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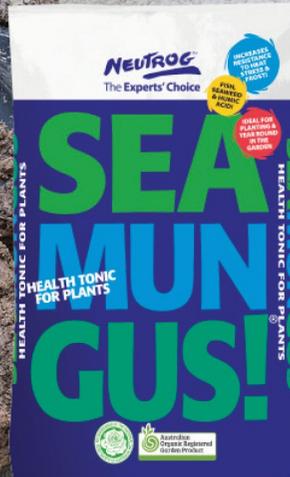
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2018

*** Please note GCRS and DRRS events are now included in the calendar.

- 13 June** Rose Show at Annerley - 7pm – Preparation for winter and soil conditions.
- 20 June** Committee Meeting – 7pm – Annerley
- 24 June** **Sunday** – Pruning Day – Ted & Jan Hayes 125 Hawkins Rd, JIMBOOMBA – lunch is supplied 9.00am-2.00pm, rsvp Sue 0755463975 by 19 June.
- 11 July** Rose Show at Annerley – 7pm – Guest Speaker : Tony Johnson “Weeding Hoe”
- 18 July** NO Committee Meeting
- 22 July** **Sunday** - Xmas in July 11am – 2.30 pm ‘The Blue Finn’ – Inala rsvp Sue 19th July 07 55463975
- 8 August** NO Rose Show at Annerley
- 15 August** Committee Meeting – 7pm – Annerley
- 9 September** Sunday - Open Day at Donelle’s Nursery & Gift Shop, 9am – 1pm, rsvp Sue Stallwood 6 September 07 55463975
- 12 September** AGM election at Annerley – 7pm – Guest Speaker tba
- 19 September** Committee Meeting -7pm – Annerley
- 22 September** *Gold Coast* Bus Trip to Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers
- 29 -30 September** *Gold Coast Rose Society*, Spring Rose Show – Robina Town Centre Robina Gold Coast.

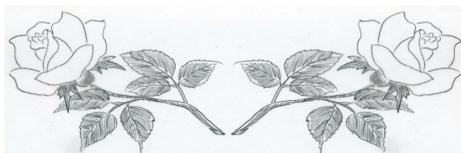
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Cover Rose: Thank you to Paul Hains for supplying the cover rose.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2018 TO JANUARY 2019

- Sat. 6 - Sun. 7 October** Saturday 11.30am – 4pm Sunday 9.00am – 3pm . October National Rose Convention –**Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha** –Potted Roses for Sale, Rose Craft Stall, Fertilizers, raffles and morning tea, lunches and afternoon teas.
- Mon. 8 October** **National Bus Trip** – 8 AM Leaving from Hotel Grand Chancellor Brisbane onto **Queensland State Rose Garden in historic Newtown Park, Toowoomba** , morning tea and tour then onto the City Golf Club for lunch, then on to **Brindabella Country Gardens Roses**. Cost: \$45 a head.
- Sun.13 - Sat.14 October** *The Darling Downs Rose Society, Spring Rose Show –Holy Name Hall Cnr West & Bridge Street Toowoomba.*
- 17 October** Committee Meeting -7pm - Annerley
- 14 November** Rose Show at Annerley – 7pm – Guest Speaker tba
- 21 November** Committee Meeting – 7pm – Annerley
- 12 December** Rose Show Annerley – 7pm – Please bring a plate – Breakup
- 16 January 2019** Committee Meeting – 7pm - Annerley



Editorial

Sue Keays

Since Easter, it has been fairly quiet on the rose front for many of us – just the monthly shows, with disappointingly little to show after weeks of weeding, spraying, feeding and generally tidying up our rose bushes. Rather unusually, ‘watering’ does not figure on the list.

The QRS committee, however, tasked with organising the 2018 Australian Rose Championships and National Rose Society of Australia Inc. Annual General Meeting, on 5-7 October in Brisbane has been hectically busy arranging accommodation at the Hotel Grand Chancellor (Leichardt St, Spring Hill) and organizing the functions, including a welcoming cocktail party, the National Dinner and a bus trip, not to mention the AGM, the Judges’ Meeting and, of course, the Australian Rose Championships at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha. Look out for the committee members in their new black and green shirts!

Sue and Tony Stallwood and Paul are putting in a fantastic effort to get things right. So don’t let the opportunity slip to attend this special event. A registration form is included in this magazine and forms are available to download from the QRS website <http://www.qld.rose.org.au> [Incidentally, Roslyn Dixon has volunteered to take on the job of looking after our QRS website.]

Registrations close on 31 August 2018 but let’s show our support by registering early.

In April Tony and Kath gave a lively and informative talk about preparing roses for exhibiting which was very timely and a helpful topic for our May Autumn Show. Wal Stewart helpfully produced some of his own roses to exemplify the points raised during the talk.

I think our roses have been confused by the

unseasonal late summer-autumn weather which was reflected in the quality of our Autumn roses this year. John and I noticed our deciduous frangipani starting to lose their leaves weeks ago, then stop and begin flowering again. We have had warm days, followed by a cooler spell, then rain – torrential and drizzling – then more rain, then a hot spell, all of which have been followed by marauding swarms of insects. Many of us have found it difficult to produce first class blooms for our show. All the more credit to those growers who, despite the weather, produced some lovely exhibits! The rest of us supported the show with our less than perfect colourful roses that still filled the benches with contributed to the display.

The Keays roses totally let us down, with a lovely flush about two weeks before the show, followed by a nice prolonged leisurely break. Freeloaders, I say, with all that fertiliser etc that’s how they repaid us! But as Des Doyle reflected philosophically, it is like fishing and all those stories about ‘the one that got away’.

I have profiled a couple of roses in the magazine: one on the cover rose ‘Queen Elizabeth’ which is an amazing 67 years old, and the other in defence of the name ‘John Paul II’. Royalty is certainly in the air with the May nuptials of Harry and Meghan, but I can’t imagine ‘the royals’ figured in Paul’s choice for our cover rose. I was chuffed that I remembered seeing a spectacular bed of red ‘Queens’ several years ago and that John managed to locate the photographs he’d downloaded.

As Paul mentions we had some very welcome distinguished guests at our Autumn Show, Glynis and Doug Hayne whom John and I had the privilege to meet at the 2016 Sydney Easter Show. As a newly qualified judge I was fortunate to judge with Glynis, who is an International and National Judge, and was able to learn some pointers from her. Glynis and Doug took the opportunity to present a personal award to Paul Hains and obligingly

provided us with a background article on the 'Governor Marie Bashir' rose, which appears in the magazine.

As editor I *really appreciate* the people who write for the mag. Although assuming 'a grey nomad' personae for several weeks of caravanning, our fabulous chef and raffle-ticket seller Elaine sent her regular recipe as well as a very interesting article on the cryptic meaning of roses before she and Bill left. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. I can picture Elaine now cooking for a crowd of the new friends she will make on the road. We all wish them a great holiday. Donelle too managed to find some time in her busy life to provide some cultural notes, and thanks to our regular contributors Paul, Sue, Shirley and Bevan. It is also terrific to receive regular news items from our friends at DDRS and GCRS.

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My apologies for a couple of errors in the last magazine. Firstly, to Kelvin Trimper, somehow John got confused with the Honours award (have pity, he was raised in the days of the British Empire Orders) and wrongly awarded Kelvin the less distinguished OAM. Kelvin was awarded the Member of the Order AM. (Note from John, for the uneducated: - the Order of Australia has five levels: Knight/Dame of the Order (AK/AD), Companion of the Order (AC), Officer of the Order (AO), Member of the Order (AM), and Medal of the Order (OAM).) Secondly, it was Ian Spriggs in the photograph with Kath and Donelle at the 2017 Nationals, not as stated Graham Chalmers. My apologies to both.

President's Report

Paul Hains
QRS President

The rose society is holding a pruning day in Jimboomba on Sunday the 24th of June.

Please remember you **MUST** phone Sue to RSVP as we need numbers for catering. Bring your own secateurs and experienced members will be there to give you some guidance. Remember, never prune in June in Qld. The last weekend in July is the ideal timing. Please bring a chair if you want somewhere to sit.

The Mother's Day weekend rose show was a great success with over 300 exhibits in spite of the rain the week of the show which damaged many blooms from our members. We need more members to exhibit! If you have roses why not bring them along. Every winning class takes away \$5 value in products. They add up pretty quickly. The next big show is the National Rose Show in October.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the show and all of the workers who helped over the weekend and setting up and pulling down the show. We do need some more people who can help on the Friday morning before the show to setup. If you have some time available it would be great to see you there next time from 8am.

We were fortunate to have guest judges Doug and Glynis Hayne from Sydney. They are QRS members and did a great job working with our judges. In the afternoon they also spent time with a horticultural judges' group giving them some guidance on how to judge roses as our local judges were not available.

We had lots of new members join at the rose show so please make them feel welcome when you see them at a meeting or event.

I am off to another World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) World Convention this month in Denmark. Many Australians will be attending and we look forward to sharing photos and stories of the rose gardens and events over there. I'll be representing Australia as National President and WFRS Vice President, along with giving a lecture on roses and chairing a day's proceedings. We

have the Queensland State Rose Garden nominated for a WFRS Award of Garden Excellence, and I hope to be able to return with the news that the nomination was successful.

Best wishes with your rose gardens and don't forget the June meeting on the 13th and the Pruning Day on the 24th of June.

Paul

Secretary's Report

Bevan Dance

Sat. 9th – Sun. 10th June Cactus & Succulent Society of Qld. are holding their Specialist Show at Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha auditorium. Plant Sales, Book Sales. Admission \$5 Enquiries 0412426823.

Mon. 25 June Invitation from Floral Art Soc. of Qld to attend Friendship Day, 9:30 am, Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha. Demonstrations, floral designs on display. Entry \$7, incl. lucky door ticket, light lunch. RSVP, Fri. 15 June, 0412 735 483.

Wed. 27 June Invitation from QCGC to Friendship Day, 9:30 am, Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha. Guest speaker, quiz, morning tea – BYO plate to share for lunch. RSVP 14 June 0419 634 699.

Fri. 13th – Sat. 14th – Sun. 15th July Queensland Garden Expo, Nambour Showgrounds, 8am Daily. Over 360 Exhibitors. Free Kids Activities. Adults \$20, Concession \$18, Children 15 & under FREE.

Mon. 16th – Sun. 22nd July. Invitation from the City of Belfast International Rose Trials to join their International Judging Panel. Registration & Acceptance Forms by June 15th, available from Q.R.S. Vice-President Ph. 0412735483

Sat. 25th Aug. Glebe Garden Club presents Ipswich Home Gardener's Expo. Glebe Rd., Booval. Huge Variety of Exhibitors. Food & Refreshments available. Admission \$5. Enquiries David 0415503314.

Membership Secretary's Report

Linley Greenland

Welcome to the new members who have joined QRS since our last Quarterly magazine. Please contact me if there are any changes to your membership. If you would like to add other household members to your membership, please contact me at greenlands@bigpond.com

Website/Facebook

Paul Hains

Please find time to like our Facebook page which has been updated and add relevant photographs and other rose material. Feel free to make any suggestions to me about the web page or Facebook. The Facebook page is [qldrose](http://qldrose.com). Roslyn Dixon is taking over the web site and it will be progressively updated.

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Some Tips and Early Winter Cultural Notes from "Roses by Donelle's"

Donelle's May - June

Jobs that need doing for June to mid- July before planting:

May

Start using fungus sprays as it is cooling down at night. Spray late in the day. Similarly, if you are not already aware, do not water after 3pm in the day, otherwise you will provide moisture which encourages a black spot problem. In the same way, heavy dews at night encourage powdery mildew on

the rose leaves. Put some wetting agent in the spray, mix, and spray at intervals of 10 to 14 days to help smother the leaves with a coating that protects the leaves. There is no need to spray under the leaf, as the roses need to breathe through their leaf pores.

Start preparing beds ready for new roses, also check your Ph level which should be between a 6.2 to 7.0 reading. If below 6.2, add lime or if over 7, use sulphur to lower the Ph. Both products can be bought at all nurseries or produce stores.

If the garden has heavy clay use gypsum at the rate of one kg to a sq metre every 2 yrs. If you do have this problem, elevate the garden bed as high as you can, so the roses can form a good root structure. In good conditions rose roots can go down 1.2 metres or

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more, otherwise the root ball will spread sideways. In severe wet conditions in clay, the roots can dampen off from being too wet for too long, as clay holds water. When planting in clay soils, add about 150mm of charcoal to the base of the hole. This will help the rose to maintain a separation from the clay and also keeps the roots sweet and avoid rotting.

Planting:

Add manure and Lucerne or pea straw in the soil mix and a slow release fertilizer such as 8 to 9 month Osmocote and a match box full or a handful of blood and bone. Pack it down with firm pressure, such as using your foot, then gently fill the hole with water and plant the rose while the hole is still filled with water.

Bare Root Roses:

Check for wither lines in the stems of bare rooted rose bushes, due to the lack of water which indicate the plant is starting to die.

Bare root roses need to be purchased as soon as you see them in store, as they are wrapped in plastic, and have probably not had a drink for weeks. Unwrap and cut the roots to a length of 175-200mm, then place in a bucket of water and add a capful of fish or kelp or Seasol. Stir, before putting the rose in water.

Potted Roses:

Potted roses are normally ready from around mid-July or August or until sold out. They can be planted out at any time because they are already growing, with established roots and leaves and are able to be watered and cared for until sold or bought to take home to plant. I would soak the pot in a bucket of Fish or Seasol solution before planting to give it a good start. There is no need to tease out the roots of potted roses, as to do so may stress them, especially if it is a hot day.

Another good reason to buy potted roses is that you can inspect the flowers for a correct description of the flower and decide whether you like it. Continue Seasol for the first 6

weeks, say twice a week. That should get you on your way with a healthy start to the season.

Further notes from Donelle's will be continued in the September issue of *The Queensland Rose*.

For advice ring Donelle at 0732788540, leave a message if she's not in the shop and she will get back to you.



Cheers from 'Roses by Donelle's' .

Rosa Pope John Paul II

Sue Keays

As a member of both QRS and Roselovers, I wear two hats, which is certainly not unusual amongst garden lovers. At a recent Roselovers meeting our members were discussing the various forms a rose bloom can take (eg single, semi-double, exhibition etc). I brought along one of my favourites a glowing white Pope John Paul II Hybrid Tea to compare its petals with the classical rose form. I pointed out the sail-like shape of the outer petals which reflex on either side to form a point, giving the rose a star shape. The cherry red HT Peter Brock shares the same characteristic, so they complement each other beautifully – although the Brocks may differ in their religious persuasion!

In reflecting on the background of the rose, I mentioned that Swanes' Nursery was unhappy with the name as being too Catholic, too religious which puts people off. I thought Finbarr was joking when he suggested renaming the rose as 'The Great White' which conjures up a vision of a gaping-mouthed, razor-fanged predator shark. But they have done it! My Roselover friends were outraged. Why can't we name a rose for a religious figure? We have 'Queen Elizabeth', 'Kardinal', 'Soeur Emmanuelle', 'Mary MacKillop' and 'St Patrick' roses, so why not 'Pope John Paul II'? Are such names as Marilyn Monroe, Ingrid Bergman, or Gertrude Jekyll more worthy?

John and I were in Italy during the beautification of Papa Giovanni Paolo as he is known there. We were in Assisi that day and entered the beautiful St Francis of Assisi Church mainly out of curiosity, but were moved by the beauty of the church which was filled with tubs of glorious hydrangeas and masses of flowers.

At the Vatican we had heard about the magnificent glowing white Pope John Paul II roses growing in the Pope's private gardens over-

looking Saint Peter's Basilica. The rose was selected by the Vatican to honour John Paul II and is a showpiece of the Vatican private garden. According to our guide, the elderly Pope used to do his exercises in the garden each morning which included a very slow 'shuffle-jog' around the rose garden. True or not? Who knows, but it is confirmed by 'Help Me Find'. In his younger days the Pope was a very fit man who enjoyed kayaking and hiking in the mountains.

Catholic or not, the life of John Paul is a life to celebrate. We remember him as the student Karol Wojtyła, whom the Nazis conscripted for forced labour and set to work smashing rocks in a quarry with his bare hands. The Nazis banned Catholic seminaries, but Wojtyła pursued his theology studies at a clandestine underground seminary. When Poland was 'liberated' by Soviet Russia and came under the Iron Curtain, Wojtyła managed to reach Rome and complete his theological training.

Lech Walesa, leader of the Solidarity Trade Union Movement claimed John Paul II gave Poles the courage to demand change. Solidarity inspired revolution in Eastern Europe, and culminated in the downfall of Communism in Poland, East Berlin and Eastern Europe in 1989. Wojtyła was elected Pope in 1978, taking the name John Paul II. Although conservative in his theology, he was progressive in politics and social issues, and was a much-loved Pope who travelled widely throughout the world visiting South America, Africa, Israel, Australia, etc.

The 'John Paul II' rose is a beautifully perfumed, shapely, very elegant HT that has achieved world acclaim. A cross between 'Secret' × 'Fragrant Lace', 'John Paul II' was bred in the USA by Dr Keith Zary, and introduced by Jackson & Perkins in 2006. An online search shows that most rose reviewers agree that it is "one of the most fragrant roses available" with perfume widely described as "fresh citrus". It has "exceptional disease resistance", vigorous growth, and perfect form.

According to our current QRS rules, it's not a nominated Exhibition Rose [i.e. it is not listed as one of the HT cultivars deemed "*ineligible* for entry as a Decorative HT Rose" in the '2018 Autumn Rose Show Schedule', p.6].

People throughout the world enjoy growing this rose for its hardiness and disease resistance, but mostly for the lovely, large white, fragrant flowers that are borne on long stems and last well as cut flowers. 'John Paul' blooms in flushes throughout the year.

The cultivar seems to thrive in sunshine and does well in warmer climates such as Rome and Brisbane, but, according to my NZ friends, not so well in cooler parts of NZ. The bush is not too leggy in Brisbane, growing to about 1.4 metres tall. Although the foliage is often described as deep green, the locally grown roses have mid-green foliage with redish bronze new growth.

'Pope John Paul II' has been awarded top honours overseas for fragrance, vigorous growth, perfect bloom form, and superior disease resistance. Swan's Nurseries exhibited it at the Australian 2010 National Rose Trials and it proved was a top performer. It achieved a

Gold Medal and the Marion de Boehme Award for the Best Rose of Trial 2010 and was also awarded two trophies: The Governor of Gifu Award (Japan) for the Most Fragrant Rose of Trial, and the Hamilton Gardens New Zealand Perpetual Award for Best Hybrid Tea Rose of Trial.

Rosa 'Pope John Paul II' was originally distributed as a Corporate Rose with 10% of the net proceeds put at the disposal of Vatican City which it used to support a charity for the Sub-Saharan poor.

Pope John Paul II is an admiral figure for whom to name a rose—no more 'Great Whites' thanks.






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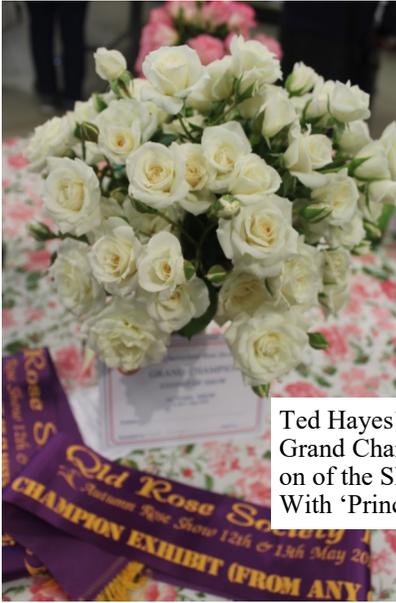


The Red 'Queen Elizabeth' roses at Roxborough Park



Rt to Lt, Rob Somerfield's fabulous green roses, Peter Brock, and John Paul II, flowering at the State Rose Garden, Toowoomba.

Scenes from QRS Autumn Show



Ted Hayes' Grand Champion of the Show With 'Princess'



Sue Dart, DDRS, looking very happy with her and Phillip's Champion Division 11, HT Exhibition Bloom, 'Raspberry Tiger'. Below, Reserve Champion Exhibition Rose, Rob Warren, with 'Tineke'.



Above: Our chief judge Morris Duce & Lindley. Below: Glynis Hayne, Shirley and Sue enjoying our work.



Our Cover Rose, 'Queen Elizabeth'

Sue Keays

This rose was named and introduced to mark Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne in 1952 and her subsequent coronation as monarch of the United Kingdom and British Commonwealth nations in 1953. The 'Queen Elizabeth' rose has the distinction of being the first of its class: a Hybrid Grandiflora (a cross of Rosa 'Charlotte Armstrong' and 'Floradora').

Its hardiness and elegantly pointed buds which open into striking, large, moderately petalled, silvery fairy-floss pink blooms, often borne in clusters of up 3-15 roses, made it a very popular rose in the 1950s-70s. It was its ability to produce these large clusters of hybrid tea blooms that set it apart as a new class - Grandiflora Roses. According to the current WFRS definition, as the first of the Grandiflora roses, it would be considered a heritage rose. Unfortunately, the blooms have minimal perfume, but the bush has the advantage of dark, leathery-like foliage that is considered disease-resistant, and is almost thornless.

Few roses, including the 'Queen' can perform at their best in Brisbane without some spraying and proper feeding. The bushes can grow exceedingly tall in our region. Rambling around the older suburbs, you can often see old 'Queen Elizabeth's' blooming away in the corner of a largely untended garden. If left unpruned, they can reach three metres in height.

Oddly, 'Queen Elizabeth' it is not a British-bred rose but was hybridized in the USA by Dr. Walter E. Lammerts before 1951; it was introduced in the USA in 1954, and Australia by Hazlewood Bros. (pioneers in mail order/catalogue seed & plant sales) in 1956. The 'Queen Elizabeth' rose was awarded a Portland Gold Medal in 1954, an All American Rose Society Award in 1955, an ARS Gold Medal in 1957 (rating 9.0), Golden Rose of The Hague in 1968, and was inducted into the

World Federation of Rose Societies' Hall of Fame in 1979. An Australian publication of the 1960s referred to it as "the best rose in the world", a rose that could "be grown in all climates and soil types".

Its parents were well known roses in their day: 'Charlotte Armstrong', also a Lammerts rose (USA 1940) and 'Floradora' (a Tantau German-bred rose 1944). 'Charlotte Armstrong', a strongly fragrant, deep pink large full-petalled Hybrid Tea, is a cross between 'Soeur Thérèse' × 'Crimson Glory' (Kordes, HT, 1935). As recently as 2000, Weeks Roses, in its 1999-2000 Catalog described 'Charlotte Armstrong' as "a breakthrough in her day because of her long classic buds, her large lovely flowers, and her ease-of-growth ... she prefers cool spring and fall conditions". The other parent, 'Floradora', is a short spreading, mildly fragrant salmony-red floribunda bred by Mathias Tantau during the Second World War. Both parent cultivars were introduced in Australia by Hazlewood in 1949.

Queen Elizabeth has a number of sports and a climbing form. Its best known sports are a Yellow and White 'Queen', but six other sports including a Flamingo Red 'Queen' have been identified. John and I were surprised to find an entire bed of 'Red Queen Elizabeth's' growing at the Alfred Henry Memorial Reserve Rose Garden, Roxborough Park, near Parramatta, NSW. The more popular climbing form, however, is widely grown around the world, although its stiff canes are regarded as difficult to train.

It is surprising how roses intertwine with our personal lives, perhaps because they are the most popular flower in the world. My father was posted to Japan with the Allied Occupation Forces in 1946 and the family returned to Australia in 1952, the year of George VI's death. 'Queen Elizabeth' was my mother's favourite rose and looks especially beautiful in a vase or as a bouquet. As an army family, we moved around a lot, but wherever we went Dad liked to plant a few rose bushes for Mum - always a 'Queen Elizabeth'.

SPRING SHOW 2018 MAJOR AWARDS

By Chief Steward Sue Stallwood

Grand Champion of the Show Ted Hayes
 Champion Exhibition Rose Ted Hayes
 Reserve Champion Exhibition Rose Robert Warren
 Autumn Decorative H.T. Championship P & T Hains
 Autumn Composite Championship Robert Warren
 Autumn Floribunda Championship P & T Hains
 Autumn Mini-Flora Championship Robert Warren
 Autumn Miniature Championship Robert Warren
 Autumn H.T. Exhibition Championship Robert Warren
 Autumn Super Six Decorative Championship Robert Warren
 Champion Division 1, HT Exhibition Bloom Robert Warren
 Champion Division 11, Composite Vivien Dixon
 Champion Division 11, HT Exhibition Bloom Sue & Phillip Dart
 Champion Novice Section Chris Minns
 Champion Decorative HT Rose Robert Warren
 Champion Floribunda Rose Ted Hayes
 Champion Mini-Flora Rose Ted Hayes
 Champion Miniature Rose Wal Stewart
 Champion Miscellaneous Rose Vivien Dixon
 Champion Vase Ted Hayes
 Reserve Champion Vase Grace Warren
 Best Exhibit Classes 82-86 Grace Warren
 Best Exhibit Classes 87-90 Grace Warren
 Best Exhibit Classes 91-94 Ted Hayes
 Best Exhibit Classes 95-97 P & T Hains
 Best Exhibit Classes 98-101 Grace Warren
 Best Exhibit Classes 102 Vivien Dixon
 Best Exhibit Classes 103 P & T Hains

Congratulations to all the prize winners, your success was so well deserved; thanks too for exhibiting such beautiful roses and making such a brilliant show for our members and the public to enjoy.

Thank you to all our wonderful helpers who made it all happen.

A special mention to all our judges and trainees, especially the ones travelling some distance, and to Doug & Glynis Hayne who travelled all the way from Sydney, an excellent job judging. Also I would like to mention that I invited Doug and Glynis, with their expertise in judging, to take around a group of trainee judges from the Horticultural Society so that they could learn about roses whilst walking around our beautiful show with the group of people. Thank you guys, we had excellent feedback from them.

Our Grand Champion Winner of the Show was Ted Hayes with an absolutely gorgeous vibrant vase of white Mini-Flora 'Princess' roses.

Thank you all!

RAFFLE – Congratulations to the winners. Let's not forget the caterers, the CWA ladies for cooking such great food, with scones freshly cooked on the premises that morning, sandwiches that were so fresh you couldn't get any better.

See you all for our Spectacular Event for our National AGM Convention in four months time on 6th & 7th October 2018.

Darling Downs Rose Society Autumn Rose Show

"It is pretty full on but that's why we love what we do, that's why we give up our weekend." Leo Cooper, DDRS President

Darling Downs Autumn Rose Show Report

Valda Reeves, Chief Steward

We held our Autumn Rose Show at the Rose Cottage in Newtown Park on the 28th – 29th April. The weather was great but our rose exhibits were a bit light on this time.

It was a struggle for everyone to get the roses, however we managed to get enough for all the tables. Many people came both days so it all went off very well. Once again Ted came along with his roses, where would we be without his input. Ted won Champion Rose with 'Dame Elizabeth Murdoch' and Reserve Champion with 'Lynn Anderson'. Congratulations Ted. A big thank you also for all our members who won in all classes. Thank you also for all your help setting up and pulling down and for the lovely roses you managed to bring.

Show Results:

Autumn Exhibition Champion – Leo Cooper
Autumn Miniature Champion – Leo Cooper
Autumn Mini Flora Champion – Ted Hayes
Autumn Composite Champion – Ted Hayes
Super Six Champion – Leo Cooper

Champion Rose – Ted Hayes
Reserve Champion – Ted Hayes
Section 8 – Ted Hayes
Section 9 – Ted Hayes
Section 10 – Ted Hayes
Section 11 – Valda Reeves
Section 12 – Ted Hayes
Section 13 – Ted Hayes
Section 14 – Doug & Judith Hudson
Section 15 – Eric & Bev Linden

Section 16 – E & B Brownley
Section 17 – E & B Linden
Section 18 – D & J Hudson

Congratulations to all the winners, Valda

From the *Toowomba Chronicle* ...

A reporter visited the Show and interviewed Leo Cooper who pointed out how tough it's been for growers this season. "We haven't really had an autumn" he explained, "which has made it hard for growing roses, it has just been hot non-stop. The quality has been good, but they were blown out after the storm last weekend,"

Although the locals, according to Leo, "brought in their finest trimmings" and "placed well, it was those from elsewhere in the state who took out the big prizes at the weekend. We had a lot of the winners come up from Brisbane and the Gold Coast".

What Makes the Perfect Rose?

As we know it is not a straight forward matter as we might be swayed by personal choice, favoured colour, form or perfume. Our judges have to be objective and judge according to certain set criteria.

Leo's response was practical and reflects his own values as a very successful exhibitor and member of the Society for 25 years.

"The rose is in the eye of the beholder. To get them to a rose show you have to trim them at the right time. It takes eight weeks for them to flower but this year it has taken around six."

The Language of Roses, The Meaning of Flowers

Elaine O'Donnell

The passing of messages through flowers was known in Turkey in the 1600's but did not spread to Europe until 1716 when Lady Mary Wortley Montague accompanied her husband to the Turkish court in Constantinople. She learnt how messages of love could be passed without recourse to letter writing or talking.

On her return to England in 1718, Lady Mary told her friends of the meaning of flowers and subsequently after moving abroad told the French who were enthused by the romanticism of flowers and quickly took to using flowers to send complex messages.

The art returned to England during Queen Victoria's reign through a book by Madame de la Tour called *Le Langage des Fleurs*. Some of its sentiments and messages were too lusty for the Victorians and needed to be tempered.

BURGUNDY ROSE - *simplicity and beauty; unconscious beauty.*

CAROLINA ROSE—*love is dangerous*

CHINA ROSE - *grace or beauty ever fresh; beauty is always new*

DAMASK ROSE - *brilliant complexion; beauty ever new*

DOG ROSE - *pleasure mixed with pain; simplicity*

EGLANTINE ROSE - *poetry; I wound to heal*

MOSS ROSE - *voluptuous love; confessions of love*

MULTIFLORA ROSE - *grace*

MUSK ROSE - *capricious beauty*

PROVENCE ROSE - *my heart is in flames*

ROSE- *love and beauty*

WHITE ROSE - *simplicity*

WHITE AND RED ROSES TOGETHER - *unity; warmth of the heart*

WHITE ROSEBUD - *too young to love; girlhood; a heart ignorant of love*

YORK AND LANCASTER ROSE - *war*

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Ed. The meanings are cryptic rather than the colour symbolism we are familiar with.

So, if you want to tell an admirer how much you love him, you might send a Burgundy or more passionately a Provence rose - if he was married, perhaps a Carolina Rose, but, alas, if too young, maybe a white rosebud or perhaps both a China rose and white rosebud!

Mme de la Tour, a French aristocrat, served as lady-in-waiting to Marie Antoinette for a time, then after the French Revolution and her father's remarriage into the Beauharnais family, came to serve the Empress Josephine. Josephine was duly cast off in favour of a dynastic marriage to Marie-Louise of Austria. It was said that within a decade Madame "was milking her own cow in upstate New York".

I bet Napoleon, the cad, as soon as he divorced Josephine, ordered a courtier to travel to Vienna and organise a bunch of white rose buds for the 18 yr-old Marie Louis before pressing his suit!



More Colourful, Strongly Scented Roses?

Sue Keays

According to a recent report in The *Courier Mail* (2 May 2018, p. 7), we may be in for a treat with “more colourful, strongly scented and longer lasting blooms”. Scientists have produced the first high-quality genome of the rose, “focusing on the biochemistry behind the fragrance and beauty” (whatever that means scientifically for we all have our own ideas of beauty).

Due to extensive hybridization, modern roses have incredibly complex DNA sequences that are difficult to reconstruct. Scientists in France, Germany, the USA and elsewhere have been working at sequencing their DNA for many years. Some of this research was presented to delegates attending the WFRS conference at Lyon in 2015. The above news item doesn't identify the source of the research but it could well be a French project. According to the report, “the “researchers sequenced the genome of the species ‘Old Blush’ or *Rosa Chinensis*” which bears delicate pink flowers with a sweet ‘rose’ perfume. It has been widely grown in China and Japan for at least 1000 years and was highly valued for its ability to repeat flower (in warm climates like ours it may flower all year). Rose historians consider it the first East Asian rose to reach Europe in around 1750.

Rosa Chinensis is the Adam and Eve of modern rose breeding in Europe and was extensively crossed with Damasks and Gallicas to produce Bourbons and Hybrid Perpetuals. David Austin, Meilland, Kordes and other rose houses cross these roses with modern roses to produce old fashioned shrub roses. David Austin's rose empire was founded on crosses of certain Old Roses, such as Gallicas or Damasks, with modern Floribundas and Hybrid Teas. His first commercial rose, ‘Constance Spry’, a pink Shrub Rose with Old Rose glob-

ular blooms and myrrh fragrance, is a cross between ‘Belle Isis’, a spicy perfumed Gallica rose with quartered pale pink blooms and ‘Dainty Maid’, an early, loosely petalled pink-blend Floribunda.

The original true green rose ‘Viridiflora’, in which all the flower parts have been transformed into photosynthesizing structures, is a mutation of ‘Old Blush’. Closer to home, Doug Grant, a New Zealand plant geneticist and rose hybridist, who besides his studies on corn and onions, has been working on rose genetics. Green roses are here already in New Zealand, thanks to Doug, a rose breeder himself, and leading NZ rose breeder Rob Somerfield. He and Rob worked on the chlorophyll gene to develop Rob's magnificent green Lemon ‘n Lime rose and other un-named cultivars. The description of ‘green’ does not do justice to these beautiful soft chartreuse or pastel lemony-lime, full petalled, shapely clusters of gorgeous blooms that look magnificent with soft apricots, gentle and romantic mauves, and creamy lemon roses.

Sadly because of our strict import restrictions they generally come to us through a complex process involving overseas specialist rose nurseries. It is very frustrating for us Aussie rose fanciers to see the lovely New Zealand-bred roses at Hamilton, Palmerston North, Auckland and covet them madly for our own gardens. Happily, one of my favourite roses, Rob Somerfield's ‘Blackberry Nip’ is available here, but the budwood had to be imported to South Africa and the rose needed to be grown in South Africa for two or more years. Then the South African budwood was imported to Australia and then grown in Australia under quarantine for another two years before release to the general public.

But it will be interesting to see what is in store for us with these new developments.

Chef Elaine O'Donnell

BROWN SUGAR SPONGE WITH CARAMEL ICING

INGREDIENTS:

CAKE

- 2/3 cup plain flour
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 4 eggs
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup caster sugar
- 50g butter – melted

CARAMEL ICING

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup cream

Method – Icing

- Place brown sugar and cream in small saucepan over a medium heat and stir until the sugar dissolves
- Increase the heat and simmer rapidly for 8 minutes or until caramel thickens
- Put aside and allow to cool completely.

Method – sponge

- Preheat oven to 180degrees
- Grease a 20cm round cake tin and line the base with baking paper
- Sift flour and baking powder 3 times and set aside
- Place eggs and sugar in mixer and beat for 8-10 minutes until

the mixture has tripled in volume

- Sift half the flour mix over the egg mixture and gently fold through
- Repeat with remaining flour mix
- Add the butter around edge of bowl and gently fold through – **DO NOT MIX OR BEAT**
- Add mixture to prepared cake tin
- Bake for 20-25 minutes or until the cake is springy to touch and comes away from the sides
- Remove from tin and remove baking paper and place on wire rack to cool
- Spread caramel over top and sides and serve.

Elaine O'Donnell

An exclusive recipe from our resident Queensland Rose Society Chef extraordinaire She is currently on an extended grey nomad caravan trip to the Southern States.

John

[Poor John, he liked the look of this recipe so much he dearly wanted me to try it out and to include a photo in the mag. if it turned out nicely ie before he devoured it. Unfortunately, I didn't have time]



2021 WFRS Promotion



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WFRS Regional Rose Convention in Nanyang, China will be held in late April / early May, 2019. This city is in the *Hénán* Province in central China and is home to the majority of China's rose production. It will be significantly different to the last Regional Convention in Daxing and offer new experiences and exposure to China's rapidly expanding rose industry and visits to some exciting cultural locations. The Rose Festival, Jade Exhibition and Jade market will be highlights.

WFRS Regional Convention in Kolkata, India, in January 2020. This is being arranged in conjunction with the Agri and Horticultural Society of India which will be celebrating its 200th Anniversary in 2020. Kolkata is renowned for its great flower shows which include roses, particularly potted roses. Kolkata is a large interesting and historic city which is home to Mother Teresa's Mission and importantly only a short distance from the great Himalaya Mountain range, sure to be part of either a Pre or Post-tour.

WFRS 15th International Heritage Rose Conference, Brussels, Belgium in June 2020. Discover the beauty of Brussels, a city of history and legendary landmarks, truly inspiring public and private gardens and you can also try some world famous Belgian chocolate. Hosted by the Royal National Rose Society of Belgium.

19th World Rose Convention will be held in **Adelaide, Australia**. Titled "*Celebration '21*" it will be held from 21 to 28 October, 2021 and based at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Pre-Convention Tours visit Perth and Central Australia for an 'outback' experience while the second tour travels to top holiday destinations including Sydney's Hunter Valley and Queensland's Great Barrier Reef. The Post-Convention Tour takes in the Coonawarra Wine Region, Mt. Gambier and the Great Ocean Road to Melbourne.

Kelvin Trimper, President, WFRS Chairman, 2021 Convention Committee

Introducing the ‘Governor Marie Bashir’ Rose to Our Readers

Paul Hains’ pink floribunda is turning heads which is remarkable for a new pink rose. You may have admired the lovely examples Wal Stewart brought to our April Monthly Show. Doug and Glynis Hayne kindly forwarded an article to enable us to learn more about the background to this lovely rose and Governor Marie Bashir for whom it was named.

Glynis, who had just stepped down as President of the Rose Society of NSW, and Doug Hayne felt that something should be done to honour both Governor Marie Bashir and her namesake rose. Glynis took it upon herself to personally contact Government House and, if agreeable, organize a function—with the help of Doug and Paul. The following extract is from the speech Glynis gave at the rose planting ceremony at NSW Government House rose garden.

“Individuals are recognised in many different ways for their contributions to society and these include naming of geographical features, public buildings and sporting venues to mention a few. In the rose community one of the highest honours that can be bestowed on an individual is naming a rose after the person. This relates to why we are gathered here today ... to launch a rose that has been named to recognize Professor, The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO.”

As Glynis recollects the process began in 2009 when “Fiona Mann, representing Hawkesbury City Council, rang my husband Doug about a rose to be named after Governor Lachlan Macquarie to celebrate the Bicentenary of the Macquarie Towns. It is a matter of history that Fiona was introduced to our good friend, the late Trevor Grant, and, thanks to the support of Swane’s Nurseries, the rose came into being. In my role as President of the Rose Society of New South Wales I was involved with the launching and planting of the rose along with Professor Bashir in her capacity as Governor

of New South Wales (2001-2014).

During 2012, as the Rose Society of New South Wales was preparing to celebrate its centenary in 2013, I personally wrote a letter to Her Excellency through her office requesting she consider holding a function at Government House as part of the Rose Society of NSW centenary celebrations. I received a reply that Her Excellency was happy to do just that, and a formal reception to celebrate our centenary was set for 14 February 2013. The night ... will be remembered positively by rosarians for many years to come. After a formal ceremony, our centenary rose ‘100 Not Out’ was planted by her Excellency in the Government House Gardens. I remember vividly from her speeches and private conversations ... how she spoke of her appreciation of roses that had come from her mother who so loved the “Queen of Flowers”.

The idea of naming a rose to honour a lady, so loved by the people of NSW, and who had done so much for the rose originated at about this time. Doug was 100% behind the idea, and Glynis had to find a rose, a grower and approach Professor Bashir. At the NRSA conference in Adelaide, she approached Paul Hains, a friend whom she knew had bred some outstanding roses. Paul agreed and showed Glynis photos of a number of his roses. As luck had it, the one Glynis selected was already being trialled by Swane’s Nursery.

Glynis continues: “Finbarr O’Leary was at the conference at the time and, after a discussion between Finbarr, Paul and myself, a deal was sealed. On my return to Emu Plains I approached Professor Bashir through her office with my proposal and four days later I received a call from Professor Bashir herself to inform me of her acceptance. Needless to say Doug and I were thrilled as were Paul and Finbarr. Paul through his generosity offered that the royalties of the first two full years of commercial sales would be donated to a charity of Professor Bashir’s choice and, as we know, it is the Wayside Chapel at Kings Cross.”

Introducing the 'Governor Marie Bashir' Rose



Former Governor, Professor Marie Bashir planting the rose at Government House, Sydney, 2015. (photos courtesy Doug & Glynis Hayne)

Glynis and Doug's Presentation to Paul at the QRS Autumn Show.



Glynis and Doug (Ausrose) presenting Paul with a painting of five glorious 'Governor Marie Bashir' roses painted by the celebrated rose artist Michelle Endersby. Needless to say, he [and Toni] were over the moon.

From L.to R.: Colonel Michael Miller RFD - Private Secretary to the Governor of NSW General The Hon. David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Graham Ross (Ch7 and the Garden Clinic), Paul Hains, Professor the Hon. Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO former Governor of NSW, Glynis Hayne, Rev. Graham Long AM (Pastor and CEO of the Wayside Chapel). Back - Kelvin Trimper AM - WFRS President and Finbarr O'Leary (Swane's Nursery)



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