



Heritage Roses in Australia

Perth Region

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AUGUST AT ARALUEN!

Araluen is a park very close to our hearts.

Each Spring the Araluen Botanical Park bursts into colour as more than 250,000 tulips and 50,000 spring bulbs transform the valley into a floral wonderland.

It all starts with 300,000 tulip bulbs to plant! Volunteers are invited each year to participate in this event! It's fun and rewarding for anyone who would like to be involved. Araluen prides itself on spectacular beauty and preservation of Heritage.

Our Heritage Rose Garden within Araluen Botanical Park is an example of the preservation of Heritage. The Araluen Heritage Roses are lovingly tended by our dedicated members and it is an absolute delight. Speak with Lynne Chapman if you would like to assist on Thursday mornings.

OUR LATEST EVENTS

JAN EASTMAN & LYNNE CHAPMAN'S TALK: Damask & Bourbon Roses – 19th July 2026

Both these old roses grow well in our Perth region. Jan spoke on her love for Damask roses and how they grow and Lynne spoke on the Bourbon roses. Both talks were accompanied by many beautiful photos of these roses.





Quatre Saisons – Damask



Souvenir de la Malmaison – Bourbon

Karen Davey also gave a short tribute to the late Gwen Fagan who was a very prominent member in Heritage Roses and resided in South Africa. Gwen wrote a beautiful book called “Roses at the Cape of Good Hope” and this book is in our library. She also gave permission for our group to use one of her photos from this book as the photo that shows on our banner that we use at Fairs.





The Tribute placed on our Heritage Roses Facebook page

PRUNING DAY at FALLS FARM:

Date: Sunday 2 August 2026

A huge thank you to the members who came to our pruning day. It was an extremely chilly start, but it warmed up and the amount of work that was achieved was amazing. enormous effort! Thanks to those who donated towards morning tea and lunch, what a fabulous soup and buns day it was. A big thank you to Tina and Joan for putting the morning tea and lunch together for us.

Jan has brought home two wooden chopping boards, a sharp knife and Penny's Tupperware container with the left-over biscuits. Please let me know if the boards and knife are yours. Once again, another big thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

BUSY BEE at FALLS FARM

Date: Tuesday 11 August 2026

Time: Commencing at 9.00am – 12noon

We would love as many people as possible to attend this meeting to try and finish the pruning. Please bring along your secateurs, gloves, rubbish bins, rakes and whatever you think you may need. It is fun working together!

ANTIQUÉ ROSES PAINTED ON MEISSEN PORCELAIN & GARDEN WALK:

Karen Davey's Garden

Date: Sunday 16 August 2026

Time: 11am

Place: Karen's home – 139 Clontarf Road, Hamilton Hill – MEMBERS ONLY

Lunch: Bring a plate to share

Karen visited Meissen Porcelain Manufactory in Germany in 2010 and was given permission to take some photos of the massive historical collection over three floors of the new five story building, built to mark the 300th anniversary that year. Her interests of course were the old roses painted on the porcelain from the collection. Karen will show some of them to you when you visit her home for this talk.

PARKING: It would great if people could travel together to save on car parking space. There is plenty of parking in Jean Street. There is a walkway over the road from my place to walk thru. It will take 5 mins. If unsure, please phone Karen on 0407 221 860. Karen's home is the blue dot on the map and look out for the tall rose bushes.



A COUNTRY GARDEN VISIT

Penny Morgan's Garden

Date: Sunday 13 September 2026

Time: 11am

Place: Penny's home – Gidgegannup – MEMBERS ONLY

Lunch: Bring a plate to share

More details in our next Newsletter.

PLANT & GARDEN FAIR

South Perth

Date: Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September 2026

A Roster for you to help will be sent out by email in a couple of weeks so please consider assisting.

LOOKING AHEAD:

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2027:

Date: Thursday 11 November 2027 - Registration & Welcome Dinner

Thursday 15th November 2027 - Farewell Dinner

Location: ARMIDALE, NSW

Line up your plant sitter! Planning is underway for HRIA's 17 National Conference to be held in Armidale, NSW. Hosted by members of the Sydney Group, led by Conference Coordinator Glennis Clark. Armidale's cool temperate climate is perfect for rose growing and our Conference is timed to coincide with peak bloom. There is sure to be something for everyone! Informative lectures, tours of gorgeous gardens, old friends, new friends and luscious country catering. More details to follow.

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"