



Heritage Roses in Australia

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SURVIVING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

School holidays are so much fun! Loved by the children! Dreaded by the oldies! For young families juggling school holidays is a major challenge for working parents. Grandparents are often a crucial lifeline. Family members often share care by alternating days or taking grand children on excursions.

Not sure who is on active grand parent duty this school holidays! Taking the grand children on excursions is a great way to 'spice up your life' and to bond with our grand children. It is also important to balance activities and set boundaries to avoid burnout.

Grandparents are providing more practical childcare than ever, with experts noting a rise in intergenerational care and 'Gramping'. Our family has been 'Gramping' (grandparent-led camping trips) for over a decade and we can recommend it! However, experts emphasize that looking after children is extremely tiring.

To make the holiday break joyful and manageable for everyone:

- **Plan budget-friendly outings:** Spots like Whiteman Park or Bell's Rapids offer a great mix of space for the kids to roam and relaxing environments for grandparents.
- **Embrace low-stress activities:** You don't have to pack the calendar. Get active in the garden, cook something, visit a museum, a libraries or even free shopping centre events! A 'magical box' of old dress-ups at home is often the biggest hit!
- **Set clear boundaries:** Set ground rules! Grandparents or other family members shouldn't feel pressured to become full-time entertainers, and it's perfectly fine for kids to experience boredom or for grandparents to stick to their own routines.
- **Gardening** – There is nothing better than spending time in your garden with your grandchildren, they love it even more than you. Young minds are where we start to teach them about the wonders of gardening, they love to get their hands dirty and plant some seeds or plants and look for worms. Go to a nursery and buy a rose with them and plant it together, let them help you nurture it and one day they may become heritage rose lovers and be our next generation of leaders.



UPCOMING EVENTS

BUSY BEE at FALLS FARM

Date: Tuesday 14 July 2026

Time: Commencing at 9.00am – 12noon

We would love as many people as possible to attend this meeting to keep the gardens at Falls Farm looking tops. Please bring along your secateurs, gloves, rubbish bins, rakes and whatever you think you may need. It is fun working together!



DAMASK & BOURBON ROSES
COME & LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE GLORIOUS ROSES .
SPEAKERS: JAN EASTMAN & LYNNE CHAPMAN.
Date: Sunday 19 July 2026
Time: 11am
Address: Falls Farm, Cagney Way, Lesmurdie.
Please bring a **plate of food** to share with members for lunch.



DAMASK & BOURBON ROSES

Hosted by **Perth Heritage Roses**

Date: Sunday, 19 July 2026

Location: Falls Farm, Cagney Way, Lesmurdie

Time: Registration at 11:00am | Talk begins at 11:15am

Entry Fee: \$5 (includes a raffle ticket to win a Heritage Rose!)

Guest Speakers:

Jan Eastman on Damask roses & Lynne Chapman on Bourbon Roses

Come and learn more about these two amazing rose groups that do well in our Perth climate. The talk will be accompanied by beautiful photos.



PRUNING DAY at FALLS FARM:

Date: Sunday 2 August 2026

Time: Commencing at 9.00am – 12noon

Lunch: Soup & Buns!

This is our yearly event and a time to come together to prune and care for our roses at Falls Farm. It is always a highlight with members joining together working in the cool of Winter knowing that the warmer days are to come and looking forward to a wonderful flush of glorious old roses in the Spring. As usual we make this a soup and bun lunch so if you can help with making a soup or bringing something can you please contact Tina Mercado on either 0437 125 747 or email tinamercado49@hotmail.com

TALK BY KAREN DAVEY

Date: Sunday 16 August 2026

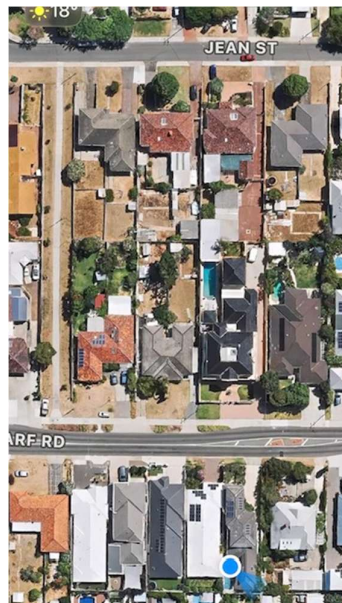
Time: 11am

Place: Karen's home – 139 Clontarf Road, Hamilton Hill – MEMBERS ONLY

Lunch: Bring a plate to share

Karen visited Meissen Porcelain Manufactory in Germany in 2010 and was given permission to take some photos of the massive historical collection over three floors of the new five story building, built to mark the 300th anniversary that year. Her interests of course were the old roses painted on the porcelain from the collection. Karen will show some of them to you when you visit her home for this talk.

PARKING: It would great if people could travel together to save on car parking space. There is plenty of parking in Jean Street. There is a walkway over the road from my place to walk thru. It will take 5 mins. If unsure, please phone Karen on 0407 221 860. Karen's home is the blue dot on the map and look out for the tall rose bushes.



PREVIOUS EVENTS HELD THIS YEAR

How fortunate were we to listen to Chris Theunissen giving a captivating talk on the book "Where the Old Roses Grow". He spoke on how Vita Sackville-West who along with her husband Harold Nicholson designed and planted the garden at Sissinghurst and other people at that time battled along during the wartime years to bring beauty to England. A great talk Chris and we look forward to hearing from you again in the future.



LOOKING AHEAD:

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2027:

Date: Thursday 11 November 2027 - Registration & Welcome Dinner

Thursday 15th November 2027 - Farewell Dinner

Location: ARMIDALE, NSW

Line up your plant sitter! Planning is underway for HRIA's 17 National Conference to be held in Armidale, NSW. Hosted by members of the Sydney Group, led by Conference Coordinator Glennis Clark. Armidale's cool temperate climate is perfect for rose growing and our Conference is timed to coincide with peak bloom. There is sure to be something for everyone! Informative lectures, tours of gorgeous gardens, old friends, new friends and luscious country catering. More details to follow.

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"