



## Heritage Roses in Australia

### Perth Region

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As I write, Autumn has arrived and it started with the most beautiful, pleasant weather however we are warming up far too much this week. Overall, here in Perth our Summer has not been too bad. We have experienced several high 30's and a couple of 40-degree heat days but it has not been for long stretches and there have been cooler days in-between. I have noticed my garden has coped much better this Summer and at this stage I can't work out if it is because our Summer was milder, I use predator bugs in my garden or that I spray the roses everyday with water. All I know is they have done well and I have loads of new growth and many of the roses have excelled. I also know that the insects and birds are so grateful that there are no pesticides in the garden and I am sure the roses are better without the chemical sprays.

Our Annual General and General Business Meetings took place on February 15 and it was so pleasing to see so many members present. At the conclusion of both meetings a slideshow of our activities throughout 2025 set to music was shown and enjoyed by everyone on the new large TV screen. It was great to watch members stay on for our lunch, mingling and enjoying each other's company.

The following members were elected to form the committee for this year;

Coordinator	Jan Eastman
Secretary	Kate Walker
Treasurer	Melisa Hillman
Editor/New Member Liaison	Pam Rosenbaum
Events and Displays	Janet Rowe
Librarian	Linley Vogel
Webmaster	Abigail Hall
Hospitality Leader	Tina Mercado
Hospitality Assistant	Margaret McKenzie
Hospitality Assistant	Jymmi Davis
Falls Farm	Pauline Tonkin
Araluen Botanic Park	Lynne Chapman
	Billy West

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The Minutes of both meetings, plus the Coordinator's and Treasurer's Reports were emailed to you on 24 February 2026.



### **PLANT & GARDEN FAIR at South Perth on 21&22 February**

Thank you to the members that assisted at the stall, supplied plants, seeds, and all sorts of goodies which was very successful. The best part is that Sue Isles visited our table and joined as a member. Please make her welcome.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **'BUSY BEE' at FALLS FARM on Tuesday 10 MARCH Commencing at 9.00am – 12noon**

As discussed at the General Meeting in February we have rostered Busy Bees at Falls Farm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. We would love as many people as possible to attend these meetings 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 to work together.

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

#### **Talk by Kate Walker – "Rose Gardens of England"**

**11am at Falls Farm, Cagney Way, Lesmurdie (Lunch to follow)**

If you love English gardens, then this talk is just what you are waiting for. It will encompass rose gardens that Kate visited last year during the English Summer. Invite your friends as there will be wonderful photos to accompany the talk. Please bring a plate of food to share with members for lunch after the talk.

### **RAFFLE TICKETS – ROSE ATLAS BOOK \$5**

The raffle will be drawn at the meeting on 15 March, you may purchase tickets at the door on your arrival. This book was donated to us from the National Conference.

### **ROSES FOR SALE - \$20**

I will have 6 roses for sale at the March meeting. They are two different roses from cuttings I took at Seamus Johnson's "Mostly Roses" garden last Autumn. The roses are "Nazomi" a light pink small single petalled bloom flowering in clusters. It is a small climbing or spreading rose and SPRING flowering only. The other rose is "Katie Pianto/The Balmain Rose" found in South Australia. It is a Rambler/climber rose. Blooms are white to cream and SPRING flowering only. Both are unique roses and are not sold in nurseries.

There will be another sale at either our June or July meeting where I will have some other roses and Lynne Chapman has a lovely lot to sell.

### **Sunday 19 April 2026**

#### **An Autumn Garden in Janet Rowe's Garden**

**10am in Floreat**

More information to follow in the next newsletter.

Here are a few more photos from the Garden and Plant Fair in February.



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"*