



## Heritage Roses in Australia

### Perth Region

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What a relief, Autumn is here and what a beautiful Autumn it is. I am so glad those terrible exhausting hot days are behind us for at least six months. These nights are cool and crisp and dew on the lawn in the mornings. The Chilli Thrip has run for cover and my roses are looking amazing with loads of new good growth and buds appearing, the garden should be wonderful in two to three weeks. The birds are also enjoying the cooler days and feasting on the Salvia blooms that grace the gardens at this time of the year and are wonderful amongst the roses.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next item is our archive sorting day, and as discussed this day is for members who are interested in assisting in compiling what to keep on our archive records.

#### **Wednesday 30 April at 10.00am - ARCHIVE SORTING DAY at Falls Farm, Cagney Way, Lesmurdie**

It is not a normal meeting day.

#### **We have deferred the CONSTITUTION DOCUMENT MEETING**

which was to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, as we realise we have two other Heritage Rose commitments in May and feel a third is too many.

This meeting will be rescheduled shortly.

#### **Sunday 18 May at 11am - KNOWLEDGE AND CUTTING DAY at Jan Eastmans 94 Forest Crescent, Thornlie**

This is our fun day of taking cuttings from the garden and potting them with the hope that they will grow. A number of members who took cuttings last year have had success and the plants have grown so well they have been planted in their gardens.

**Perth Heritage Roses will provide:** Pots, cutting mix/ soil, hormone powder and rose tags. **You will need to bring:** Secateurs, a plate of food to share with members over lunch. We also encourage you to bring cuttings from your garden to share with members. You will need to take pencil thick stems in the morning of the meeting and ensure they are kept very moist in damp paper or cloth.

#### **Sunday 25 May at 9.00am - BUSY BEE' at FALLS FARM**

We encourage members to attend our Busy Bees and help weed the rose beds and tidy up the rose gardens, all help is appreciated. We aim to be finished by lunch.

## PREVIOUS EVENTS HELD THIS YEAR

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March talk by Jan Eastman on PIERRE-JOSEPH REDOUTE "THE MAN WHO PAINTED ROSES"

The talk was based on the book written by Antonia Ridge being the life story of Pierre-Joseph Redoute'.

It started from his childhood where he loved to roam the forests with the Monk Dom Hickman who introduced him to The Apothecary Rose and from here his love developed for roses and how he yearned to paint them.

It was an amazing story of the young Redoute' starting out at aged 13, he walked his way from village to village painting to earn his bread and bed for the night. Eventually painting and spending time in the beautiful gardens of Malmaison with Empress Josephine.

The talk was accompanied by a PowerPoint slideshow of the different stages of his life, it included images of roses he had painted alongside the same rose that grew in Jan's garden. It was a very interesting and had a lot of wonderful historical detail.



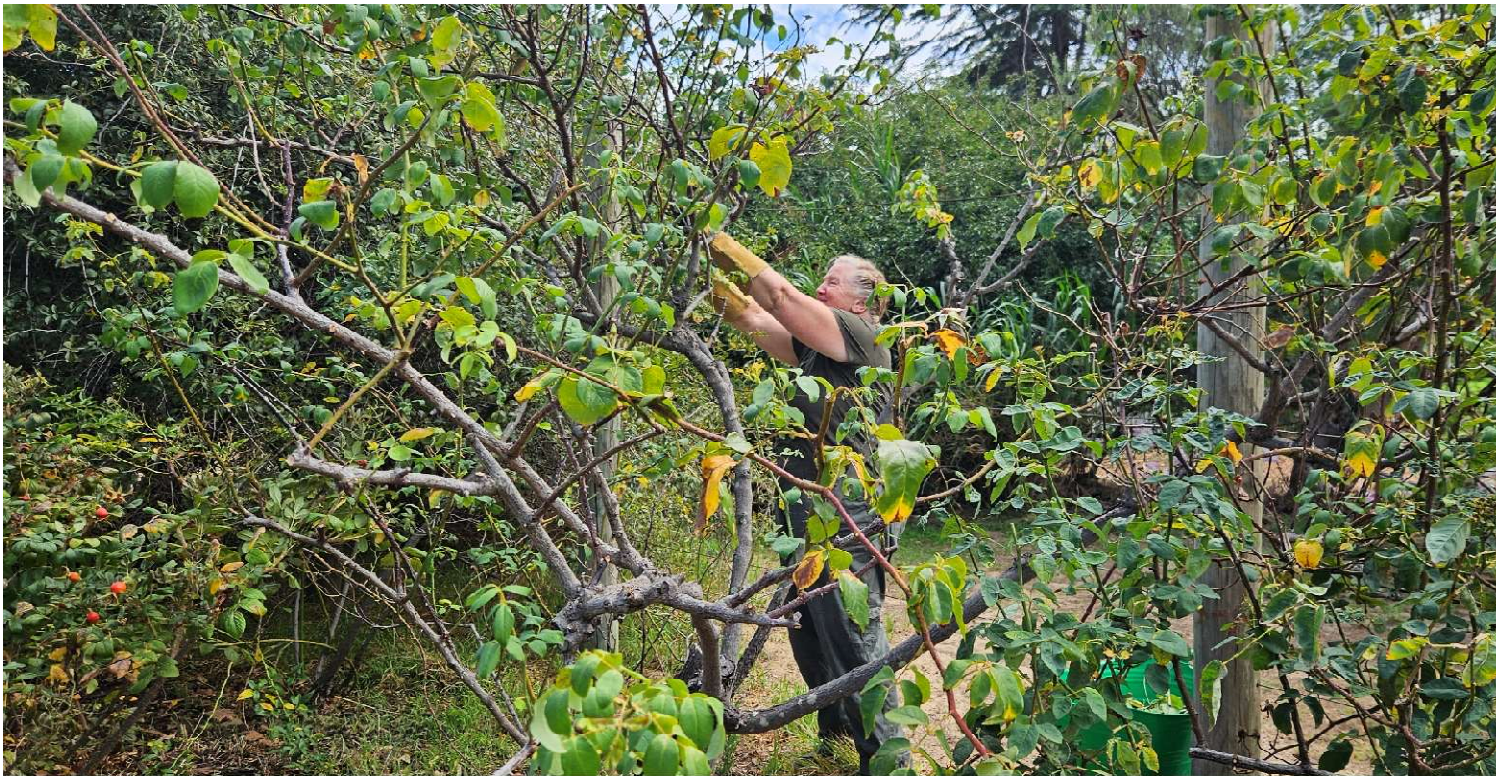


## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 'BUSY BEE' at FALLS FARM

A number of members gathered at Falls Farm to deadhead and tidy up the rose gardens.

It was a fun day with lots of hard work but the chatter amongst the members was jovial with many members sharing tips on caring for the roses with other members who weren't as familiar with the process.

We have planned four of these type of busy bee meetings during the year to ensure the roses continue to wow all who view them. A big thank you to those who attended.





## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2025 HRiA CONFERENCE - TOOWOOMBA, QUEENSLAND

The biennial HRiA Conference this year is being held in Toowoomba, Queensland from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October. However if you are flying from Perth you will need to fly on 16 October and stay the night in Brisbane. The Ibis Airport Hotel is the best place to stay to be ready for the pickup from the airport on Friday at 10.30am by the conference bus to start the tour. Note - the Ibis is filling up quickly so don't leave it too late to book. Perth flights do not arrive in Brisbane until after midday so you would miss the bus. The conference also finishes late on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, therefore you will need to stay in Toowoomba on the Monday night. You will then need to book a bus, cost \$50 from Toowoomba on Tuesday morning, 21 October to take you to the Brisbane airport to fly home.

An outline of the Conference is in the Summer 2024 Journal, Page 9, with more concise information to follow in the Autumn 2025 Journal out soon. Or you can go to the Heritage Roses in Australia Website and all the information is there. NOTE when booking in Toowoomba at either of the two Hotels they suggest to ring them and state you will be staying for the Heritage Rose Conference, then you receive a 10% discount.

A number of members are already speaking of making the trip and it would be great if a large group from Perth make the journey. Think about it!

Toowoomba is known as the 'garden city' of Queensland.

### LIBRARY

The Library is open before and after each meeting for you to choose a book. A full list of the books in the Library are on the [www.heritagerosesperth.org](http://www.heritagerosesperth.org) site (top right-hand corner) and also inside the Library cupboard door. Before the holidays some of you selected book/s from the Library, please bring them with you to the next meeting you attend in 2025 (then you can choose another book!). Thank you. Linley will be on hand to help if you have any queries. Do take advantage of using the Library as there is quite a comprehensive range of heritage roses books available to you.

### A FEW REMINDERS

1. You are required to sign the Attendance Book at **ALL** organized HRiA events for insurance purposes – this includes meetings at Falls Farm and outside events (garden visits, parks, restaurants, trips, etc).
2. New name badges are available at the next meeting at Falls Farm. They have only your Christian name and HRiA Perth Region underneath in small print. Also as a gift we have ordered some beautiful Lanyards with roses and HRiA Perth Region written on them. You must be a Financial Member to receive one and please take care of them as they will not be replaced. Ensure you wear them to all meetings – we're all guilty of leaving our badges at home or in the car glove box at times – please try and remember to put yours on. This is really helpful for new members and those that can't remember people's names.

Happy gardening,  
The Committee



*"The organization was formed to bring together people who love and collect old roses, the roses of antiquity and the survivors from Australian colonial gardens"*