



## Heritage Roses in Australia

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Spring has arrived and although we have seen very little sunshine to date nobody would be complaining as the dams should be filling with the amount of rain we have had over the last couple of months. Unfortunately the aphids are also loving this weather and are out in their hordes enjoying sucking on the new rose shoots.

We have a couple of very interesting events coming in the next couple of months. First is 'Afternoon Tea in Jan's Rose Garden' in October. You do need to reply, as it is a seated event (if you don't there may not be a place for you at the table!) Please let Jan know by the 16<sup>th</sup> October (details below).

**AFTERNOON TEA AMONGST THE ROSES  
IN JAN EASTMAN'S GARDEN  
94 FOREST CRESCENT  
THORNLIE  
2.00PM Sunday 23 October 2022**



You are invited to view the roses in Jan's garden then enjoy afternoon with all things roses. Please bring a small plate of food to share. It is a seated event so please RSVP so as not to miss out



RSVP [janeastman2@yahoo.com.au](mailto:janeastman2@yahoo.com.au) - 0400013885

This year we are trying something different for our Christmas Sundowner and instead of holding the event in a member's garden and with the later commencement time, we have decided to hold the Christmas Sundowner at the 'Rose and Crown' Hotel in Guildford where we have booked a separate room just for our group. Details are below and once again you will have to RSVP to Jan by **21<sup>st</sup> November** for us to inform the hotel of how many will be attending. Also let Jan know if your partner is attending. The dinner is \$60 per person plus drinks.

We request that you pay Bob our Treasurer your \$60pp by 21<sup>st</sup> November (BSB 036 035 Account No. 472133) so that we can pay as a group, then you pay for your drinks on the night.

**CHRISTMAS SUNDOWNER  
ROSE & CROWN HOTEL  
GUILDFORD  
SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 5PM**



You and your partner are invited to join the Perth Heritage Roses to celebrate another year learning about the beautiful old roses that we all love so dearly and now to wind down to celebrate the Christmas season. The event will take place in the room called "The Chapel". Set menu at \$60 per person plus drinks. RSVP as the Hotel need to know the exact numbers.



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## GARDEN CLUBS AND SOCIETIES FAIR

A very big 'Thank You' to all who helped on our stall at the Fair – Jos Henley, Constance Paul, Barbara Jakuszewsk, Janet Rowe, Lea Newing, Lynne Chapman, Wendy Russell, Jan Eastman, Joan Tait and Kate Walker who volunteered for both days. Bob Henley was unfortunately laid up as he had 19 stitches in his leg after coming off 'second best' whilst working on his vintage car on the Friday – hope it is healing OK Bob.

Feedback has been that everyone thoroughly enjoyed their time helping out. We were once again very successful in the items we sold and made the most money we have at any fair so, a big thank you to all who contributed.



A preview of the last meeting –

## **FRENCH PERFUME, CHINA TEA AND A REALLY GOOD BOOK**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August at Falls Farm**

What a wonderful day it was, to have three exceptional speakers at the one time talking on heritage roses. Everyone was so enthralled you could have heard a pin drop, as we absorbed all the information.

The day began with morning tea served in one of the front rooms, followed by a Welcome from Jan to everyone and then Deryn Thorpe gave a brief outline of the tour she will guide when visiting France and England in June/July next year. For more information visit [www.travelrite.com.au](http://www.travelrite.com.au). There are many beautiful rose gardens to see on this trip.

Our first speaker for the day was Ailsa Allen who spoke on the old roses, where they originated back in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, their popularity with the French nobility from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, their breeding and their beautiful perfume which is still so prized today. She then went on to speaking on Portland roses and their beauty and that there are not many of these left today.

After a short break to stretch our legs, Di Durston spoke on Tea roses which can be traced back many centuries to today where it is so important for us to save these beautiful roses with collectors from around the world trying their utmost to save the Tea roses. Also the problems with the same Tea rose having many names in different parts of the world.

We then stopped for a while to give ourselves time to take-in all the information, enjoy lunch with many eating outside in the sunshine, peruse the books in the Library which was very popular and in the other front room visit the stall with its cards, aprons, bags, honey (thank you Pauline Milazzo), plant seeds, etc, a great success and would like to thank people who bought "goodies".

Our final speaker for the day was Lynne Chapman on how the book 'Tea Roses, Old Roses for Warm Gardens' came to fruition. It began in the 1990's before internet making it much harder for the 6 authors, namely Lynne Chapman, Di Durston, Jenny Jones, Noelene Drage, Hillary Merrifield and Billy West, to connect easily with one another. They shared the workload writing to interstate and overseas people for information by 'snail' mail, grew lots of different roses to make comparisons and were lucky enough to have large gardens and 2 farms at hand. They found problems with names of roses as some had different names in different countries. The book is very detailed on each Tea rose, a huge effort to master. The book was published in 2008, is completely sold out and to buy on the internet is very expensive. A very successful book by 6 talented West Australian women!





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## WA ROSE SOCIETY FAIR

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**At South Perth Civic Centre, South Perth**

The WA Rose Society Fair is fast approaching and we would appreciate it if you could volunteer to assist on our stall at the above Fair. It's always popular with both rose enthusiasts and people just beginning on their roses adventure and would like to learn more about roses.

The times are:

**Saturday** 1.00pm to 3.00pm  
3.00pm to 5.00pm

**Sunday** 10.00am to 12.00 noon  
12.00 noon to 2.00pm

Two volunteers are required for each session. If you are able to help out could you please contact Jan (m) 0400 013 885 or [janeastman2@yahoo.com.au](mailto:janeastman2@yahoo.com.au)  
We already have one volunteer on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>, for the 1.00pm to 3.00pm session.

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## FUTURE EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Events and meetings that are to follow in the coming months and for you to write in your diary now. All meetings at Falls Farm will begin at 11.00am unless otherwise stated.

- A Friday in late September/early October** Proposed Day Trip to Northam. Date to be confirmed
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>, October** WA Rose Society Fair in South Perth. We would appreciate it if you are able to assist on our stall  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>: 1.00pm to 5.00pm  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>: 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Entry: \$?
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.00pm** Afternoon Tea in Jan's Rose Garden in Thornlie  
**RSVP** to Jan required.
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am** Talk on "Falls Farm History" by Pauline Tonkin
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm** Our 'Christmas Sundowner' – 'Rose and Crown' Hotel, Guildford at 5.00pm. **RSVP** to Jan required.

Below are a few more events happening in and around Perth –

- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October** Kelmscott Agricultural Society Show  
Rushton Park, River Road, Kelmscott  
Fri. 4.00pm - 9.00pm Sat. 9.00am – 6.00pm
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** Geranium & Pelargonium Society Plant Sale  
Cnr Stock & Kitchener Roads, Melville  
9.00am to 12 noon.  
Entry: \$2.00
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** Kalamunda & Districts Agricultural Society Show  
Kalamunda Ag. Hall, Canning Road, Kalamunda  
Time & Entry: ?
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October** Perth Garden and Outdoor Living Festival  
Langley Park  
10.00am to 4.00pm

Happy gardening,

The Committee

