



## Heritage Roses in Australia

Perth Region

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Welcome to 2024. We are definitely having a true Perth summer this year as it has been rather hot recently so hope the plants in your garden are surviving and you have been able to keep up the watering, with hand watering being a necessity this year with only 2 days per week for sprinklers.

Last year our Group had a full year of meetings, outings and garden visits which we would like to carry on into this year. Soon after the AGM when the new committee is selected they will meet to format a programme for this year.

If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Jan or reply return email. A survey form will also be handed around at the AGM for you to fill out.

All positions fall vacant at the beginning of the year. When you receive your Nomination Form, consider volunteering for one of the positions as new persons are always welcome on the Committee as they bring with them new ideas. If you have any queries, contact Jan by email [perthregionhria@gmail.com](mailto:perthregionhria@gmail.com) or (m) 0400 013 885

The first meeting of the year will as usual be our Annual General Meeting and General Business Meeting.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**Commencing at 11.00am at Falls Farm,**

**Cagney Way, Lesmurdie**

**(Lunch to follow)**

Agendas for 2024 and Minutes for 2023 for both meetings were emailed to you on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Nomination forms and Reports to be sent out 2 weeks before the meetings.

**Please note:** You are **not** allowed to nominate for a position **or** vote at the meetings unless you have paid your 2024 Membership (details for payment – see below)

At the conclusion of the meetings there will be a slide show of memories of 2023 accompanied by music.

Please bring a plate of food to share at lunch. Thank you.

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### **MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2024**

Membership fees for 2024 are now due (as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024) and it would be appreciated if you could renew your membership as soon as possible. You can pay online: [www.heritageroses.org.au/membership](http://www.heritageroses.org.au/membership) A form was also included in your Summer Journal which you can fill in and post to the membership secretary.

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### **GARDEN CLUBS AND SOCIETIES PLANT FAIR**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**At South Perth Community Centre, South Perth**

**Admission \$5.00 Children U16 - free**

We will be exhibiting our heritage roses at the above Fair again this year and would appreciate any assistance in manning our stall for a couple of hours.

A roster will be passed around at the AGM and we would really appreciate your help in volunteering. If you are unable to attend the meeting and you're happy to help, please reply email Gay or (m) 0422 422 298.

There will be time to take a walk around to view all the other stalls. It is not an onerous task and is actually quite enjoyable.

Saturday:	8.30 – 10.30am	Sunday:	9.00 – 10.30am
	10.30 – 12.30pm		10.30 – 12.00 noon
	12.30 – 2.30pm		12.00 noon – 2.00pm
	2.30 – 4.00pm		

Entry Desk: One person is required for 2 hours both Saturday and Sunday.

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## **PLEASE REMEMBER**

You are required to sign the attendance book at **ALL** organized HRiA events for insurance – this includes meetings at Falls Farm and outside events (garden visits, parks, restaurants, trips etc).

Also could you please wear your name badge at all of the above – we're all guilty of leaving our badges at home or in the glove box of the car at times – please try and remember to put yours on. This is really helpful for new members and those that can't remember people's names.

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## **BUDDING ROSES**

Don't forget – It's now time to get out your nifty little budding knife as roses are budded from January to March.

## **FORTUNIANA ROSE**

Do you have the Fortuniana rose growing in your garden or do you know of a person who grows this rose?

The Fortuniana rose is used as the 'stock' rose in Western Australia to bud other roses on to. We would like to start budding roses in January/February 2025 – but we require a supply of Fortuniana cuttings in May to pot up to bud a variety of heritage roses next year. When grown these roses can be sold at Fairs to help promote the beautiful heritage roses.

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## **LIBRARY**

Before the holidays some of you selected book/s from the Library. Could you please bring them with you to the AGM or the first meeting you attend in 2024 (then you can choose another book!). Thank you.

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## ROSES DISPLAY TABLE

If your garden has any signs of the 'Chilli Thrip' – please DO NOT bring in roses for display

In the past the Roses Display Table has been a great success with members but had to be discontinued for a period because of 'Chilli Thrip'. We are now trialling it again. Bring along your roses for others to view, admire and also it may help members when choosing roses for their own gardens.

Please – (i) No 'Chilli Thrip' on your roses!!

(ii) make sure your rose/s are well labelled (there is a box holding the names and description of a large number of roses which may be of assistance to you on the Display table).

(iii) if you have a rose that you have no idea what it is called and would like to know – bring it along. Maybe a member will know the name, then again it maybe a mystery to all!

(iv) specimen vases are available for you to use.

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCH at PADBURY RESTAURANT in GUILDFORD

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

2023 Christmas get together was different this year. We usually have a Sundowner later in the day but due to a lot of us not wanting to drive in the evenings we changed our event to a midday lunch. From the responses we received this was a far better option. Padbury's had a set Christmas Menu for us which was very enjoyable and we were seated at two tables towards the back of the Restaurant making it much easier to communicate with each other. Jan and Melisa made Rose Christmas Bon Bons/Crackers for each guest and once cracked opened found a Lindt chocolate and an old rose verse, each one different. Just a little something extra and a talking point.





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Look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am. Lunch is to follow, please bring a plate of food to share.

Happy gardening

The Committee

