



## Heritage Roses in Australia

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Christmas is nearly upon us and so far this summer the weather has been reasonably kind to us with only one really hot day, but it looks like another is on its way. Don't forget to water the roses before the heat hits them.

With Christmas upon us what better present than a heritage rose as either a gift for someone special or just to spoil yourself. Visit **Swiss Nursery** at Baldivis to view their roses and make a choice of a beautiful rose. The address is 47 Young Road, Baldivis, phone 0460 303 835. Closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Opening hours 8am – 3pm.

There will be no meeting in January.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**AND GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**At Falls Farm, Cagney Way, Lesmurdie**

**Commencing at 11.00am**

**(Lunch to follow)**

More details to follow in the new year with details of the Agendas for 2026 and Minutes for 2025. Nomination forms and Reports will also be sent out before the meetings.

Please Note: You will not be able to nominate for a position or vote at the meetings unless you have paid your 2026 Membership fees which are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026. To renew your membership online: [www.heritageroses.org.au/membership](http://www.heritageroses.org.au/membership)

### A REVIEW OF NOVEMBER

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – GARDEN VISIT 'PINJARRA HERITAGE ROSE GARDENS'**

We met at the Pinjarra Heritage Rose Gardens on a rather warm sunny spring morning where Lynne Chapman kindly guided us through the gardens giving us the names of all the roses and also the history, including the plagues hidden under the large trees on the boundary of men and women from the area who were killed in the two World Wars. Unfortunately we missed the main flowering, but there was still plenty to view with every

so often a rose we knew nothing of taking our interest because of its colour, formation etc. – it was a very good learning tour.

Lynne then invited us to her farm that was nearby to view her garden where we wandered through paths boarded by beautiful large roses and large spires of Hollyhocks both enjoying each other's company. Many roses were supported or climbing up large wooden tripods giving depth and interest to the garden.

Then for some it was back to Pinjarra again to enjoy lunch on the verandah at the Edenvale Café close by (recommend, the food and service were both very good), before either heading back to Perth or going on to overnight in Bunbury before visiting Seamus Johnston's garden at 'Mostly Roses' the next day.





## A REVIEW OF DECEMBER

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – CHRISTMAS PARTY at JAN EASTMAN'S HOME

A beautiful day dawned on Sunday, sunny but not too hot. Jan's home was full of the Christmas spirit with beautiful decorations and tables dressed to the hilt! A beautiful sight to greet one on arrival!

The morning began with little canapes being served to everyone as they mingled, then followed the main course with the various tables being called up individually, avoiding a crush at the food table where committee members were serving everyone. A pause in eating was required before finishing off with delectable (and they were delectable!) mini pavlovas and fresh fruit. Tea, coffee and tiny yummy chocolate balls with a rose on top (of course!) concluded our Christmas lunch.

Everyone then stayed on, mingling and chatting which was wonderful to see.

A big thankyou to the committee who prepared the food and also served everyone.

And a *VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU* to *JAN* who not only let us all enjoy her beautiful home but also managed to organize the committee so proceedings ran smoothly! It definitely was a wonderful, festive, happy Christmas Luncheon.











The Committee 2025

This year has been full with many varied topics at our meetings, visits to members' gardens (thank you so much for volunteering and welcoming us into your gardens and homes, it is very much appreciated by the committee and members), trip to Toowoomba, Queensland for the biannual HRiA Conference, busy bees and so on.

As 2025 comes to a close the Committee would like to thank all those who have participated and made this year of loving beautiful old heritage roses a successful one and look forward to meeting again in the new year.

Gay Dutton has decided that it is time for her to retire from the position of Newsletter Editor. Gay has filled this position more than 8 years and what a wonderful task she has performed. It is a monthly job where she prepares a Newsletter for you before each meeting, so you are aware of what is to come and what our events of the recent month have been. Well done, Gay, a huge thank you. This means that we need someone to step up into that position if you are wanting a newsletter each month. I am sure there are members who could step into this role. Please consider it, it is also fun. There is a job description that can be sent to you if you would like to look at it. Please contact Jan Eastman if you are interested.



**The Committee would like to wish**

**you a very Merry**

**Christmas and a very happy and fulfilling 2026**