



## Heritage Roses in Australia

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We have had a little rain recently in the metropolitan area and it looks as though we could receive a decent downpour on Friday for which we will be very grateful. A very warm autumn suddenly disappeared and its feeling more like winter with the very grey skies and rapid drop in temperatures in the past week, then it warmed up again in the past couple of days!

Our next meeting is on **SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY** -

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**At Jan Eastman's Garden  
94 Forest Crescent, Thornlie**

**CUTTING DAY  
Lunch to Follow**

This year will be at a private garden so please bring your clean secateurs. Pots, soil and rooting powder will be provided by our group so you don't need to bring yours. Jan sent out a list of her roses in the past few days.

If you have any roses you would like to share with members for them to take cuttings from please take pencil thick stems and keep them wrapped in very wet paper and in a plastic bag or in a bucket of water to bring to the cutting day.

Cut the plant Sunday morning, the less time it is out of soil the better.

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A review of the April meeting – 'Rose Gardens Coping in Perth Summers' is at the end of the newsletter. It covers a wide range of subjects and information.

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### **LIBRARY**

The Library is open before and after each meeting for you to choose a book. A full list of the books in the Library are on the [www.heritagerosesperth.org](http://www.heritagerosesperth.org) site (top right-hand corner) and also inside the Library cupboard door.

Janet will be on hand to help if you have any queries. Do take advantage of using the Library as there is quite a comprehensive range of heritage roses books available to you.

## **SPRINGTIME OVERNIGHT TRIP DOWN SOUTH**

### **OVERNIGHTING IN PEMBERTON**

We will be visiting 'Mostly Roses' in Kirup, a 'must to see' this wonderful garden full of heritage and modern roses, plus more gardens in Bridgetown, Quinninup and Kangaroo Gully.

The Bus is booked and we will need to book our Overnight Accommodation in Pemberton in the foreseeable future as the area is extremely popular in Springtime.

If you are interested in going on this trip – please indicate by notifying Jan as soon as possible by email – [perthregion@gmail.com](mailto:perthregion@gmail.com) or (m) 0400 013 885



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## **FUNDRAISER – OPEN GARDEN**

### **JAN EASTMAN'S GARDEN**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

This year as something different, Jan's garden will be open to the public to raise money for HRiA Perth. On the day we will need members to volunteer to assist with various activities (admission, teas etc). We would also like to have "rose themed" items to sell and would appreciate it if you, our members, could contribute – i.e. rose petal jams, strike roses and companion plants to sell, cards etc. Now is the time to start thinking about (and doing) what you think are good ideas to contribute. Maybe you have a good idea but can't 'do' what you're thinking of, suggest if anyway and perhaps another person is capable of that. Any suggestions, please contact Jan [perthregionhria@gmail.com](mailto:perthregionhria@gmail.com)

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## PERTH HRIA EVENTS AND MEETINGS FOR 2024

All meetings will be at Falls Farm and begin at 11.00am unless otherwise stated.

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Cutting Day - Jan Eastman's home
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am</b>	'New Zealand Gardens' – talk by Lynne Chapman
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am</b>	'A Brief History of Medicinal Uses of Roses' - talk by Karen Davey
<b>Late July at 9.00am onwards</b>	Pruning and 'Soup Day No.1' <b>Day</b> (probably a Wednesday) <b>&amp; Date to be confirmed closer to July</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am</b>	'Soup Day No.2' 'Talking about Heritage Roses' – Round Table (we will choose a rose grown at Falls Farm prior to the meeting to give a brief information on)
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Garden Clubs and Societies Fair
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	'Roses of Italy and London' Talk by Jan Eastman & Janet Rowe
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	WA Rose Society Spring Fair
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Visit to Kate Walker's garden in Brookton (drive yourself). More details later
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Fundraiser 'Open Garden' at Jan Eastman's garden
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>/Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Overnight Trip down South visiting Gardens. More details later
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Lunch – Christmas Celebration – more details later

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Happy gardening,

The Committee



**A REVIEW OF OUR APRIL MEETING**  
**ROSE GARDENS COPING in PERTH SUMMERS**

**By JAN EASTMAN**

Jan's talk on the above was full of very useful information with some members taking notes and others probably wishing they had put pen to paper. Therefore the review on her topic will be quite lengthy to cover all the information she gave us at the meeting.

As she said at the beginning - the question – "Rose Gardens Coping in Perth's Summers" begs to be answered on how to cope with the pests and weather conditions and which roses and companion plants are best suited to these conditions.

Starting with ***Roses That Cope Better in our Hot Summers***, they are the Teas, Damasks, China's, Noisettes etc – but one also has to take into account the infestation of Chilli Thrip, which narrows the list down. However, with the right care they will return to their beauty when the weather cools.

Some old roses that keep on blooming regardless of weather:

*Etoile de Lyon*, a Tea rose – tends to fight the Chilli Thrip off to a certain degree and with a little bit of extra care it never bats an eyelid.

*Devoniensis* – a Tea rose – an amazing vigorous shrub and seems to continue growing and flowering through it all.

*Anna Olivier* – Tea roses – Does well in the heat and seems to be able to keep pretty much clear of the Chilli Thrip

*Agnes Smith* – part China and Tea – seems to cope well with the Chilli Thrip

*Ten Thousand Lights* – a China rose – beautiful and does very well in the heat.

*Old Blush* – a China rose that also stands up to the hot weather.

*Viridiflora* (The Green Rose) – a China that does well in full sun and the pests do not attack it.

***Roses That Do NOT Do Well in our Hot Summers***

Gallica roses do not like our summer heat – unless they are in a protected area.

*Cardinal de Richelieu* – did not like the sun

***Roses That Suffer Badly From Chilli Thrip***

*Safrano* – Suffers immensely with Chilli Thrip. Rejuvenates after a lot of pest control and when the cooler weather begins.

*Marie Lambert or Snowflake* – also suffers badly with Chilli Thrip

*Mutabilis* – very susceptible to Chilli Thrip

*Crepuscule* – attacked all summer and into autumn by Chilli Thrip. An amazing sight in Spring but a total disaster in summer

*Alba Maxima* – the rose gets thrashed with the pest and it doesn't seem to matter what is done to protect it, the Chilli Thrip keeps attacking it.



## **CARING FOR OUR GARDENS DURING THE HEAT**

How should we care for our roses in summer? To begin – must start early. Before spring we take a lot of care to get your garden reading for an amazing spring flush, but then seem to forget the roses are now going to go through a hard time as the summer heat is about to begin.



## SEASOL AND MULCH

As soon as the roses finish flowering give them a good dose of Seasol which really bucks them up. If you want your roses and companion plants to cope during summer, you should give them regular sprays of Seasol – such as every 4 – 6 weeks. It's easy enough and not too expensive. Buy the big double packs, attach to your hose and commence spraying the whole bush as they take up the goodness through their leaves. In a large garden you may need 2 – 3 double packs.

Next – top up your mulch – very important as it keeps the moisture in and protects the roots of the plants.



## WATER

Water – roses regularly do need a good drink. Plants that struggle are more susceptible to pests. Overhead watering is very good as the Chilli Thrip do not like the water.

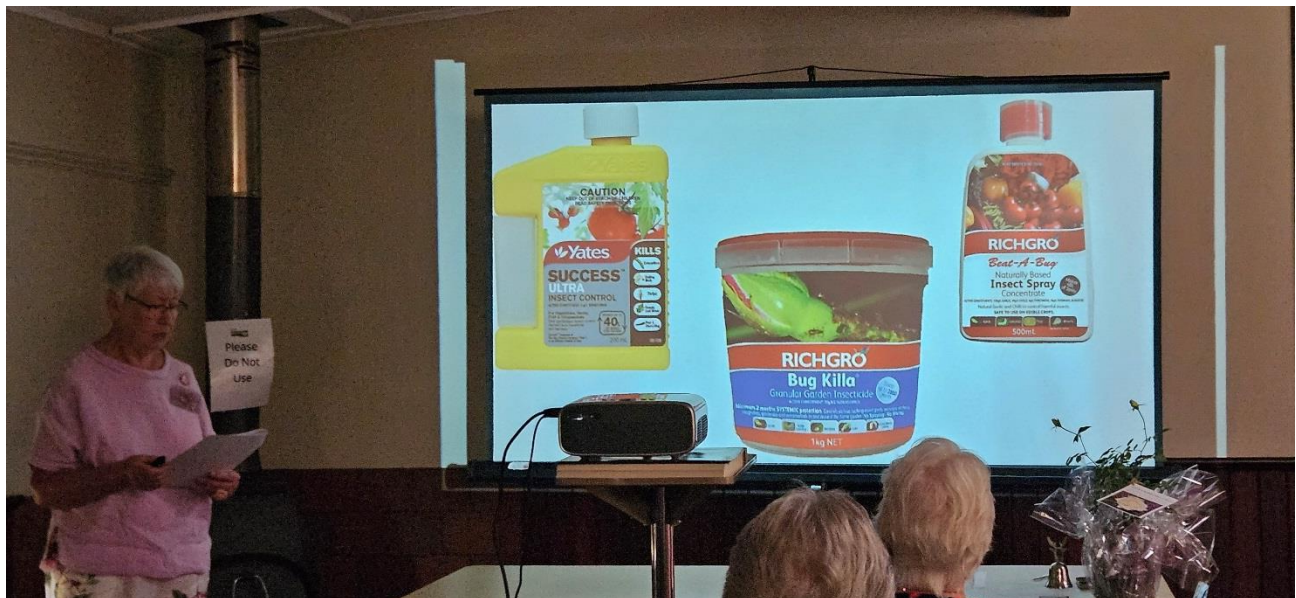
Chilli Thrip are most active in the middle of the day but unfortunately we cannot have our sprinklers on then due to water restrictions and overhead hand watering is not really affective as one needs to it for a quite a lengthy time for each rose.

## PESTS

Some people do nothing and let nature take its path, but most people struggle to watch the pests destroying their garden – so the answer is to spray or use a granule which lasts longer in the ground and goes through the plant from watering. Granules do take 2 weeks to work once place around the plant but then last a couple of months.

Note: You must ensure that you read the labels thoroughly on all pesticides.

This one says use only twice (2) a year.



## GARDEN TOOLS

**DON'T** prune or hard cut your roses back to try and get rid of the Thrip.  
You will end up killing the rose.

Chilli Thrip attacks the new growth so each time you cut it back you are shortening the bush and the bush needs leaves even if diseased.

Let the plant grow up no matter how ugly it looks and just cut off the deformed flower once that has taken place.

Cut back once the cooler weather starts but really just leave it until winter pruning.

## COMPANION PLANTS

Rose gardens are beautiful by themselves but look wonderful with companion plants.

Plants that cope best in our heat.

**Verbena** – does very well with not a lot of water. It tends to go wild and come up all over the garden and in garden paths – gives a very romantic look.

**Salvias** – an asset in any garden, they are hardy plants, come in a multitude of colours, don't need a lot of care and flower in spring and most prolific in autumn.

**Daylilies** – Jan has an assortment of these plants which look wonderful amongst her roses. They give a big Spring flush over a long period and then lesser flowers in summer and autumn. Their leaves do get burnt in the heat, but don't remove the damaged leaves until the cool of autumn.

They are also wonderful to share with friends as they multiply and are easy to divide.

**Vincas** – cope wonderfully in the full sun, come in a variety of colours and very hardy. Cut back in winter and will come back beautifully in spring. They also self-seed which is an extra benefit.

**Oriental Poppies** – Springtime – there is nothing better in a rose garden at spring than Oriental Poppies. They self-seed happily and its fun and interesting to see what colours come up the following spring as the bees pollinate them and one can get completely different colours and designs.

## **NATURE IN YOUR GARDEN**

A garden should be a place where nature loves to be, nature is there to assist your garden, birds are always attacking your pests – if only they would eat more Chilli Thrip! Nature also brings so much joy to yourself (and visitors to your garden) with the different bird songs, the buzzing of bees, the flitting of butterflies and if you are lucky, the croaking of frogs.

## **GARDENS – A RELAXING PLACE**

Gardens should be a place for both you and nature to relax. Our summers being so hot you need shade where both nature and yourself can retreat to and relax. Always have water somewhere in your garden, be it ponds or bowls of water. Not only does it look relaxing but the birds need to drink and bath in it.

If you want your garden to look amazing you do have to spend time looking after it. Our old roses have been around for years and will even go on in an old property without any care well after the owners have left, but they are the ones that have put down a long root system and have found water. Without water nothing will survive.

If possible put in a water tank and when you need to hand water, you can go to the tank. They really are an asset to your garden.

To Finish - Take as much time as you can in your garden, not just working but also walking, sitting and relaxing – it does wonders for your health and mind. There is nothing better after a hot summer's day than to sit in the cool of your rose garden.

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### *Heritage Roses in Australia Inc*

*HRiA was formed in 1979 and is a fellowship of those people whose aims are to advance the preservation, cultivation, distribution and study of old garden roses, roses no longer in general commercial cultivation, roses of historical importance, species roses and their hybrids.*

*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.*