



Heritage Roses in Australia

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Autumn has arrived and the leaves are turning red, orange & gold. What a spectacle! Autumn acts as a mirror for our lives, signaling that change is not only inevitable but can be beautiful and necessary for growth. It teaches us to let go of what we no longer need and to embrace maturity and find the value in a slower pace where we can rest and cease our striving for 100% productivity.

As the trees shed their leaves to prepare for winter, autumn encourages us to release old habits and regrets. It teaches us that falling is not failure, but a graceful, necessary step toward future growth.

Autumn reminds us that maturity brings a different kind of beauty. As the leaves show their 'true colours' only after they stop producing chlorophyll, so we often show our true wisdom and character later in life

As the days get shorter and the air gets cooler, slow down! Give yourself permission to rest and re-evaluate your goals and direction. Autumn says; I am 'perfectly imperfect'. I am resilient, grateful and accept life's changes.

FALLS FARM FIRST BUSY BEE FOR THE YEAR

As you are aware we decided at our AGM that we will hold a Busy Bee at Falls Farm every second Tuesday of the month to help maintain the gardens there to keep them looking wonderful. Six energetic ladies turned up for the first Busy Bee and what a wonderful time we had together. It was a perfect Autumn Day making it so pleasant to work amongst the roses, deadheading, weeding and tidying up in general. We stopped to have morning tea on the verandah overlooking the gardens and what a fun time that was, I think everyone was trying to outdo the other with snakes, frogs and other scary things that had happened to them until I decided to break up the merry party and get back to work. We look forward to more good times in the garden.





KATE WALKER'S PRESENTATION: ROSE GARDENS OF ENGLAND

What a treat we had last month ! Thank you Kate for sharing your beautiful 'English Garden Experience' with all of us. Kate took us along with her through the photos capturing the roses and the beautiful settings of the gardens and she provided great information about each place which was both informative and interesting. We loved your talk and all that you shared.



NEW MEMBERS:

We have two new HRIA members;

Sue Isles, who joined up as a result of attending the Garden & Plant Fair in February, and **Rachel Roe**. Please make them very welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

'BUSY BEE' at FALLS FARM

Date: Tuesday 14 APRIL

Time: Commencing at 9.00am – 12noon

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 and bring some morning tea along with some fun stories to share.

JANET ROWE'S AUTUMN GARDEN VISIT:

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

Date: Sunday 19th April 2026

Time: 10am

Address: 2 West Lorne Street, Floreat

(Lunch to follow)

If you love to stroll in a beautiful garden, then Janet's Autumn Garden Visit is just what you have been waiting for, it will be a wonderful day. **Please note it will start at 10am NOT 11am.** Please bring a **plate of food** to share with members for lunch. Meeting Fee \$5.00.

ROSE CUTTING DAY:

Date: Sunday 3rd May

Time: 11am

Address: 94 Forest Crescent, Thornlie.

Our President, Jan Eastman, will run this fun day. It will be an opportunity to share knowledge, learn new skills, exchange cuttings & have some fun together.

What you need to Bring: Your secateurs, gloves,

What will be supplied: Pots, Pot Mix, Pop-Stick Name Tags.

Please bring a **plate of food** to share with members for lunch. Meeting Fee \$5.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Rose Encyclopedia

A raffle will be drawn at our next meeting at Falls Farm, 21 June.

Purchase your tickets, \$5.00 at the door on your arrival or you can also purchase them at Janet's Open Garden.

If you have any queries or ideas, feel free to contact Jan –
email perthregionhria@gmail.com or (m) 0400 013 885

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"