



Heritage Roses in Australia

Perth Region

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Oh boy! Is it hot! Summer 2025 has definitely arrived in Perth. Hope you are able to keep up with the extra hand watering (so time consuming) for your plants. Overhead spraying with a very strong spray of water will discourage the dreaded 'chilli thrip' as those little bugs love this warm/hot weather but will not completely get rid of it. Jan has been doing this since Spring but only a few bushes have less of the Thrip than if not sprayed and guesses the watering overhead benefits the plant and deters Red Spider but it will not get rid of the Chilli Thrip. Jan sent out an email some weeks ago advising on a small predator that will attack the Thrip but you must not have sprayed a chemical in the past three months and it is rather expensive. You can start to import them into your garden and see how they go. The little Predators come in Sachets and must be collected from Swiss Nursery once they arrive or they will die. Other non-chemical treatments can be applied as well, being Pest oil or Neem oil, Natural Pyrethrum or Natrasoap.

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025

**Commencing at 11.00am at Falls Farm, Cagney Way, Lesmurdie
(Lunch to follow)**

Remember: To nominate for a position or vote at these meetings you need to be a financial member and have paid your 2025 membership.

Have you renewed your membership? If not, you can do so by paying online:

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. BOTH sides of the paper have to be filled in.

Jan emailed the Agendas for 2025 and Minutes for 2024 for both meetings to you on Tuesday 14th January 2025. Nomination forms and Job Descriptions together with the Reports for Library, Falls Farm, Araluen, Guildford Stirling Square, Web and the Treasurer will be sent out 2 weeks before the meetings. Please read before the meetings so you are up to date with everything. The Coordinator's Report will be read on the day and the Treasurer will speak on the Report and any questions can then be asked.

At the conclusion of the meetings there will be a slide show of memories of 2024 accompanied by music.

Please bring a plate of food to share and stay on, enjoy lunch and catch up with everyone.

PLANS FOR 2025

The 2025 Committee will meet soon after the AGM and GBM to plan a schedule for the year of meetings, activities, events etc. which will be in your February newsletter.

GARDEN CLUBS AND SOCIETIES PLANT FAIR

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February

At South Perth Community Centre, South Perth

Admission \$5.00 Children U16 - free

We will be exhibiting our heritage roses (weather permitting) and heritage roses themed items 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. Pass Tickets to the Fair are available at the AGM if you are assisting on the stalls so don't forget to pick them up before leaving the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and you're happy to help, please contact Janet Rowe (m) 0400 450 331 or (e) jrowe3@bigpond.net.au.

There will be time to take a walk around to view all the other stalls. It's 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.

2025 HRiA CONFERENCE

TOOWOOMBA, QUEENSLAND

The biennial HRiA Conference this year is being held in Toowoomba, Queensland from Friday 17th to Monday 20th October (finishes late on the Monday 20th, so will probably leave Toowoomba on the Tuesday).

An outline of the Conference is in the Summer 2024 Journal, Page 9, with more concise information to follow.

A number of members are already speaking of making the trip and it would be great if a large group from Perth made the journey. Think about it!

Toowoomba is known as the 'garden city' of Queensland.

TRIP DOWN SOUTH IN NOVEMBER 2024

We set off early Thursday morning from Perth, picking up more passengers at Armadale on a way south arriving at Seamus Johnson's beautiful roses garden in Newlands mid-morning. Unfortunately the weather was rather warm, very still and humid with many cutting short their tour of the garden and retreating to the shade. Then there was a rather dramatic situation with Jan collapsing and eventually with Melisa in attendance, was off to Donnybrook in an ambulance. The good news was she was able to return home the next day.



We decided to continue our trip, driving onto Bridgetown for lunch, then to the Ronk's beautiful park-like garden at Quininnup in the afternoon. As we entered the property we drove past huge trees of burgundy, yellow, lime and dark green, then opening out into expansive lawns, a huge lake and large wide garden beds – totally breathtaking. The home was nestled into the side of the hill overlooking the lake, gardens and countryside. From the main area, one could then wander off through paths shaded by trees and view the many different types of plants, shrubs and trees. Around every corner there was always something different. It was totally mesmerizing and one could easily spend a full day in these beautiful surroundings.

Susan and her husband were so generous with their time and knowledge answering numerous questions which we all really appreciated.

Reluctantly we had to move on to Pemberton for our overnight stay at the hotel.





Day Two began with collecting blueberry muffins from the local bakery as we were not stopping enroute for morning tea. So, while the bus was loaded Kate and I in her trusty vehicle (she met us at 'Mostly Roses' having come direct from the farm), set off as instructed by the hotel, down the hill (it was definitely a hill, not a gentle slope) and over the railway line which was some distance away. Collected a huge box of muffins, rejoined the group and with the sun shining set off for an enjoyable day.

After the hour's drive through the countryside which was beautiful and very relaxing, everyone was eager to see "Mattamattup" home and garden, owned by Cheryl and Dennis Wilson, in the Kangaroo Valley.

The property of 200 acres was settled around 1914 with livestock and orchard. As time progressed the orchard was enlarged a couple of times to 40 acres, originally with pears and Granny Smith apples and later more varieties of apples which were exported

overseas. Then the codling moth hit in 1993 and everything was wiped out and bulldozed into the ground. There is still livestock on the property to this day, then around 2005 gardening took hold, natives at first but the love and passion for roses took over. There are now 400+ roses, with many heritage roses. The size of some of the rose bushes were unbelievable and it was wonderful having Cheryl and Dennis walk with us answering questions and adding snippets of information. Dennis was amazing when asked the name of rose, he not only named the rose, but also when it was planted and from whom he purchased the rose – naming the nursery or Bunnings! We left there knowing a little more about roses and life in the country.

PS. Dennis also had a number of wonderful art sculptures created from recycled materials throughout the garden.





'Julia's Rose' amongst the rootstock 'Dr Huey'

Departing "Mattamattup" it was an hour's drive to Boyanup our final stop on the trip and everyone was a little peckish, so it was time to produce the blueberry muffins – and were they delicious!! A very large muffin and the biggest blueberries we had ever seen and so juicy. Thoroughly recommend the Pemberton Bakery as Kate and I also 'checked out' the other pastries and cakes.

On our way to Boyanup we passed through Bridgetown and said our fond farewell to the locals of this beautiful town.



As we were running early it was suggested stopping off at 'Boyanup Blueberry farm' just north of Boyanup (on the right hand side travelling south) to purchase blueberries. People were keen to do so and the owners would have been very happy when they checked their money box that afternoon! At \$15.00 per kilo the blueberries were so much larger (and juicier) than the ones you see in Perth, they were a bargain!

It was back to Boyanup for lunch at a couple of cafes, a visit to Rustic French Living, Craggy Pear and second hand shop, then back on the bus to Perth, then onto Armidale.

I would like to say a Special 'Thank You' to our wonderful bus couple Reegan and Cassidy from Waroona Harvey Bus Services, who were so helpful, courteous and went far beyond what was expected of them to make our trip so enjoyable. *Gay*

To assist the incoming 2025 Committee, the present Committee has organized the first general meeting for the year. Keep it free and put it in your diary now –

SUNDAY 16th MARCH – PIERRE-JOSEPH REDOUTE "THE MAN WHO PAINTED ROSES" a talk by JAN EASTMAN at 11.00am at Falls Farm, Lesmurdie.

Lunch will be held afterwards, please bring a plate of food to share

A FEW REMINDERS

- i You are required to sign the Attendance Book at **ALL** organized HRiA events for insurance purposes – this includes meetings at Falls Farm and outside events (garden visits, parks, restaurants, trips, etc).
- ii New name badges will be available at the AGM with just your Christian name and HRiA Perth Region underneath in small print. Also as a gift we have ordered some beautiful Lanyards with roses and HRiA Perth Region written on them. You must be a Financial Member to receive one and please take care of them as they will not be replaced. Ensure you wear them to all meetings – we're all guilty of leaving our badges at home or in the car glove box 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.
- iii 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 2025 (then you can choose another book!). Thank you.
The Library is open before and after the meeting. If you have any queries please talk to the Librarian.
- iv Budding Roses – now is the time to get out your nifty little budding knife as roses are budded from January to March. Please let Jan know if you have a particular rose you would like Swiss Roses to bud for you.

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"