



## Heritage Roses in Australia

Perth Region

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Covid is still being annoying and disruptive but fortunately not as much as previously.

Hopefully, we will be able to have all our meetings for the remainder of the year.

Although regulations have been relaxed somewhat we will still have seating distancing inside at Falls Farm and if you wish you are welcome to wear a mask.

Could you please ensure that at all meetings at Falls Farm you need to :

Sign the Attendance book for Insurance with HRiA

Our next meeting is on –

**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY at 11.00am at Falls Farm, Cagney Way, Lesmurdie  
CUTTING DAY**

**(ROSES ONLY FROM FALLS FARM)**

Bring a plate to share at Lunch

This is our annual 'CUTTING DAY' meeting. This year we do NOT want you to bring rose cuttings from your own garden – due to 'Chilli Thrip'.

**ALL cuttings will be taken from roses at Falls Farm – Do NOT bring any from home**

CUTTINGS FROM THE ROSES AT FALLS FARM WILL BE DONE **ONLY** BY PAULINE AND JAN

### **What to Bring -**

1. Own secateurs – (You will still need to bring your own secateurs to use when potting up your cuttings. *Please ensure you have thoroughly cleaned your secateurs beforehand.*)
2. Pots – Please bring your own pots (cleaned)
3. Gloves
4. Potting Mix – We will supply a bag of potting mix to share with members who are potting up cuttings
5. It might be an idea to bring pad and pen in case you would like to write down any information you gather during the day

## Some Hints on How to Prepare Rose Cuttings – Label Clearly

1. Using clean secateurs. Aim for cuttings of approx. pencil thickness.  
Take semi-hardwood cuttings, about 15 – 20cm long, from this season's growth, having at least 3 or 4 'eyes'.  
To find out if a stem is suitable to use for a cutting – break off a prickle.  
If a light brown patch is left it is fine, but if the patch is green, it is too soft and may rot.  
Re-cut the stem about 3mm below a node and cut off the new growth at the tip.  
Make the *bottom cut straight*, but *slant the top cut* to easily distinguish which way up the cutting is planted.
2. Trim off the leaves and side branches and remove the prickles from the bottom half of the cutting (makes handling of cuttings easier).  
Dip cuttings in a rooting powder and tap off any excess.
3. If you have many cuttings from one rose bush - bundle the cuttings into groups of 5 to 10. Keep them the same way up and the bases level.  
Bundle together at the top and bottom using rubber bands.

**NOTE:** Do NOT let cuttings dry out! Place in water immediately after cutting for a drink.  
Then wrap in damp newspaper and seal in a plastic bag.

4. Quarter-fill a 20cm pot with propagating sand. Place the bundle in the centre and fill with sand to 25mm from the top.  
Water well. Keep moist.  
Don't fertilise or cover as this may encourage leaf growth, without root formation.  
Not all cuttings will take, but you should end up with more than enough to share.
5. **LABEL CLEARLY.**

After we have finished potting up our cuttings, stay on and enjoy lunch together.

## WELCOME

We would like to welcome new members Emma McMillan and Josie Speight, and Barbara Johnson who is returning to us after a few years.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2022



Don't like to bring this up again, but IF have you NOT yet paid your fees, please attend to it now. We don't want to lose you, so please pay your fees!! A form was included in your Summer Journal which you can post to the membership secretary, or you can pay online: [www.heritageroses.org.au/membership](http://www.heritageroses.org.au/membership) - which is fairly easy to follow but if you're having any difficulties with online payment and would like some help contact Jan who will be able to assist you Jan (0400 013 885) [janeastman2@yahoo.com.au](mailto:janeastman2@yahoo.com.au)

## ROSES DISPLAY TABLE

Due to the invasion of 'CHILLI THRIP' – please DO NOT bring any roses in for the Display Table.

We will let you know in the future when it is safe to once more bring in roses. Thank you.

## LIBRARY

Don't forget – the Library will be open *half an hour* before the start of each meeting as well as after meetings. There are a number of new books in the Library which does carry a very varied supply of books on heritage roses and the likes. A list of the books with authors' names is on the door of the cupboard for quick reference. Please limit yourself to 2 books at a time of borrowing.

If you have a book/s out could you please return it at the March meeting as another member may like to borrow it.

## FUTURE EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Events and meetings that are to follow in the coming months and for you to write in your dairy now. All meetings at Falls Farm will begin at 11.00am unless otherwise stated.

<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	A talk on "Damask, Bourbons, Centifolias and Gallicas" by Jan Eastman, followed by a Book Review by Di Durston
<b>SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> July (from 9.30am)</b>	PRUNING & SOUP DAY – an early start at 9.30am onwards. A day everyone enjoys!
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Talk on "Portlands" and "Teas" by Ailsa Allen and Di Durston
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Garden Clubs & Societies Fair. We would like members to assist on our stall (please keep in mind to volunteer)
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Proposed Trip to Northam and York
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday, October</b>	WA Rose Society Fair in South Perth
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.00pm</b>	Afternoon Tea in Jan's Garden in Thornlie
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Talk on "Falls Farm History" by Pauline Tonkin
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm</b>	Our 'Christmas Sundowner' – where? Yet to be decided

There was thoughts of joining up with the Garden History Association for our Christmas Sundowner as some people are members of both organisations and we hold our Christmas functions on the same day, however on discussion with John Viska we decided if we joined the two groups it would be too large a group and perhaps somewhat impersonal which neither group wanted. It was therefore decided that the GHA would begin their function earlier in the day and we would put ours back to a 5.00pm start.

## A REVIEW OF OUR APRIL MEETING

### Demonstration of Rose Painting by Chris and Karen

Unfortunately not many members attended our April meeting which was a pity as apparently those who did had a fantastic and interesting meeting.

Both ladies gave different demonstrations on how to paint roses by water colour. Karen taught us that you have to leave room for the bees to fly through, meaning some areas are left void of colour, making the queen stand out in front and the others step back in order of importance.

Chris taught us of the space on the page looking at triangles and all sorts of things.

Hope you have been trying to do some painting yourselves, so that soon we will have lots of clever people who paint roses.



Most events in Perth for the earlier part of this year were cancelled due to Covid, but things are now starting to move. A few events coming up in the near future

Kalamunda Garden Festival

Stirk Park, Kalamunda

THIS SUNDAY – 22 May from 9.00am to 2.00pm

For more information google Kalamunda Garden Festival

Nannup Flower and Garden Festival

Nannup 13<sup>th</sup> – 28 August

Perth Outdoor Living and Garden Festival

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 am to 4.00pm.

Langley Park, 103 Riverside Drive, Perth

For more information google Perth Outdoor Living and Garden Festival

World Federation of Rose Societies 19<sup>th</sup>

Adelaide, South Australia

World Rose Convention

27<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Further information: [www.wrc22.amoevents.com.au](http://www.wrc22.amoevents.com.au)

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Happy gardening,

The Committee