

# Perth Region Newsletter No. 10 November 2023

November '23 has arrived with its typical Perth spring weather – rain, storm, cold or heat and sometimes all in one day! Although we could have done with more rain this spring. We must enjoy these days as soon it will be very hot and one will be standing out in the heat with hat and sunscreen on watering very thirsty gardens.

Our next meeting is NEXT **WEDNESDAY** with a visit to Pinjarra Heritage Rose Gardens

# WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER at 11.00am PINJARRA HERITAGE ROSE GARDENS

#### **Note from Lynn Chapman**

Hi Jan, just a note for people travelling to Pinjarra via Kwinana Freeway/Forrest Highway. There is a sign just before the Pinjarra Road turnoff saying 'Roadworks on Pinjarra Road, use Greenlands Road'. There are roadworks but they are just before the junction with S W Highway and it <u>is quicker and still easy to access the rose garden in Henry Street and the town centre by taking the Pinjarra Road turnoff and following the signed detour to the left just before the roadworks.</u>

This outing is a 'Drive Your Own Car' – or carpool with another member/s, or if you like bring a friend with you for the day.

Wait at the front archway of the gardens where we will all meet then wander through the gardens together.

We will conclude the day with lunch (at your expense) at one of the cafes in Pinjarra.

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#### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON at 12 noon**

## SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER at PADBURY RESTAURANT SWAN STREET, GUILDFORD

We will finish our year this time with a Christmas Luncheon instead of a Sundowner.

The Christmas Luncheon will be held at the 'Padbury' Restaurant in Swan Street, Guildford where we have <u>booked table/s for our group</u>.

You need to RSVP to **Jan** by **24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** for us to inform the restaurant of how many will be attending.

You are welcome to bring your partner – but please, <u>let Jan know your partner will be</u> attending – perthregionhria@gmail.com

The dinner is \$65.00 per person, plus buy your own drinks.

We request that you pay Bob, our Treasurer your \$65pp by **25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** as the account will be paid as a lump sum.

Bank details: BSB 036 035 Account No. 472133

Please place your - Surname and Xmas Event - beside the payment

Pay for your drinks separately on the day.

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## A REVIEW OF OUR GARDEN VISIT AND LUNCH IN OCTOBER FLORENCE McRAE'S GARDEN IN CANNING VALE

Our last visit in October was to Florence's beautiful garden with its surprises and delights around every corner. The weather was kind to us, slightly overcast, calm and cool which was so good as there was so much to see and absorb. We began the day with Florence giving a brief outline (with photos) of how Gordon and she came to purchase the property and then the improvements they made over the years from a couple of large Paperbark trees to the beautiful garden it is today. We then took a leisurely walk around the garden with Florence who with secateurs in hand snipping off cuttings as people requested them, finishing with lunch either inside or outside.

















## A REVIEW OF THE TRIP DOWN SOUTH THURSDAY 9th and FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER

## TO NEWLANDS, BRIDGETOWN, QUININNUP, PEMBERTON AND KIRUP

It was a very early morning start on a brisk overcast Thursday especially for those boarding the bus at South Perth before picking up the remainder of the group at Armadale, then it was off down south!

Our first stop was 'Mostly Roses' at Newlands owned by Seamus Johnston, a most magnificent rose garden, brimming with roses of all colours. The initial viewing is quite overwhelming as some of the roses are huge, but once one started walking among them it was amazing how many beautiful small roses were also there.











'Wedding Day'

'Green Ice'



The next stop was Bridgetown for lunch in a café and then a visit to Bridgetown Nursery which was brimming with plants, some of which you do not see in Perth as they purchase some of their plants from nearby people. It may be small but is worth a visit with rare and unusual plants and the added bonus of small blue wrens flitting around.

Back on the bus to Quininnup to visit Pauline and Mark Milazzo's farm which has been in the family for 100+ years with rose and camellia plants of the same vintage. By now it was late afternoon and starting to cool down and we were greeted with tea, coffee, scones, jam and cream and yummies before touring around the garden, nearby sheds and old homes – a property full of history and beauty.







'Crimson Rambler'





It was then a short drive from Quininnup to Pemberton for our overnight stay at the Pemberton Hotel where the accommodation and meals (dinner and breakfast) were most satisfactory and the service was done with a smile.



Next morning we started heading back towards Perth with a couple of stops on the way. The first was at Kirup where we were greeted by Chris and Leigh Wilson who told us of their home and gardens set on 5 acres whilst we had morning tea. The backdrop to the gardens were the majestic trees in all different coloured foliage that towered over the gardens full of flowers including roses, fuschias, daisies, daylilies, protea and the list goes on with interesting hard structures some of which were quite quirky and all fascinating.















'Veilchenblau'

The one and half hours passed very quickly before we were back on the bus heading to Boyanup for a visit to Rustic French Living, the Craft shop and an interesting Op shop before a quick lunch. Then it was to Armadale to drop of some of the members before finishing at South Perth.





A very big 'Thank You' to Jan and Melisa who organized the trip.

Also to Mark our bus driver who made sure everything ran on time, drove safely, had no lost luggage and the plants were well looked after and everyone we visited who made us so welcome and the Pemberton Hotel staff.

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### **PERTH HRIA EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR 2023**

It's nearly the end of 2023 but just a reminder that there are still 2 more events for members this year.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** Drive your own car trip to Pinjarra Heritage Rose

Gardens meeting at 11.00am, followed by lunch

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon End of year LUNCH

To be held at Padbury Restaurant

Swan Street, Guildford

<u>Cost</u> \$65.00 per person (buy your own drinks)

Email Jan and let her know you are

attending perthregionhria@gmail.com

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Happy gardening -

The Committee

