



Heritage Roses in Australia

Perth Region

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PLEASE NOTE: We have had a reminder from the Executive that you are required to sign the attendance book for **ALL** organized HRiA events (for insurance) – this includes meetings at Falls Farm and outside events (garden visits, parks, restaurants, trips etc)

Also, could you please wear your name badge at all of the above – we are all guilty of leaving our badges at home or in the car glove box – please try and remember to put yours on. This is especially helpful for our new members (and also people who can't remember names!). If you can't find your membership badge just contact Gay by return email and you'll be given a new one.

HRiA Membership – Have you paid your fees for this year? If you are not sure you can contact the Membership Secretaries or reply email to Gay and she will be able to tell you. To renew your membership go to the HRiA website www.heritageroses.org.au If you are having any difficulties please contact the Membership Secretaries membership22.23hria@gmail.com or contact Gay.

CHILLI THRIP

Chilli Thrips may cause problems again this year. Remember to spray early evening when bees have returned to their hives.

A few weeks ago Sabrina Hahn wrote an article in 'The West Australian', also the Rose Society distributed information and Melville's Rose n Garden Nursery have information. To help you try and deal with this pest, all articles have been attached at the end of the newsletter.

GARDEN VISIT CANCELLED: Due to heavy rain, thunder and wind unfortunately the planned visit to Di Durston's beautiful garden so full of heritage roses had to be cancelled. Thank you so much Di for offering to have everyone at your garden.

Spring is here with its usual topsy-turvy weather, beautiful sunshine and warmth one day then the next rain, wind and cold – but forget about the weather as we have not two but three events for you in springtime October. Another day of viewing beautiful heritage roses has been added after seeing the roses full of bud at Falls Farm at our September meeting. In date order the events are:

THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER at 10.30am – ARALUEN BOTANIC PARK

at Croydon Road, Roleystone

A walk around the Rose gardens at the top of the hill, followed by a 'bring your own picnic lunch'.

We'll meet in the Mary Hargraves Pavilion (up the top). Morning tea will be provided on arrival – please bring your own mug!

If this is your first time to Araluen Botanic Park, there will be members who will be only too happy to help you with any rose questions. Do not hesitate to ask!

Entry fee to the Park: \$12.00, Concession \$10.00

WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER at FALLS FARM from 9.45am to 12.15pm

at Cagney Way, Lesmurdie

After their pruning in winter by members, the roses were looking extremely healthy and full of bud at the September meeting and it was thought that members may like to have a morning 'get together' to view the heritage roses when they are at their best in Springtime. So Wednesday 18th October was chosen to have a relaxing morning to mix, view beautiful roses and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea together. Please bring a plate to share with your 'cuppa'. It would be appreciated if everyone could help with the set-up and clean-up at the end.

It's late notice but we do hope you are able to come.

SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER at FLORENCE McRAE'S GARDEN at 12 noon
At 3 ASHMORE AVENUE, CANNING VALE

We are so fortunate that Florence has invited us to spend time in her beautiful large garden. There is so much to see - around every corner is something different, old fashioned plants you haven't seen for years, hens, roses and much much more. Then enjoy lunch under the trees.

Please bring a plate to share for lunch.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF HRiA
Bruce Bott

Journal of Heritage Roses in Australia

Perth Region Library Collection: call for missing issues of the Journal

Our Perth region committee is putting together one bound set of our Journal to keep in our library. Currently we have been able to put together almost three further volumes to match those that we have already had bound. However, we are still lacking the following parts:

vols 36-38, 2014-2016 missing **vol.38, 2016, no.1**

vols. 39-41, 2017-2019 missing **vol.40, 2018, no.2**

The next group of volumes that could be bound when the current volume 44 is complete will be vols 42-44, 2020-2023 but we are missing **vol, 42, 2020, no. 1** and **vol. 43, 2021, nos. 2, 3 & 4**. Would members be able to supply any of the missing issues please?

If so, please contact **Bruce Bott** at <bkhbott@gmail.com>

The Digital archive of the Journal of Heritage Roses in Australia

See the **Heritage Roses in Australia** national website <<https://www.heritageroses.org.au/>> for the complete Journal in digital format from **vol.1, 1979** to **vol.43, 2021**.

Members alone have access to the complete digital archive collection of Journals though there are sample issues and some journal articles that can be seen by anyone looking at our website.

Various issues are also available from the National Library of Australia's TROVE database.

At our website and once signed in at the person icon at the right-hand corner of the top tool bar



there are several links that will take members to the digital **Journal archive**.

At the top toolbar, from **Membership** and its drop-down menu, the **Journal Archive** can be accessed from the links at **Our Journal** and **Members Section** by moving your mouse pointer to either of those headings and clicking on **Journal Archive**.

Further along the top toolbar, at **Info** and its drop-down menu, move your mouse pointer to **Publications** for a link there.

HRiA 15th NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Glen Waverley, Victoria
Friday 27th to Monday 30th October 2023
Plus a 2 Day Post Conference Tour

It is not long to go to the HRiA 15th National Conference in Victoria. If you haven't already booked and you're interested in taking part, now is the time to book your place. There is extensive information on the above Conference in the Winter 2023 Journal, beginning on Page 12. The Conference is from Friday 27 to Monday 30 October, followed by a post tour in Victoria.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED PLEASE!!!
ROSE SOCIETY OF WA SPRING ROSE SHOW
Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October
At South Perth Civic Centre, South Terrace, South Perth

We need volunteers for the above Show. Are you able to give a couple of hours of your time to help out??

We would like 2 persons for each time slot (as it's always good to have company!)
If you are able to help, could you please contact Gay by return email or (0422 422 298) – thank you.

The times are as follows:

Saturday: 1.00pm to 3.00pm
3.00pm to 5.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am to 12.00 noon
12.00 noon to 2.00pm
2.00pm to 4.00pm

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When sending emails relating to the Perth Heritage Roses please send it now to the above email address

WEBSITES
PERTH REGION

<https://www.heritagerosesperth.org>

OR Old Fashioned Roses Perth and our site should come up

Don't forget to check out our ever changing website with information being constantly updated. The website is proving to be extremely popular both here, interstate and overseas. If you haven't already accessed the site – do so. Apart from there being beautiful photos of heritage roses, the information on the site is very informative and interesting. There is always new news being added to the NEWS site so don't miss out on this very informative information.

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NEUTROG

Neutrog has been delivered to Bob and Jos Henley's home. Could you please contact them (p) 9291 7272) or email bobjos89@westnet.com.au to arrange a suitable pick-up time.

A REVIEW OF OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING 'PREPARING SOIL – DIFFERENT AREAS'

By KATE WALKER and DI DURSTON



Di was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. She gave her notes to Jan to read.

Di began her notes by reminding us of the main requirements of planting a new rose – 6 hours of sunshine, a good water supply, enriched soil mix with regular fertilizing, as well as pest control. Testing the soil PH is important with roses liking a neutral soil 7 (which can be done by buying a soil tester kit which are not expensive). Roses need summer heat and winter moisture to thrive.

Acid soil can be improved with the addition of dolomite lime, baking soda, crushed eggshells and wood ash. Alkaline soil can be improved by the addition of iron chelates with added compost to sweeten the soil. It's necessary to have the correct PH to unlock the nutrients for the plant to absorb them and produce growth and flowers.

Roses on their own rootstock will not be strong enough to plant out in the garden until the plant is at least 2 years. Grafted roses will be stronger once established on R.fortuneana as this rootstock has an extensive root system and is suitable to our dry climate.

R. Multiflora rootstock requires more water and is less hardy and Dr Huey rootstock is drought tolerant but not as tolerant as R.fortuneana. R. Indica Major and Manetti are also known rootstock.

It is very important to stay away from mosaic virus rootstock as this virus is passed to the new plant and will make it susceptible to damage.

We need to empower our local group with adequate measures to conserve heritage roses with enhanced pride and raise awareness of their outstanding universal value.



Kate lives on a farm in Brookton and her talk on soil requirements was entirely different.

She spoke on her soil preparation for planting roses in a farm garden. Her issues she has with water storage especially in summer from mid-October to the end of April, as of course the sheep are the priority, then the farmhouse and finally her garden. Then there's the soil with only little top soil and depths of orange (concrete) clay, the 28's (parrots) and rabbits. To add to the problems there are also some very large old trees. She is fortunate that she does have a good supply of sheep manure! Space to plant roses and to make lots of compost.

After Kate buys roses she grows them in very large pots for at least 3 summers to acclimatize to the hot and very cold conditions as well as to grow a very good root system – the pots can also be moved to cater for the very different weather conditions in summer and winter. For planting roses – she prepares the ground in late autumn/early winter – clears the weeds, piles up compost, sheep manure etc. Planting time is around September, but must be in by October with the hole prepared 1 – 2 weeks before planting. The hole is big – 0.5m to 1m cubed (she saves the top soil to put in the bottom of the hole), then fills the hole with soil food, mixed well with loosened clay and then fills with water and leaves to drain away. The hole is surrounded by a clay wall.

The most important thing Kate has learnt is – feed the soil well (compost, weeds, prunings which have been mulched in the mulcher, fallen leaves, manure, seamungus, blood and bone and mulch (Triple C, Lupin, hay).

At planting time a thin layer of good soil is placed over the 'foods' to protect the roots, then the rose is placed in the centre (quite a chore as by this time the rose is well established and quite large), backfilled with good soil, firmed down and well watered. Topped with a layer of manure.

Kate had great photos and illustrations to accompany her talk which unfortunately cannot be displayed here.

WHERE CAN I BUY HERITAGE ROSES??

(a rose is given the title of heritage rose once it has been in circulation for 75 years,
i.e. 1948 in 2023)

A frequently asked question from both members and people at fairs and shows.

A few nurseries that stock heritage roses, they are:

Swisse Rose Nursery: 38 Wollaston Avenue, Brookdale, 6112
Have a selection from different categories

Dawsons Rose Nurseries: Forrestfield, Swanbourne, O'Connor, Joondalup
Have a few, mainly climbers – Peace (1945), Mutabilis (pre 1894), China Doll (1946)
- the climber was introduced in 1977, Fairy (1932), climbing Cecile Brunner (1894),
climbing Souvenir De La Malmaison (1893), climbing Zephirine Drouhin (1868),
climbing Lamarque (1830), climbing Crepuscule (1904)

Melvilles Rose n Garden: 105 Tanner Road, Carmel, 6076
Have climbers – Souvenir de la Malmaison, Black Boy, Cornelia and quite a few others

PERTH HRIA EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR 2023

All meetings at Falls Farm will begin at 11.00am unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 12th October at 10.30am Araluen Botanic Park – Walk around the Rose gardens followed by a bring your own picnic lunch.
Meet in the Mary Hargraves Pavilion (up the top).
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**Wednesday 18th October at Falls Farm
from 9.45am to 12.15pm** A morning 'get together' to view the springtime roses at Falls Farm and have morning tea.

Sunday 29th October at 12.00 noon A Garden Visit to Florence McRae's beautiful garden with lunch to follow

Thursday 9th/Friday 10th November An overnight trip down south to view some of Western Australia's beautiful rose gardens – bookings essential

Wednesday 22nd November

Drive your own car trip to Pinjarra Heritage Rose Gardens meeting at 11.00am, followed by lunch (more information next Newsletter)

Sunday 10th December at 12 noon

End of year LUNCH
To be held at Padbury Restaurant
Swan Street, Guildford
Cost \$65.00 per person (buy your own drinks)
More details later.

OTHER EVENTS IN PERTH IN 2023

Friday 20th/Sunday 22nd October

2023 National Rose Society of Australia Championships in conjunction with their Spring Rose Show at South Perth Civic Centre (Volunteers will be required to help out)

Saturday 21st October

Kalamunday & Districts Agricultural Society
Spring Flower Show 2023
Canning Road, Kalamunda
From 12 noon to 5.00pm
Admission – Free (a donation would be appreciated)

Happy gardening –

The Committee



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CHILLI THRIPS (1)

Part Extract from 'The West Australian' Friday 08 September 2023

By Sabrina Hahn

Chilli thrips (*Scirtothrips dorsalis*) on roses are most active in spring and summer and is better to act now before they breed up and become unmanageable. If preventative action is taken when they emerge in spring hopefully the problem won't be as bad.

Chilli thrips are sap-sucking insects than can cause deformities in flowers, leaves, stems and shoots. They attack roses, grapes, strawberries, citrus, chilli, capsicum and other vegetables. Chilli thrips prefer new growth as they contain the highest number of sugars.

Symptoms of thrip attack are curled and distorted leaves with bronzing on leaves, stems and new shoots, grey to black markings on flowers often showing a ring of scarred tissue around the apex. Flower buds are reduced in size, have a brown colouring and fall off before development. Flowers can also be paler in colour with a brown tip.

Rose bushes will eventually look denuded and shriveled as if being burnt with brown buds and calyx that don't open. Not much point in having roses without the flowers.

The lifecycle of thrips lasts several weeks and goes through a few stages:

- the egg that is laid inside the leaf or bud
- larva that feed on the leaves
- pre-pups,
- pupa that live in the ground beneath the rose
- adults that emerges with wings

They are tiny – only about 2 millimetres long when fully grown with a torpedo-shaped body, four feathered wings and are grey to black in colour. A magnifying glass is needed to see them on the underside of the leaf or in the bud. (If you suspect you have chilli thrip, shake branch onto white paper to view if any chilli thrip drop on it)

Management will take commitment and perseverance with severe infestations needing treatment every 7-10 days. There are several organic and chemical options for gardeners, but they will require repeat applications.

Organic gardeners can spray with OCP eco-oil, Natrasoap insecticidal soap, Beat-a-Bug natural pyrethrum, Yates Nature's Way vegie and herb spray, Searles Ecofend natural solutions mite and insect spray, Hortico insect killer tomatoes and vegetables or Sharp Shooter natural pyrethrum.

If using stronger, more systemic sprays – remember some may have a detrimental effect on bees and other beneficial insects.

Products that contain active ingredients such as imidacloprid, acetamiprid, spinetoram or pyrethroids are effective against thrips, and may be available to home gardeners.

Conguard, Success, Mavrik and Richgro Bug Killa have been used by rose growers with some success. They are all systemic insecticides that are registered for the control of chilli thrips.

Top Tip: Place blue sticky strips in rose bushes to discover what sap-sucking insects are in your garden – use a magnifying glass to get a better view.

CHILLI THRIPS (2)

From Brochure by the Rose Society of Western Australia
09 September 2023

If you get this pest called Chilli Thrip you need to spray your rose bushes with either one of the following products – Conguard, Yates Ultra Success, Confidor, Spectrum 200 or Rose Shield.

Spray in the late afternoon when the temperature has dropped below 25C.

Ensure the spray thoroughly covers the whole bush and spray the ground underneath as well.

Chilli thrip larvae fall to the ground and live there during the pre-pupal and pupal stages until a reproductive adult appears with fully developed wings.

Spray at least 2 or 3 times over the next few weeks.

This regime may need to be repeated if the pest reappears, so vigilant monitoring is required thereafter.

It is recommended to alternate with different products throughout the spray regime.

Research is continuing by scientists to develop a spray for Chilli thrip. For the latest information, please keep checking the Rose Society of Western Australia website: <https://www.rosesocietywa.au/>

CHILLI THRIPS (3)

From Melville's Rose n Garden Nursery

Use 'Success Ultra'. 10ml per litre. Spray where you see the damage

Spray a week later

Spray 2 weeks after that if necessary, however one spray is often enough

Don't cut anything off so the insect can feed in the sprayed foliage and buds

Let the damaged grow out, don't cut. Just deadhead or prune as normal

Chilli thrip only like soft new growth so if you keep cutting you are giving them a new food source.

It is not a problem, it is very controllable with this spray

Spray early evening when bees have gone to bed

Toxic on contact to bees, but not once dry.
