



## Heritage Roses in Australia

### Perth Region

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN MAY!

Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908 and established by Anna Jarvis who wanted to honor her own mother. It became a US national holiday six years later. Today, Mother's Day is celebrated in 168 countries around the world.

This day recognises Mothers and other 'Mother Figures' in our lives. Grandmothers, stepmothers, mother-in-law's, adoptive mothers, foster mothers, aunts, teachers, older sisters, 'would-be' mothers, family friends or even 'chosen' family members! You do not have to give birth to a person to become a wonderful 'Mother Figure' in someone else's life! This day is an inclusive celebration of maternal love.

This cherished tradition honours the incredible role Mums have in our lives. It's a day filled with love, gratitude, and family gatherings.

Australians typically celebrate by showering their Mums with gifts, cards, and flowers to express their love and appreciation. Maybe breakfast in bed, homemade gifts from children or family gatherings.

So, what do us 'older mums' really want?

1. We want quality time with our kids! We don't really care what we do. Take a day trip, watch a movie or simply relax together and enjoy each other's company.
2. We want the family to be together. Come home, cook my favourite meal and play cards afterwards. Or get in the car and take me on a picnic!

That's all I want for 'The Second Sunday in May!'

But then there are some Mum's who enjoy a big bouquet of old roses or even an old rose to plant in your garden and you never forget that child who gave it to you.



## JANET ROWE's AUTUMN GARDEN VISIT: April 2026

What a glorious day we had to visit Janet's Garden - and what a wonderful treat was in store for us all! Janet's garden is beautifully shaded and is a delightful mix of heritage and modern roses, magnificent strelitzia, a vegetable patch, bromeliads, succulents and even a worm farm!! This beautiful garden is the result of tireless effort and a true labour of love over the years. Thank you Janet for sharing your lovely garden with us all.





## PROPOGATION/ROSE CUTTING DAY - JAN EASTMAN'S GARDEN: May 2026

What a wonderful fun day we had together with Jan, in her lovely garden. Wishing you every success in getting some new roses to grow for your own gardens. What a great opportunity to share our knowledge, learn new skills and exchange cuttings and to preserve our precious heritage roses for future generations to enjoy. It is so good that our club supports these knowledge sharing activities in supplying Pots, Pot Mix, Pop-Stick Name Tags etc. I hope you got one of Jan's lovely roses that were for sale on the day! Photos are Chris enjoying the process of taking cuttings and the group enjoying lunch and time to chat roses after a busy morning selecting rose cuttings to hopefully grow in their gardens.



## **NEW MEMBER:**

We have another new HRIA member;  
Annie Kavanagh. Please make her feel very welcome. Annie made this beautiful cake for our Cutting Day.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **BUSY BEE at FALLS FARM**

**Date: Tuesday 9 June**

**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!

### **BOOK REVIEWS by CHRIS THEUNISSEN**

**'WHERE the OLD ROSES GROW' & 'BATTLE for BEAUTY DURING WARTIME'**

**Date: Sunday 21 June**

**Time: 11am**

**Address: Falls Farm, Cagney Way, Lesmurdie.**

Please bring a **plate of food** to share with members for lunch.

### **BOURBON & DAMASK ROSES**

**Talk to be given by Lynne Chapman & Jan Eastman**

**Date: Sunday 19 July**

**Time: 11am**

**Address: Falls Farm, Cagney Way, Lesmurdie.**

Come and hear about these two beautiful variety of roses with ladies that have a passion for growing them.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:**

A raffle will be drawn at our next meeting at Falls Farm, 21 June.  
Purchase your tickets at the door on your arrival.

If you have any queries or ideas, feel free to contact Jan –  
email [perthregionhria@gmail.com](mailto: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"*