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## 2008 Pruning Day

On the 29th of June the QRS held it's annual Pruning Demonstration, Exhibitors Workshop and Judges Training in Mt Gravatt. The day was well attended by many new QRS members as well as more established ones. Members from both Darling Downs and the Gold Coast Societies were also out in force



John shows how it is done.

Attending the Pruning Demonstration in the morning were also around 12 members of the general public, 3 of them joining the society before leaving prior to lunch. Pruning was carried out by the very capable John Dale, Merv Sugars, Des Doyle and Col Bleck.

Col gives Bev some good tips.



Maree has a go under the watchful eye of Des.



Many of the general public as well as members were able to have a go at pruning which proved very worthwhile. There were plenty of questions which is always a good sign that people are finding the day educational.

A barbeque lunch (expertly cooked by Wayne Sully — Thanks Wayne) was enjoyed by 40 members from the respective clubs and then it was down to work for the Exhibitors Demonstration and Judges workshop.

Des Doyle gave expert tips on preparing blooms for the bench with many other experienced members adding their own tips and tricks. John Dale gave a talk and demonstration on budding to understock and Merv Sugars took us through the judges workshop.

It was a great day of talking, laughing sharing information and catching up with old and new friends. For details of the 2009 Pruning Day check your mag early next year. Hope to see you there!



Merv gloved up to get on with the job.

## *Good Samaritan*

One of the new members to join on the Pruning Day was Sister Bernadette on behalf of the “Sisters of the Good Samaritan.” She and Sister Aileen came along from the Convent in Wynnum West to have a look at a Good Samaritan rose we have growing and to learn how to prune the garden bed of Good Samaritan roses that have been planted at the convent.



Sr Bernadette and Sr Aileen

A bit of history: Imagine the streets of Sydney 150 years ago. For some it was a place of excitement and a new start; a place of ambition and prosperity. But for many the streets were a place of poverty and degradation. Life was extremely difficult for women either on their own or struggling to support a family. There was no social welfare, no state education and often nowhere to live.

Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict were the first women’s religious congregation to be founded in Australia. Established on the 2nd of February 1857 by the Archbishop of Sydney, John Bede Polding, the Good Samaritan Sisters (one English and four Irish) began to care for the poor and destitute of the early colony. Later they set up orphanages and schools. Education was always a major area of activ-

ity for the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. The first school was set up in Sussex Street in the heart of Sydney in 1861. Later other schools were established in NSW and throughout Australia. Now, there are ten incorporated college across Australia, and one in Japan.

Lourdes Hill Catholic College for Girls here in Brisbane is a Sisters of the Good Samaritan School . It was founded in 1916 by thirteen Sisters who travelled from Sydney. The school has a current enrolment of 870 students which includes 80 boarders..

The Good Samaritan Rose was introduced in Australia by Swanes and was bred in the United States by Dr Keith Zary. It’s immediate parents are Tournament of Roses and Trumpeter. Other roses appearing in it’s family tree include Satchmo, Moulin Rouge and Fragrant Cloud.

It and has been released to celebrate 150 years of growth of the Sisters. It has a classic hybrid tea form with brilliant deep fuchsia/magenta flowers of 26 to 40 petals. This colour was chosen to symbolize the colour of the wine which (according to the parable in Luke 10) was poured into the wounds of an injured traveller who was saved from certain death by a Samaritan (a person from Samaria, a city in ancient Palestine).

