Josephine’s own head horticulturist Andre du Pont grew 200 new varieties, many of them new introductions. In addition, by 1830 some 2500 different rose varieties would be available to Parisian rose lovers, all influenced by Josephine’s zeal for rose collecting. It was also the first time that anyone had thought to create a garden with only one type of plant. Pierre-Joseph Redoute was commissioned to illustrate each rose. Redoute, a botanist as well as artist, made 117 coloured drawings of roses from the garden of Malmaison that culminated in the book *Les Roses*, completed after the death of Josephine.

After her death, Malmaison was left to neglect. It seems that the roses were dug up after Josephine’s death, almost certainly stolen. Perhaps they were removed to the gardens of her gardeners or rivals. Malmaison was eventually purchased and later sold to the French government who now exhibit it as a tourist destination. Although the rose garden was sadly neglected, Josephine’s legacy remains, perhaps not the garden itself, but the legacy of the growers and hybridizers who were influenced by her love of the rose.

*Editor’s note: I visited this garden in 2012 and it was in a neglected state. However, I have been told that the garden would be restored in preparation for the World Rose Convention to be held in Lyon, France in May 2015-maybe our delegates can report back to us.*



Whilst it would be great to have an Australian bred rose, we are open to considering International roses as this is a World Convention.

### Open Gardens Australia

**Andrew Mowat, Managing Director, My Open Garden Pty. Ltd.**

Like many people, you would have been greatly disappointed at the recent announcement that the Open Gardens Australia organisation will close its doors in June this year. It has been an institution in Australia for 27 years and those who were selected to open their gardens drew respect and admiration from all who visited.

If you have opened your garden to the public you will understand what a rewarding experience it is to share your garden with others. For visitors, these open gardens can be a wonderful source of inspiration and discovery. Of course these events were also important fundraisers to support the individual garden, local communities and charities.

I could not sit by and see this important connection between gardeners disappear. This is why I have decided to launch My Open Garden, a new online service that acts as a "one-stop-shop" for garden owners and visitors across Australia.

This is a free service to visitors and we are publishing as much information as we can about all the Open Gardens and other gardening events.

The site will provide community groups, special interest groups and garden clubs a

place to promote their event and importantly everyone can get free and easy access to the information.

You are invited to browse

[www.myopengarden.com.au](http://www.myopengarden.com.au) where you will find more details about this new scheme and be able to see some of the gardens we are working to present.

If you have any other questions, please contact Andrew Mowat, Managing Director directly via email [andrew@myopengarden.com.au](mailto:andrew@myopengarden.com.au) or on 0419 228 434.

## National and International Rose Conferences

**26<sup>th</sup> May to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2015** 17<sup>th</sup> World Rose Convention in Lyon, France. For further details see the website [www.lyon-roses-2015.org](http://www.lyon-roses-2015.org)

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015** National AGM and Australian Rose Championships on the Gold Coast in Queensland. Further details to be advised.

**18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May 2016** WFRS Regional Convention "Beautiful Rose, Rosey Home", to be held in Daxing District, Beijing. To be held at the same time as three other conventions- 14<sup>th</sup> International Heritage Rose Conference, 7<sup>th</sup> China Rose Exhibition and 8<sup>th</sup> Beijing Rose Festival. For more details see [www.rosebeijing2016.org](http://www.rosebeijing2016.org)

## Editorial

### Rosetta Day

Welcome to 2015 and I hope you managed to survive both the Christmas/New Year festivities and the weather events starting with the "hail storm from hell" on 27<sup>th</sup> November to Cyclone Marcia last weekend. Hopefully you, your family, your home and your garden are all safe and thriving despite the "unwelcome gifts" from Mother Nature.

So back to the hail storm that managed to destroy our garden (especially our beautiful roses) and damaged our house extensively. The insurance company have assured us that all will be fixed by Christmas-that is, Christmas 2015. Unfortunately, insurance companies are not interested in any damage to household gardens, so it was up to my husband Adrian to perform some sort of gardening miracle. He has written an article for this quarterly disproving the myth that "it is too hard growing roses", by recounting how he transformed our shredded pulverized leafless roses into magnificent bushes (maybe a slight exaggeration) in a short time.

On a more cheerful note, thank you to our special members who happily contribute articles for this publication and others who have written letters and emails with constructive suggestions of what topics they would like to read about in this magazine. In this edition, there are also a number of articles generated from letters and emails received from the National Rose Society of Australia, Ausrose Promotions,<sup>TM</sup> World Federation of Rose Societies and the new My Open Garden Scheme, to keep members informed about relevant rose news on the State, National and International scenes.

Lastly, remember that our society is keen to provide a range of activities to suit the needs and interests of all our members. For

example, education (eg Judges' and Exhibitors' Workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> March), social (eg our recent successful lunch at Centenary Tavern on 22<sup>nd</sup> February) and competition (eg Autumn Show at Mt Coot-tha on 9/10<sup>th</sup> May).

So, I am looking forward to seeing and/or hearing from you all soon.

*If you would like to make a comment or contribute to the next Quarterly, please contact Rosetta Day on 0412 166 958 or email to [rosettauday@gmail.com](mailto:rosettauday@gmail.com)*

## Letters to the Editor

Thank you for the emails and letters I have started to receive from our QRS members providing feedback, asking for advice, making suggestions for the magazine and contributing articles-two have been included in this edition.

*A lovely new member Chris from Coopers Plains writes:*

My sister bought my membership to the Society for Christmas in 2014, as I want for nothing (we are truly blessed) and very hard to buy a gift for.

I got hooked on roses about a year ago when I saw a beautiful long stemmed rose growing in a vacant property here in Coopers Plains. I asked the neighbour if anyone would mind if I took a few cuttings. She suggested it needed quite a trim as no one had pruned it for years. I couldn't get home with the cuttings fast enough!!

Into some striking medium and VOILA! Three healthy rose bushes! I also had a potted yellow rose that my mother gave me some years ago, but it wasn't doing well. So I planted these out in a garden bed and they are thriving.

I now have about 25 roses and waiting for a climbing rose (to be delivered within 10 days), to grow against the north facing pool fence.

Amongst others, I have Hannah Gordon, Firefighter, Just Joey, Joyfulness, Blue Moon, Lagerfeld, White Spray, Knock Out, Tequila something, Mr. Lincoln, and a standard rose in the middle of my circular rose garden in the back yard called Seduction (which I got from the Rose Farm at Burbank).

If you are interested, I'll send you some photos of the best bloomers. I've just trimmed the Hannah Gordon that had 11 roses blooming at the same time. Wow. I'm very pleased with myself.

Thanks again. Looking forward to meeting you soon.

*Editor's note: Welcome to QRS Chris, we will also be looking forward to meeting you and maybe you could tell us your secret in striking those cuttings. I wonder if your mother's rose was a Heritage Rose?*

*And from Peter at Nimbin:*

My neighbour and I think Paul Hains' book excellent. While it is comprehensive, I would look forward to an expanded edition that might include larger sections on Old Garden and Heritage varieties and perhaps some history on attempts to grow roses in subtropical areas.

I have 10 other rose books and none of them deal satisfactorily with the subtropics, so his book is filling a valuable niche. I imagine potential readership in the South-East United States would be large.

*Editor's note: Thank you Peter, I am sure Paul will appreciate your kind words. Did you see Annette McFarlane's article about*

*his book in The Sunday Mail on 11/1/15? Some information about Heritage Roses has been included in this quarterly especially for you.*

## President's Report

### Paul Hains

Welcome to the first edition of The Queensland Rose for 2015. I would like to welcome all of the new members who have joined our ranks. It was great to see so many new faces at our February meeting. Our thoughts are with our members who were hit hardest by Cyclone Marcia.

Thankfully it downgraded quickly after touching land. We had over 200mm of rain on the first day and 100mm the next. I could see rivers running across our rose garden beds.

All of this rain means we have had lots of leaves dropping off. As the rain clears, I will make sure I head out to spray with a preventative fungicide to keep as many leaves on the bushes as possible.

The Mothers' Day weekend Rose Show is coming up at the beginning of May. For those looking to exhibit at the show you should think about cutting your rose bushes back gently in mid March. This is not a winter prune, but rather taking a quarter to a third off the top of the plant. This will give you a nice new flush of flowers some 60-70 days after you prune as a general guide.

We now have our new QRS trailer that is fully enclosed and will hold all of our equipment for the rose shows. We have also been selling plenty of copies of the new rose book "Growing Roses in Subtropical Climates." An order form is enclosed with this newsletter and we would encourage you to purchase one.

The Judges' Seminar and Exhibitors' Workshop is coming up at the end of March. It will be held at our place this year in Chandler. Call Sue Stallwood for the

who has given so much to public life and shown a special affinity with the rose, being the Patron of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. while in office. A special thank you to Paul Hains and Finbarr O'Leary from Swane's Nurseries, who were integral to the naming process".

A delicate pink floribunda, *Governor Marie Bashir* is a must for rosarians who have a rose garden to enjoy roses or those who like to exhibit them. This new floribunda rose will be available as a potted rose in spring from Swane's Nurseries

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

### WFRS 2021 Bid Committee Kelvin Trimper Chairman

The National Rose Society of Australia has submitted a bid to host the World Federation of Rose Societies 2021 World Convention in Australia, with the Convention to be held in Adelaide.

As Chairman, I am not aware of any other bid to host this event. In addition, feedback on our proposed bid has been excellent. Therefore, subject to the formal approval of the World Federation of Rose Societies at its Council meeting in Lyon, late May/early June 2015, the committee believes we will be successful.

To host the Convention, we will need to raise considerable funds. As Chairman of the Bid Committee, I am writing to you to seek your support in identifying and selecting a rose to be used as a fundraiser for the Convention and also to be recognised as the official Convention Rose.

Initially, we are seeking nominations from Rose Introducers and Australian Rose Breeders for consideration. Those nominating a rose need to recognise a number of factors including:

1. Sufficient plants of the selected rose

must be available for a "soft launch" in 2017 and commercial availability in 2018

2. The name selected for the rose will be agreed between the Rose Introducer/Breeder and the Convention Committee

3. Royalties will be granted to the Convention fundraising campaign. The amount of royalties is to be agreed between the Introducer/Breeder and the Convention Committee.

We would like to receive nominations by the end of April 2015. Selection of the short list will be undertaken by one nominee from the National Rose Society of Australia, Australian Rose Breeders Association, Rose Introducers of Australia, National Rose Trial Garden of Australia and the World Federation of Rose Societies 2021 Convention Bid Committee. Up to five roses will be shortlisted.

We would like to trial at least one rose of the short listed varieties in each State (Qld, NSW, Vic, SA, WA and Tas) during 2015/16, implying that those nominating roses will need to have at least six plants of the variety available for late winter/early spring planting this year.

To select the rose, we need good quality photos of the flower(s) and rose plant, and a detailed description of the rose. These need to be sent to me electronically to [ktrimper@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ktrimper@bigpond.net.au) and I will forward them on to the selection panel. I will receive submissions until 30 April.

The rose to be selected must, in the opinion of the selection panel be:

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- Free-flowering;
- Preferably with perfume; and
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## National and International News

### 2015 Australian Bred Rose of the Year Announced on Australia Day Glynis Hayne Ausrose President

The ever popular rose *Flemington Racecourse* bred by Dr Bruce Chapman was announced as the 2015 Australian Bred Rose of the Year. This is the second prestigious Australian Bred Rose of the Year won by Dr Chapman as his Miniflora *Joyce Abounding* won the award last year.

A deep pink floribunda with classically shaped blooms that form in small clusters of 17-25 petals and strong fragrance. The bush is compact and upright with medium glossy green foliage and is disease resistant.

On the show bench, the rose has been more than successful winning the prestigious Harry Williams Memorial Vase of Up to 25 Floribunda Roses at the Rose Society of NSW Inc. Centenary Show in 2013; two Grand Champion ribbons including one at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and a number of Australian bred and floribunda Champion ribbons at various shows.

When informed of his win Dr Bruce said "I feel deeply honoured to receive such a prestigious award and I would like to thank the organisers for putting on the award as it goes a long way in the promoting of Australian

bred roses."

For those wishing to purchase the award winning rose it can be purchased mail order from Ross Roses, Phone: (08) 8556 2555. Website: [www.rossroses.com.au](http://www.rossroses.com.au)

### The Australian Bred Rose of the Month Doug Hayne CEO Ausrose

The Australian Bred Rose Award, first established last year, is administered by Ausrose (ABRF) with the specific aim of promoting Australia Bred Roses. A new initiative of Ausrose (ABRF) commencing January 2015 is the Australian Bred Rose of the Month that will run right throughout 2015 from which the Australian Bred Rose of the Year will be selected. Rosarians wishing to nominate an Australian bred rose for a monthly award should contact Ausrose 02 4735 1730 or after hours on 0427 104 944 or email [african-queen1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:african-queen1@optusnet.com.au) and you will be sent a Nomination Form.

The Australian Bred Rose for the month of January is the South Australian Centenary Rose *Let's Celebrate*.

### Former NSW Governor honoured Doug Hayne CEO Ausrose Promotions™

A new Australian bred rose is being released this coming spring. Named for Professor The Hon. Dame Marie Bashir AD, CVO, popular former Governor of New South Wales for thirteen years. The rose will add to the many bred by The Queensland Rose Society President and Rose Breeder Paul Hains.

The process of naming a rose after the recently retired NSW Governor was initiated by former National Rose Society of Australia President and Chairman of Ausrose Promotions,™ Glynis Hayne. Glynis said "I initiated the naming of the rose to honour a lady

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address and details as there is a small charge for lunch and morning tea. My roses will be pruned back for the show by that time so it won't be a garden visit as such-sorry for those hoping to see flowers. It's an opportunity to learn about rose shows and how to display your roses. We will also give some demonstrations on budding roses onto understock.

Come along and attend a function or two. You will find we are a friendly group who welcomes everyone to our meetings and events. Come with any rose growing questions you have or bring along a rose or two.

## Secretary's Report

Bevan Dance

### Interesting gardening dates coming up

#### 14 - 15 March 2015: Orchid & Foliage Show

Presented by the Beaudesert District Orchid and Foliage Society

Location: Canungra School of Arts Hall, 3-7 Pine Street Canungra, Canungra

Times: 8.00am-3.00pm on Saturday 14th March; 9.00am-2.00pm on Sunday 15th March

Cost: 2 day entry pass \$3.00

Featuring: Many orchids in spectacular bloom plus ferns, begonias, bromeliads, etc., on display. There will also be orchids and foliage plants grown by local society members for sale at reasonable prices. Several local growers will be selling orchids and giving advice while other trade tables will be selling orchid and plant growing accessories and plant products.

Knowledgeable guest speakers will be speaking on "The Basics for Growing Orchids" at 9.00am and 11.00am on Saturday and at 10.30am on Sunday.

Refreshments will be available. There will

also be a craft and cake stall run by a local organisation. More Information:

[www.bdofs.com](http://www.bdofs.com)

#### 24 - 28 March 2015: Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show Tour

Experience the sights of Marvellous Melbourne, discover the stunning arrays of floral displays and breathtaking Show Gardens and the beauty of some of Victoria's most well known attractions on this exclusive five day tour. Payment by Jan 31. For more information visit

[www.uplifttoursandtravel.com](http://www.uplifttoursandtravel.com) or phone (07) 3283 1966

#### 28 - 29 March 2015: Queensland Plant Fair, Open Gardens Australia

Pocket Farm Garden, 311 Priors Pocket Road, Moggill, Brisbane, Qld 4070. Over 20 wonderful stalls selling everything from plants, pots, soils and fertilizers to furniture and garden art. Throughout the weekend there will also be an inspiring program of speakers to enjoy including Jerry Coleby-Williams, Clair Bickle and Noel Burdette. Pocket Farm is a colourful country garden filled with perennials, annuals, flowering native trees, salvias, daisies, agapanthus and jacarandas. Opening hours are 10.00am-3.30pm Saturday and Sunday. Entry is \$10 with children under 18 admitted free. For more information visit

[www.opengarden.org.au](http://www.opengarden.org.au)

#### 11 April 2015: Redlands Good Gardening Expo

Redlands IndigiScapes Centre, 17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba. Find out about growing your own organic food at home. Learn about native gardening and how you can use natives to create habitats. Composting, worm farming, mulching and how to recycle your green waste. Buy plants and seeds and get some great new ideas for your garden.

dates. At this time we are only cutting back to stems of pencil thickness and not any further. Too much off the top and they take too long to recover. This will give the roses time to reshoot and produce those beautiful roses that Autumn is known for.

Water is still vitally important. We have been lucky with the rain but it may ease up considerably in the next couple of months. I do not have any particular dose of water per rose bush as some growers do. It depends upon soil type and gradient of your rose beds.

Roses are magnificent in surviving long periods without water but to get the most out of them keep them sufficiently hydrated until pruning in June/July. The technique I use is just to scrape back the mulch, dig down around 6 inches and feel the soil. If it is damp, go and have a cup of tea, everything is ok.

I know downey mildew never really goes away but will be vigorous when the temperature drops and the foliage stays damp for too long. Rains in winter can bring it on.

I always have phosphorus acid or 'Ridomil' in the mix when spraying. An algicide such as 'Alginox' at 5 mls per litre of water will be of great benefit as well. I can remember a long time ago when I lost many new roses to that disease. Your new roses just planted from the nurseries are extremely susceptible to it and even if you do not believe that you have it already, it can be brought in with the roses. It kills a young rose very quickly. I realise that it is called mildew but it has been identified by some experts as an algae. 'Alginox' is available from Bunnings or Masters in the pool section. It may still be available at Woolies.

Now that I have frightened many new growers it is just one of those diseases roses get, so as I have said, regularity with spraying is the key to beat or at least control rose diseases.

## Garden Tours

**1. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015.** Cost \$1099 per person, Single supplement \$229. Join Host Gardener Di McCrae on this unique fully inclusive (meals, transport and accommodation) four day country tour to explore Open Gardens in St George and surrounds, offered exclusively by Uplift Tours and Travel.

Contact Claire on [marketing@uplifttours.com](mailto:marketing@uplifttours.com) or visit [www.uplifttoursandtravel.com](http://www.uplifttoursandtravel.com)

**2. 31st July-22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015.**

Cost \$10 995. USA and Canada West Coast tour with well known Toowoomba Garden Celebrity and Horticulture Lecturer Brian Sams. Phone: 07 46968033 or check the website [www.wattletreehorticulture.com.au](http://www.wattletreehorticulture.com.au)

## New Release Rose

In conjunction with the ANZAC Day Commemorative Committee, Treloar Roses is excited to announce the release of the *Gallipoli Centenary Rose* in 2015.

This stunning rose has been carefully selected to commemorate one of the most significant moments in Australia's history, the Gallipoli Centenary in 2015. It is bred by world renowned rose breeders, Kordes of Germany and has the exceptional health and disease tolerance that they are famous for. The dense bush grows to around 1.2m tall. The large, elegant, deep red blooms, produced adoringly in clusters or singly, show why this rose has been awarded gold overseas, along with 'Best Shrub' and 'Bronze Medal' here at the National Rose Trial Garden in Australia.

In November of 2014 I ventured on my first trip to India for a Regional Convention of the World Federation of Rose Societies. There were 4 delegates from Australia and I met up with 30 other International delegates at my first port of call in Bangalore. Steve Jones (WFRS President) and I went on a private guided tour of the markets and some of the sites of Bangalore on the first day. We then met up with the rest of the group that night and began our trek around the south of India. We were fortunate to see many public and private gardens on the tour. The most outstanding was at Ooty in the hills of India's south. This garden had some 40,000 roses planted over five terraced levels. It is hard to describe this garden and give it justice to how spectacular it was. We also visited public gardens that had wide varieties of trees and other plants. What impressed me was the care and pride that was taken to maintain the gardens.

The tour took us to many spectacular temples and palaces also. The Summer Palace in Mysore was gigantic and very ornate both inside and out. It also had a rose garden surrounding it. What I discovered was that Indians love their roses. We saw eucalypts in the rose gardens and Queensland silky oaks rising up from the tea plantations.

At Hyderabad we started the convention with access to preview the Rose Show. As soon as you entered the room you were immediately halted by the view of Hyderabad's Char Minar gate, recreated with 100,000 roses. This structure towered above everything else in the hall. What was even more impressive was that they only started work on it at 7pm the night before. This was the main feature of the rose show and would become the backdrop for thousands of photos with delegates proudly posing in front of it.

There were a large number of rose society members who were displaying roses that was great to see. Some were going slowly and

methodically and others were rushing with fervour. This is a scene reminiscent of most rose shows I have attended. I was keen to see how some of the exhibits would turn out for the show.

With around 800 delegates to the convention there was a gigantic hall full of excited rosarians for the Opening Ceremony of the Rose Show. The Opening Banquet was preceded by an exquisite display of Bollywood dancing. The banquet included cuisine from the local region and gave delegates the opportunity to catch up and discuss the rose show and their travels in India so far.

We visited many gardens in Hyderabad with lectures in the morning and garden visits in the afternoons. The afternoon on the final day was an opportunity to visit the garden of the Convenor, IRF President Mr Ahmed Alam Khan. Green Valley Farms has a collection of 30,000 rose bushes that were all in full flower. This was a magnificent display for all who were able to attend.

The Indian Rose Federation created a wonderful event for their Regional Convention in Hyderabad. I know many people have come away with the feeling that India really is a magical place to visit.

## Cultural notes for Autumn

### Terry Burke

I believe this is the best February I have ever had in my time of growing roses. Sufficient rain and not nearly as hot as some Februarys we have had in the past. Regularity with spraying is still the key. For years my basic spray was just 'triforine' and 'pyrethrum'. In those days, I never seemed to have the downy mildew and botrytis to the extent we have now. Maybe then I had no idea what they were anyway.

If you want to prune for the Autumn Show, then count back some 9 weeks from those

Get the help you need with advice from the experts. Workshops, demonstrations, arts & crafts, music and food. Opening hours from 9am to 3pm. Free entry.

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### 18 - 19 April 2015: Wondai Autumn Garden Expo

Wondai Sportsground and Lions Pavilion, Bunya Highway, Wondai. Check the website for the latest information:

[www.wondaigardenexpo.com](http://www.wondaigardenexpo.com)

### 22 April 2015: Orchid Workshop, Open Gardens Australia

A special half-day workshop on caring for orchids, presented by renowned orchid grower Ken Unsworth. For more information visit [www.opengarden.org.au](http://www.opengarden.org.au)

### 2 May 2015: Stingless Beekeeping Workshop

Northey St City Farm, Brisbane. For more information and bookings: [www.nscf.org.au/sustainable-living-workshops-brisbane/](http://www.nscf.org.au/sustainable-living-workshops-brisbane/)

### 2 - 3 May 2015: Hamilton's Tropical Garden

280 Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road, Bahrs Scrub Qld 4207. Birdlife abound in a mature garden inspired by Queensland's tropical islands. Stone pathways wind among thriving species of bromeliads, cordylines and many rare and unusual plants. Vanda and other orchids, sun-drenched lawns are enclosed by a cottage garden of hardy salvias and other perennials. Potting demonstrations, plant sales, morning/lunch/afternoon teas are available. Garden Art will be on display. Opening times 10:00am to 4:30pm. Admission: adults \$10, children under 18 free.

### 2 - 3 May 2015: Coucals of Mount Crosby

### Open Garden Days

Coucals Garden, 8 Belah Street Mount Crosby. Open 9am to 4pm. Entry \$7 in support of the Australian Red Cross (Ipswich Branch). For more information, phone 3201 0439 or go to [www.coucalsgarden.com](http://www.coucalsgarden.com)

### 9 - 10 May 2015: Bellis, Open Gardens Australia

Wynnum. Jerry Coleby-Williams' garden. For more information, visit [www.opengarden.org.au](http://www.opengarden.org.au)

### 30 - 31 May 2015: Giardino Lucciola, Open Gardens Australia

Beechmont. For more information, visit [Open Gardens Australia Queensland Calendar](http://OpenGardensAustraliaQueenslandCalendar) closer to the date

### 30 - 31 May 2015: Belle Rive, Open Gardens Australia

Buderim. For more information, visit [Open Gardens Australia Queensland Calendar](http://OpenGardensAustraliaQueenslandCalendar) closer to the date

### 31 May 2015: Logan Eco Action Festival (LEAF)

Griffith University, Logan Campus. 10am-3pm. For more information, contact Logan City Council or visit [www.logan.qld.gov.au/LEAF](http://www.logan.qld.gov.au/LEAF)

### 6 - 7 June 2015: Cactus & Succulent Society of Queensland Inc Annual Show

The Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt. Coot-tha. For more information visit [www.cssq.org.au](http://www.cssq.org.au)

### 17 - 18 June 2015: Winter Garden School

City Golf Club, 254 South Street, Toowoomba. Presented by Leafmore Garden Society Inc. Featuring presenters Tino Carnevale, Annette McFarlane, Darryl Bap-tie, Carolyn Robinson, Brian Sams, Peter Young, Wendy Skelton. Meet other garden-

ers, ask questions, exchange ideas. Also book, plant, gardening stalls. Multi-draw raffles, fabulous prizes. Delicious Food. Register your interest and a program will be sent to you when available. Phone (07) 4636 1580 or (07) 4635 5232. Email [tj.cahill\[at\]bigpond.com](mailto:tj.cahill[at]bigpond.com)

## Chief Steward's Report

Sue Stallwood

The Show Committee would like to encourage all exhibitors to bring their entries staged in green 375mls bottles (eg empty clean beer or West Coast Cooler bottles).

There are many benefits of staging your entries at home and transporting them to the venue in these bottles such as saving time, staging in a quiet and less crowded environment at home, keeping entries fresher, less damage to entries during transport, less items to be packed/transported in the Society trailer.

With time, we hope all exhibitors will prepare and present their entries in this way (we will then stop supplying these bottles), so if you can, please start collecting your own bottles. If you require any assistance or advice, please talk to a committee member at the next show.

## Chief Judge's Report

Terry Burke

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March there will be an Exhibitors' and Judges' Workshop at Toni and Paul's home at Chandler. This is on the programme of events in the newsletter so please come along. This day is very informative if you are growing to exhibit or thinking about it. You learn many good techniques in showing and staging your roses.

You will also learn just what judges are look-

ing for in your roses. We will have experts arranging vases, bunches and single stem roses to give the best effect on the bench. We will show you how to bud roses onto new stock with 'T' budding and chip budding. Morning tea and lunch will be served. Paul and Toni have a great garden for you to see, so no one will be leaving disappointed.

## Membership Secretary's Report

Rosetta Day

Thank you to members who have now caught up with their 2014-2015 subscriptions and welcome to our new members who have joined since our last Quarterly.

QRS now has 209 memberships-this includes 185 Family Memberships, 3 Affiliated Memberships, 9 Life Memberships (a reduction of one due to the sad passing of Lenny Johnstone) and 12 Complimentary Memberships. QRS value your membership and involvement and encourage you to provide us with feedback on how we can improve our services to you.

If you would like to add other household members to your membership, please contact me on 0412 166 958 or email details to [rosettauday@gmail.com](mailto:rosettauday@gmail.com)

## Website/Facebook

Paul Hains

The webpage is being updated and reviewed continually. Please find time to like our Facebook page and add relevant photographs and other rose material.

Please feel free to make any suggestions to me about the web page or Facebook.

Thank goodness many cultures continued to, and still use rose as a flavoring today. The subtle flavor of rose is woven into the recipes of Indian, Middle Eastern, Persian and Turkish cuisines. Now, the rose flavor is experiencing a comeback, especially in baking. Rose flavoring gently graces some of the finest pastries created today in the world's most exquisite European bakeries. Recent interest in herbs and natural, healthy diets may indicate that now is a good a time to re-discover the rose in the kitchen. Truly, it is time to slow down, and not only smell the roses, but to taste the roses.

**A simple recipe for rose petal jam traditionally made in Poland:**

**Ingredients:** 3-4 large handfuls of fresh red rose petals (not sprayed with chemicals) and 500g granulated sugar

### Instructions:

Place rose petals in a stone mortar.

Slowly pour in the sugar and use the pestle to crush the petals together with the sugar. The juice in the petals will gradually blend with the sugar to form a deep red paste. No cooking is needed.

The jam can be preserved in sterilised glass jars for up to 2 years.

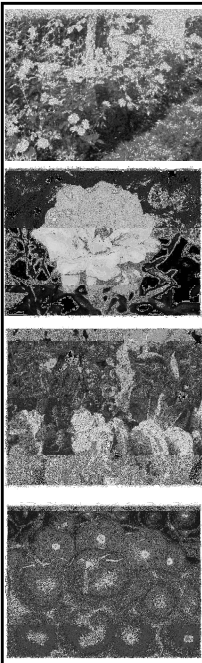
Note: this may need to be made in smaller batches

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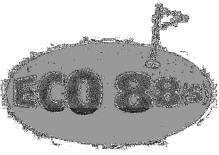
**WFRS Regional Convention, Hyderabad India**

Paul Hains

*Thank you to Paul for being our Guest Speaker for February in place of Megan Buck.*




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## Monthly meetings

The topic "Cooking with Roses" scheduled for February was postponed until later in the year as our Guest Speaker Megan Buck was unable to attend the meeting. However, I thought you might enjoy the following information from Author Laura Denktash who researched the relationship in history between roses and cooking. Laura released her first cookbook in November 2007 titled *The Rose Cookbook- A Treasury of Rose Recipes from Around the World*.

The idea of cooking with roses is not new. Historically, roses have been used to create culinary delights for centuries. One of the earliest recordings of culinary usage dates back to ancient Mesopotamia around the 7th century BC. Here, roses are described as an essential ingredient in the pharmaceuticals of the day in the Cuneiform tablets of the era.

By the 10th century, rose water had become a commonly used flavor for cakes, cookies and pastries. During the medieval period, rose flavoring was used extensively in poultry, game, and fish recipes. Royal chefs prepared many main courses with roses and added the flavoring to desserts such as pastries and candies. Rose preserves also enjoyed popularity during that time.

In the 19th century, roses were widely used as a flavoring agent in tea, candy, pastry, oil, preserves and sauces. Rose flavored honey became a popular preserve for ham, and rose flavored vinegar dressed greens and vegetable dishes. The culinary usage of roses was probably at its zenith during the Victorian period, which lasted from 1837 to 1901.

At that time, rose gardens were a necessary part of an elegant lifestyle. Stylish ladies met for afternoon teas in parlors that were decked

with fresh cut roses. During good weather, tea could be taken in outdoor gardens, where roses abounded. Rose flavoring was an elegant addition to the food and beverages being served. Rose motifs were prevalent in fabrics, ladies clothing and hats. In the home, rose designs graced the table linens, china, upholstery fabrics, draperies and carpets. Roses were everywhere.

During their time together, women spoke intimately and freely in the confines of their rose gardens. And this liberating feeling extended itself to parlors adorned with roses. This custom seems to stem from an earlier time when the practice of hanging a rose over a council table ensured all who were present that anything discussed would remain secret and within the confines of the room. Later, this translated into plaster roses that were placed in the center of ceilings around the light fixtures of dining tables. The term *sub rosa* is a Roman term that literally means "under the rose". Like many things, the Romans borrowed the idea from the Greeks. And these same ideas found themselves popular centuries later.

Using roses in food began to steadily decline when the Victorian era came to an end. In general, the medicinal use of flowers and herbs fell out of favor, being replaced with new modern medicines. The world plunged into war, and in the food realm, the rose became a wallflower. However, this does not dismiss the fact that the rose still carries attributes that have been proven to benefit not only the emotional body, but the physical body as well. We know that roses affect us emotionally. So, once again, the physical benefits are being re-discovered, prompting the onset of many clinical studies based on the historical uses. Currently, most of these studies are occurring in France and England.

## Badges

Metallic badges either magnetic or clip-on are available for \$10. Please contact Rosetta 0412 166 958 if you would like to order one.

Some ordered badges have arrived and will be given out at the next monthly meeting.

## Neutrog Order

An order form appears in each Quarterly. Please complete and return this form to the address on the form. If you are paying by electronic transfer, include **your name** and the word **Neutrog** on the bank screen. Pick up is from Donelle's on or after the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month (not if it is a Sunday). Please ring her on 3278 8540 before collecting your order to confirm she is open and your correct order has arrived.

## Judges' Seminar and Exhibitors' Workshop

**Sunday 29<sup>TH</sup> March 2015** 9am to 2pm at Chandler

Come along to an educational gathering to learn more about exhibiting and displaying roses.

Morning tea at 9am

The morning session will be the Exhibitors' Workshop starting at 9.30am.

Lunch will be from 11.30am to 12pm

The afternoon session will be the Judges' Seminar starting at 12pm.

For catering purposes, please RSVP Sue on 55463975 by 22/3/2015 when venue details will be provided.

**Cost:** Morning Tea and Lunch, \$5 a head. Please bring your own chair.

## QRS Autumn Rose Show Mt Coot-tha Auditorium

**Mothers' Day Weekend**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015** 11.30am to 4pm

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015** 9am to 3pm

Roses on display will be available for sale at 3pm on Sunday

**Entry Cost \$4**

Why not visit our beautiful display of award winning roses. Potted roses, crafts and rose inspired gifts are for sale-perfect for you and your mother on Mothers' Day. Demonstrations such as how to pot bare rooted roses and advice from Rosarians will be on all weekend.

A major raffle is always a highlight.

Enjoy a delicious Devonshire morning tea and lunch of assorted sandwiches. Tea, coffee, water and soft drinks are also available.

Helpers are needed on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May to help set up the show. Please ring Sue on 55463975 if you can help.

## Queensland Council of Garden Clubs Inc. "A Garden A-Fair"

**Mt Coot-tha Auditorium**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2015** 10am to 4pm

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015** 9.30am to 3pm

All members of The Queensland Rose Society are encouraged to support this event by attending and/or exhibiting. There are five Sections-Floral Art, Cut Flowers and Foliage, Container Plants, Home Grown

Produce and Club Competition. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to successful entries.

Contact Noel Prior 3359 3457, John Prout 3288 3131 or Bevan Dance 54644368 for a copy of the schedule.

Even if you do not put in an entry, a visit to view the display would certainly be a great outing.

## Book Review

“Tea Roses-Old Roses for Warm Gardens” by Lynne Chapman, Noelene Drage, Di Durston, Jenny Jones, Hillary Merrifield, Billy West, Rosenberg Publishing, Australia, 2008, 256 pp, 400 colour plates, hardcover, \$59.95

This book follows the history and cultivation of the rose since being introduced into Europe from China in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. These old roses with their wide range of colours, re-blooming nature, strong scent and rarely plagued with the usual diseases and pests, are making a revival in rose gardens today.

Australian rose lovers owe a great debt of gratitude to the six “Tea Ladies” who spent ten years compiling the information for this book. The photos are excellent and the details about each rose are exhaustive. An excellent bibliography and one of the best indexes for a rose book fill out the beautifully printed volume.

The text is consistently enhanced by the illustrations so that readers wanting detailed information and cross reference can make comparisons, while the more casual reader would find the book just more attractive and easy to enjoy.

## Centennial Planting at New Farm Park

### Bevan Dance

I was very happy to accept an invitation, on behalf of The Queensland Rose Society Inc., from The Right Honourable Graham Quirk, Lord Mayor of Brisbane to attend the Centennial Planting at New Farm Park. The Brisbane City Council was celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary since the inception of New Farm Park with all the television channels present.

The Lord Mayor planted a Jacaranda tree before unveiling the Commemorative Plaque followed by a brief history of the park. In total, 10 new jacaranda trees were to be planted, one for each decade.

New Farm Park covers 15 hectares (37 acres) and was originally a farm and then a racecourse from 1846 until 1913. Acquired by the Brisbane City Council, the work on the formal park began in 1914, the rotunda was built in 1915 and now the park boasts more than 800 rose bushes, many are Heritage Roses, along with hundreds of different varieties of trees and shrubs.

The park is very popular with many sporting clubs, with tennis courts, cricket wickets, football grounds and a croquet lawn, all with up to date facilities and hosting up to 18,000 visitors per week.

### Ordering Online

Laurel Sommerfeld

As I had mentioned that I order most of my roses online, Rosetta asked if I would write about the experience and provide some useful advice to fellow rose enthusiasts.

If you have access to a computer, February is a month to dream of your new rose or-

These people who assisted the slaves were known as “conductors”. During dangerous missions, these “conductors” were known to wear the green rose as a warning signal.

In the Hawaiian Islands, the green rose is grown and used when dried to make leis. Over the season, the rose can take on a burnished orange and red tone in the bloom.

The foliage is very elongated which I understand is an indicator of its Chinese origins. It has prickles but they are not numerous. The plant in my garden is a bushy shrub of about 1 metre in height. It is grown on its own roots.

Who said, “It ain’t easy being green”? It would be a great rose to put in a vase on St Patrick’s Day.

## Must have recipe

Meg Buck

Friends arriving soon and nothing to serve for morning tea? This quick and easy cake is the answer as it is best served straight out of the oven.


“Last Minute Coconut Cake”

2 cups desiccated coconut  
1 cup self-raising flour  
1 cup castor sugar  
1 cup full-cream milk

Mix together the ingredients and pour into a greased and lined loaf tin.  
Cook at 180 C for 50 minutes.

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1. Water is the best fertilizer of all. He had a great automatic water system in his potting shed.
2. Red spiders hate water.
3. If you plan to exhibit then spray weekly, even if it is not a perfect blue sky day.
4. He showed me how to make a full bloom to bud exhibit (not that I have ever done that).
5. He used his cold room to condition his roses. He had been a florist I think.

When George showed me the green rose I responded like most people do with the following remark. "That can't be a rose!" Single roses like the beautiful *Dainty Bess* were greeted with the same remark in those days. He explained that florists loved to use the green rose in arrangements and that it had a long history. I was hooked and had to have a plant. Joyce and Fred Halfpapp have one in their garden in Highfields too. We live about 2kms apart.

This rose has a tremendous history although its origin is not entirely known. Some people say it is a mutation from one of the four stud chinas that brought repeat flowering from China to the West, either *Old Blush* or *Slater's Crimson China*. The British East India Company was responsible for bringing roses and other plants to Europe along with tea plants and decorative camellias. There were other routes too through the Scandinavian countries and along the Silk Road. *Rosa Chinensis Viridiflora* was supposedly in cultivation since 1743 although some experts say that it was handed around long before

that.

The Green Rose has no petals and no reproductive organs. It has no pollen and does not set hips and therefore is sterile, with the bloom entirely made of sepals. Sometimes you might find you have a rose in your own garden that has a distorted bloom with a strange growth in the centre. This is an abnormal process called "phyllody". Read about this in Paul Hains excellent book, "Growing Roses in Sub-Tropical Climates". Now to some history.

At one time, only the emperors in China could grow this rose. They grew it in the Forbidden City. Experts have identified it in old Chinese paintings.

It was exhibited in 1856 at the Paris Exhibition. The public was aghast when they saw it and it was cruelly described as "the green-eyed monster" and "a monstrosity". In contrast, at one of our Darling Downs Region Heritage Rose displays conducted in early May each year in Toowoomba, a professional landscape artist extolled its beauty to me. She became quite excited when she saw it and told me she could see it growing in huge white modern saucers on stucco style plinths outside a modern home. Now that would be a change from Agaves.

The Underground Railroad was a network of secret routes and safe houses used by 19<sup>th</sup> century slaves of African descent in the United States in efforts to escape to the free states and Canada with the aid of abolitionists and allies who were sympathetic to their cause.

ders as you scroll through the recommendations for roses in 2015 from many firms and farms. Just write *Rose Sales Online Australia* into your Search Engine, Google or other, and a whole world will open for you. All of the major firms will have their sites at your disposal and often you can receive their newsletters by ticking a box and throughout the year read about their tips and recommendations. I click on all the options on the homepage, especially for the firm's recommendations and the latest offerings. Sheer bliss to look at!

I must admit that for my garden, I look for words such as vigorous, healthy, tall and bushy. Others will look for form of bloom and health. Unless you have an unlimited place to plant your intended purchases, set your limit or go out and dig up the poor performers and put in new soil ready to receive the newcomers.

Most firms will encourage you to order online and pay by credit card or Paypal. I have had no trouble using either over the years. The only trouble is it is essential to keep a close eye on totals as you range over the offerings from so many firms, unless you recently "broke the bank in Monte Carlo"! Click and add your choices to your checkout basket. Put in your preferred time to receive your plants. I usually space the orders to arrive a few weeks apart. If you have a PO Box, it is wise to add your residential address as well in case the Post Office delivers to your door. Once you have set up your order and password (sigh!) and your preferred method of payment, they really do make it easy so you can make a cup of tea and contemplate your purchases.

Of course you can still request catalogues to be sent by snail mail for bedtime reading but it is becoming more usual to get your order in

early if you want the latest and greatest and not miss out. There is nothing quicker than the internet or telephone to place your order and check if the rose you particularly want is available. Another plus to ordering online is that great bargains can be found in the last days of July and August which still gives you time to plant.

If you should find that a rose is not true to name – it does happen, most of the online firms will happily replace your rose. I must admit though that I have discovered some magnificent roses that were wrongly labelled. You can also stipulate: No Substitutes, please! It is important to keep a copy of the order confirmation in case.

Sometimes the parcel of bare rooted roses arrives after enduring 10 days en route. Mostly that is not a problem but on receipt of my roses, I immediately liberate them and plunge them into a big tub of water with Seasol added. There they stay until I can plant them. They happily soak for 3 or 4 days, occasionally even a week. Then I put them into black plastic 5 litre bags using good garden compost as the planting medium so I can check to see if the rose is true to form and to allow easy planting into the prepared rose bed when danger of frosts is over. Just carefully slit the bag and put the contents into the hole without disturbing the new roots. Water well with Seasol and Kelp solution.

Over the years, I have discovered the firms that send the strongest and best plants and usually use their services. Of course, the telephone is a great way to check out details and talk to the growers. Often they will personally recommend a rose of which they are particularly proud. Invariably it is a cracker of a plant. Especially phone if you are having any trouble with the online process.



In Brisbane, you may have visited Donelle's or Barton's Rose Farm at Kalbar to pick up your plants and I willingly recommend both for strong plants. If you are searching for Heritage roses then most firms do have some but a specialist firm like Thomas for Roses in SA and Misty Downs is likely to have what you want or suggest where you might search for it. Firms like Donelle's, Silkies' Rose Garden (Rose Sales Online), Wagners, Rankins, Ross Roses, Treloars (they give a free rose for amounts spent over a certain figure and I have received some really good free roses over the years), Brindabella Roses, Trewallyns and heaps of others are all waiting for your mouse to click on them.

Happy online rose buying!

## All Hail the Roses

Adrian Day

After living in this area for about fifty-five years of my life, the hail storm in November last year is something of which I have never experienced. We were fortunate in terms of property damage compared with others although we do need a new roof and parts of the house look like someone walked around with a hammer belting the walls and windows.

The garden was not spared. After walking around to inspect the garden damage decisions had to be made as to how to treat the damaged plants. Many canes were snapped off and lying on the ground so step one was to remove them. During the first 72 hours after the storm many leaves still attached to plants showed signs of severe wilting. Upon inspection most of these leaves were attached to canes that were "hanging by a thread". I removed these canes to leave denuded plants with very visible signs of damage.

Where to next? Because of the extensive damage to nearly all plants I decided to follow the advice of a number of speakers at meetings as well as fellow rosearians. This advice is to support the surviving plants through fertilizing and soil conditioning. I literally threw everything at them I had. This included Sudden Impact for Roses, Seamungus, Flourish, Gogo Juice, Magnesium Sulphate, the fertilizer from Donelle (not sure of the name) and Organic Extra. These were administered over the next few weeks. To my surprise the roses were soon flowering although some flowers were facing the ground due to the cane damage. I had made a decision some weeks earlier, just after the storm that if the leaves stayed green, I didn't remove the cane no matter where it was pointing or what condition it was in.

The photos opposite were taken at the end of February 2015. These photos show close-up damage caused by individual hail strikes and multiple strikes on the same plant. The middle photo at the bottom shows a cane that finally succumbed to the damage after many weeks. As you can see I did try a traditional method for treating the plants. I did this because Rosetta was feeling sorry for the plants.

What is the end result of this process? Every week since the storm and continuing after you read this article I have been and will be removing canes as they die. At this stage I think it will be an early and severe prune for all of the surviving roses. Recently I have noticed that for one of the roses, everything above the graft has now died.

I am not an expert with roses and I am not sure if some reading this article will agree with my process but it did result in some nice flowers. My main plan was based on supporting the plants and if its not dead leave it. So far so good.

## Heritage Roses

What is a Heritage rose?

Heritage roses are the collection of roses originating in the nineteenth century or earlier, often having a particular historic, educational, or genetic value.

Heritage roses have the following general characteristics:

1. an amazing variety in size, form, foliage and hips
2. a strong scent
3. repeat flowering
4. a graceful growth habit
5. disease resistant
6. many prefer just a light pruning
7. drought tolerant

Heritage roses are often found in the grounds of old buildings, farms, homesteads, colonial homes, cemeteries, older public gardens, vacant land and of course the gardens of heritage rose enthusiasts. When found, these heritage roses are then carefully and lovingly propagated from cuttings.

Gardens in Queensland and New South Wales open to the public that have a good collection of heritage roses are New Farm Park (Brisbane), State Rose Garden (Newtown Park, Toowoomba), Bishop's Lodge (Hay, NSW), Orange Botanic Gardens (NSW), Rumsey Rose Garden (Parramatta Park, NSW) and Rockwood Necropolis (Sydney, NSW).

Where to buy Heritage Roses in Australia

Queensland

Trewallyn [www.trewallyn.com.au](http://www.trewallyn.com.au)

Maxine's Maily Roses

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

New South Wales

Green-e-roses [www.greeneroses.com.au](http://www.greeneroses.com.au)

HedgeRow Rose Nursery

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

Victoria

Reliable Roses [www.reliableroses.com.au](http://www.reliableroses.com.au)

Rankins Roses [www.rankinroses.com.au](http://www.rankinroses.com.au)

Mystydawns Nursery 03 5345 2847

The Perfumed Garden and Roseraie 03 5974 4833

South Australia

Ross Rose Nursery [www.rossroses.com.au](http://www.rossroses.com.au)

Thomas for Roses 08 8389 7795

Western Australia

The Swiss Rose Garden Nursery

[www.swissrosegarden.com](http://www.swissrosegarden.com)

## An interesting Heritage Rose

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*Rosa chinensis viridiflora* is also known by its common name *The Green Rose*. I received my plant in about 1995 when I first joined The Queensland Rose Society and transplanted it to Highfields, 12 kms outside of Toowoomba in 2002. It came from someone I considered "a guru" when it came to learning about roses. His name was George Matthew. He was a stalwart of the society. He taught me so much by the little asides he assumed I would know. He liked to help the ladies. George taught me things like:



## WFRS Regional Conference India



QRS Lunch at Centenary Tavern



Centennial Plantings New Farm Park with Bevan and John Kidd



The Green Rose



Hail damaged roses





## Heritage Roses for a Small Garden

Julie Lack

### A Place for Climbers

A small garden doesn't necessarily only have to contain small roses, gateways, screens, fences, a covered seat, pergolas, and veranda posts all provide opportunities to grow larger roses.

Choose climbing roses with moderate growth and for traffic areas, those with few thorns/ thornless will keep neighbours & visitors happy.

Noisettes, such as *Alister Stella Gray*, *Crepesculer*, *Lamarque*, and *Reve d'Or* (below) are perfect.



Above: *Buff Beauty* growing on a



shaded fence  
*Will Scarlet* (above), *Kathleen*, *Moonlight*, *Buff Beauty*, *Ballerina*, and *Prosperity* all have suitable habits.

Some Tea roses - *Climbing Lady Hillingdon*, *Adam*, *Mme Bernard*, *Climbing Mme Boulet* (below) and *Peace 1902* may also be suit-

Top: *Reve d'Or*  
Above: *Alister Stella Gray*



Small climbers can also add a vertical accent on a tripod eg *Pinkie* (above), *Sophie's Perpetual* or *Cornelia*.

Flexible large shrub roses

able along a fence. *Sombreuil* and *Souvenir de Mme Leonie Viennot* (above) may be better on a pergola.



### Mid Sized Shrubs 4-5 ft

A large range of Tea roses will grow naturally in to medium sized bushes, 4-5ft high, or can easily be kept to this size.

No garden of any size should be without *Duchess de Brabant* (shown above left). *Francois Dubreuil* (Top photo) *Etoile de Lyon* (Middle photo), *Lady Roberts* and *Marie Lambert*



(*Snowflake*) (Bottom photo) are all smaller growing Teas.

Chinas such as *Perle d'Or* & *Cecile Brunner* and their sports, *Cramoisi Superieur*, *Le Vesuve* and *Papa Hemeray* (at left) are all suitable.



### Small Roses 3 ft & under

These little roses are perfect in pots, planted in groups or as borders around garden edges. I rate the *Alister Clark* roses *Borderer* (at right) as one of my top 5 favourite roses. Other *Alister Clark* roses such as *Suitor* and *Mrs Alston's Rose* are also well loved by rose growers.

Little Polyanthas such as *Marie Pavie* (below left), and *The Fairy*, and in purple, *Bernice Mitchell's Rose* and *Baby Faurax*, are all good performers.



*Marie Pavie* having the added advantage of being thornless.

*Gruss an Aachen*, and *Pink Gruss an Aachen* (at right) make nice dense little bushes with large leaves & flowers. Roses sold as *Irene Watts* are usually *Pink Gruss an Aachen*.



Other worthwhile small roses include *Rose de Rescht*, *Little White Pet*, *Claret Cup* and the *Chinas Comtesse du Cayla* (at left), *Hermosa*, and *Louis XIV* (at right).



### Other Lovely Roses Worthy of Consideration

*Souvenir de la Malmaison* grows to around 4-5 ft as a shrub and is also available as a moderate climber. She has a fabulous perfume, but blooms are delicate & may burn in the heat or ball in wet weather. Semi-double sport *Souvenir de St. Anne's* is better behaved and has the same perfume. Some blackspot.



*Mme Isaac Pereire* is another rose with a knock out perfume, said by some to be the most fragrant rose. Has a lighter pink sport, *Mme Ernst Calvat*, with the same perfume. Has long thorny canes and could do well supported by a tripod. Some blackspot.



*Mrs Oakleigh Fisher* makes a shrub around 4 ft high.



*Rosette de Lizzy* is a tall (over 5 ft) but fairly narrow Tea. She has a number of desirable traits: unusual coloured blooms; thornless stems; and healthy foliage on a shade tolerant bush.



*General Gallieni* has the same desirable traits as *Rosette de Lizzy*, but has spreading growth.



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