

*The Rose Society
of New South Wales Inc.
Centenary*

1913-2013



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Centenary rose of the Society - '**100 Not Out**' bred by Richard Walsh

THE ROSE SOCIETY
OF
NEW SOUTH WALES INC.
CENTENARY
1913-2013



THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO
THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO TOOK
A ROSE AND BROUGHT IT FORTH
TO THE SOCIETY THAT WE ENJOY
100 YEARS ON

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Foundation Day

*15 January 2013 at the Mitchell Library,
Sydney*

The bronze bust is of Founding President, W.H. Ifould, a tribute placed by the library staff to their Principal Librarian. To honour his contribution to the RS of NSW a bowl of roses was presented to the library executive following a short ceremony.



Judith Oyston

Preface

Within this book are stories which come from fragile, brown-coloured, aged pages. They are mixed with stories recently told. When did you recognise yourself as a rosarian? For me it started fifty years ago with twelve plants, a gift from my parents.

The connection is, I hope for you as it has been for me, the people who go with the roses. Members no longer with us I recall as my mentors. It has been a privilege for me to set them into this historical record. I do hope you enjoy these stories I have chosen from a very caring, active society. All different and a never-ending supply, I hope this is a future prediction for rosarians and their roses.

Through two World Wars and the Depression members were encouraged to maintain their gardens as a place to find comfort and peace, and I hope we can all thank them for their wisdom and the depth in that advice.

Garth Guyett, our first historian, left some early leads for me to follow. Thank you, Garth. I thank those members who were generous with their time to take photos when asked and to supply photos from personal collections. Your efforts have greatly enhanced many of the stories.

To our members who are scattered around the state and not able to attend meetings, your service and support to the society is valued.

The RS of NSW has indeed flourished from the forward-thinking of past and current leaders. The six regionals are welcoming places for all who love the rose. They give an avenue for friendship, education and social activities.

For computer support I thank my granddaughter, Alisha Oyston.

None of this would have happened in such a professional manner without the editorial team of Janet and Graham Wright and Kim Baker. Janet I single out for her skill, advice and support. I choose my rose garden as a place of comfort and peace. I have been honoured with Life Membership from Illawarra Regional and the RS of NSW along with the Bert Mulley Memorial Award. I wear my Tudor rose proudly. I hope you will join me in doing the same in this our centenary year. *Judith Oyston*



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SYDNEY 2000

Message from Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO

**History for
The Rose Society of New South Wales Inc
1913-2013**

FOREWORD

The “*Queen of Flowers*” according to fossil evidence is 34 million years old and today there are well over 36,000 registered varieties of roses in the world. Greek mythology, Hindu legend, Egyptian tombs and Roman history all make reference to the rose.

One can appreciate that the rose itself has impressive longevity in the cycle of life on earth, and it is with pleasure that I take this opportunity to congratulate The Rose Society of New South Wales Inc. on celebrating its Centenary in 2013.

Longevity of an organisation comes from within its leadership and its beginnings. The National Rose Society of New South Wales was formed on 15 January 1913 by William Herbert Ifould OBE ELA who was the first Chairman and President of the NSW Library Board and Principal Librarian and Secretary from 1912-1942. William Ifould founded the National Rose Society of New South Wales Inc. because of the common interest of friends and acquaintances, namely the rose.

The word National was removed in 1973 after the formation of The National Rose Society of Australia.

Previous Presidents of the Society have led with considerable dedication through the past hundred years, and Mrs Glynis Hayne who is in her 5th year as President, provided the fine leadership that has put together the events celebrating the Centenary of The Rose Society of New South Wales Inc.

I wish also to congratulate Judith Oyston – whom I believe has spent many, many hours collating, sourcing and writing the editorial material for this publication of the Historical Record of The Rose Society of New South Wales Inc. This collection of facts, recollections, memorabilia and photographs enables members and readers of this publication to learn of the humble beginnings of the Society and its promotion of the rose throughout this first one hundred years.

Indeed a most valuable legacy has been provided upon which future generations of The Rose Society of New South Wales Inc. can build.

Members of The Rose Society of New South Wales Inc., may you always have time to promote your love of the rose and your love of the “*The World’s most popular flower*”, onto appreciative others.

Congratulations

Professor Marie R Bashir AC CVO
Governor of New South Wales

The First Fleet Garden

In September 1788 Governor Phillip sent a dispatch to the Home Secretary, Lord Sydney, informing him that 'I have some oranges, figs and vines, pomme roses, apples, pears, sugar cane and strawberries that I brought from Rio do Janeiro and the Cape in fine order.'

The Pomme rose R. x centifolia var. pomponia applied to roses due to the shape of the buds. One such rose, **Rose de Meaux** C (OGR) is one of the earliest types to arrive on our shores. It is listed in Sir William Macarthur's 'Catalogue of Plants cultivated in Camden NSW in 1850'. Sir William was the youngest son of early New South Wales horticulturists, John and Elizabeth Macarthur who established Elizabeth Farm in Parramatta and Camden Park in Camden.



Rose de Meaux

The Rose Society of New South Wales Inc. [RS of NSW Inc.] has always been, and remains, part of the wider horticultural and garden club culture in NSW.



Camden Park Estate

1913 - 1963

Founding President - William Herbert Ifould OBE

William Herbert Ifould OBE (1877-1969), an avid rose grower and exhibitor, was serving a three year term as President of the National Rose Society of South Australia when he moved to Sydney in July 1912.

It is his passion and commitment that we celebrate in this our centenary year, 2013.

Mr Ifould studied Arts subjects at the University of Adelaide from 1902-1907 and was appointed Principal Librarian of the Adelaide Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery in 1905. He was also appointed Principal Librarian and Secretary of the Public Library of New South Wales in 1912, a position he held until March 1942.



W. Ifould's bust

Five months was all it took Mr Ifould to settle into his new role at the library, to meet members of the Sydney horticultural fraternity and to encourage a group of fellow rose enthusiasts to dedicate themselves to commence a rose society in NSW.

He met with Edward Evans on 26 November 1912 to arrange the inaugural meeting which was held on 15 January 1913 in the Sydney School of Arts.

Arthur Moore of Hunters Hill was the chairman, and 25 interested people, including 4 ladies, were in attendance.

A decision was made to form the National Rose Society of New South Wales [NRS of NSW], affiliated with the Royal National Rose Society of England. An executive and committee were appointed, and a constitution was drawn up.

President - W.H. Ifould

Honorary Secretary - L.H. Newman 1913-1922, continuing on Council until 1930

Honorary Treasurer - Hugh Wright 1913-1933

Committee - H.J. Ferguson, G. Kershaw, G. Knight, P. Plumridge, E.N. Ward, J.G. Lockley, Dr Cuthbert Hall

Honorary Press Correspondent - J.G. Lockley

Herbert Ferguson, George Kershaw and George Knight were local nurserymen.

In 1928 Mr Ifould received an OBE (Civil Division). He continued serving the rose society as a council member and Vice-President and was honoured with NRS of NSW Life Membership.

Mr and Mrs Ifould later served as Patron and Patroness, and Mr Ifould was Vice-Patron.

Mr Ifould wrote in part, from an unpublished manuscript in the Mitchell Library titled *Roses for Public Places*: 'Sydney has unsuitable soil for roses, not like Adelaide. Roses belong so much to the cultured private garden that they are not thought of as plants for public places. Moreover the risk of theft of plants is a deterring factor. Roses should be planted as street plantings, at railway stations, and school gardens all over the state are most suitable, not too many pinks, but like **Sunny South** and **Radiance**.'



Pink Radiance



The Ifoulds' garden

Mr Ifould's pruning notes were printed in Hazlewood Bros rose catalogues.

A bronze bust in the Mitchell Library foyer has the inscription, 'Non omnis moriar (I Shall Not Wholly Die). To W.H. Ifould from his staff, past and present 1912-1942'.

Founding Honorary Treasurer - Hugh Wright OBE



Hugh Wright

Hugh Wright also served as Vice-President and Council member and was honoured in 1933 with an OBE (Civil Division).

He arrived in Australia from Sheffield, England in 1883 and commenced working at the Public Library of NSW in 1885. On 1 October 1909 he became Chief Librarian of the Mitchell Library from which he retired after 48 years public service.

He was a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, a member of the Woollahra Literary Debating Society, Vice-President of the Royal Horticultural Society and President of the Royal Australian Historical Society of NSW, editing some of those societies' journals.

The following reflection is included with the permission of the Mitchell Library.

'Mr Wright gives details of the growth of the NRS of NSW in its first 20 years. His personal reflections are also included as he prepares to retire from the treasurer's position.'

This manuscript is the first known official record in the absence of the availability of minute books.

Details of office bearers and limited activities of the society became available through *The Australian Rose Annual* publications which commenced in 1928.

Archived minute books became available from November 1951.



On the roof top of State Library 2nd and 3rd from left H. Wright and W. Ifould

1913 - 1933

20 Year Reflection of the National Rose Society of NSW

It was a good thing for horticulture in NSW that William Ifould began his residence in 1912, and that he continued to live here. From 1913-1916 meetings were held in the Sydney School of Arts. When the rent was raised, meetings moved to the Public Library, rent free. A show bench schedule was drawn up with classes available for professional growers and amateurs, classes according to members' numbers of plants - over 200 and under 200. Allowances were also made for non-prize-winners at horticultural shows. Judging standards were adopted as from the national body in England with fixed definitions and standards for judging the three big divisions - Exhibition, Garden and Decorative. Judges trained to our standards, and these have been accepted by the premier kindred society, the Royal Horticultural Society of NSW.

For 20 years a compilation and census of the roses benched at meetings was kept.

In 1920 a lady, wishing to remain anonymous, gave £10 as a cash prize for a new NSW hybrid rose. Patrick Grant won in 1929 with **Golden Dawn** (HT). He donated the prize-money back. It then went to Olive Fitzhardinge for **Warrawee** (HT) in 1935.

After three and a half years of extensive discussion a decision was made to exclude roses that judges considered deliberately faked. Faking is understood to have meant the altering of the character of a flower from that which it should naturally assume.

In 1918 classes for Decorative and Garden roses were included. **General Macarthur** and **Radiance** were popular Decoratives.

In 1922 Charles Heyde won £10 for the first formal bowl of roses with **Sunny South**. He donated the prize-money back to the society. Mr Kendall, a printer, gave, at no cost to the society, much of its printed material in 1915 when funds were low (about £1 in the kitty). He also donated the cards for the rose show. In 1918 he provided £3/3/- towards bowls and trophies and, in 1921, gave £10 towards the dies for the state badge. The NRS of NSW state badge was designed by William Ifould and Hugh Wright.

'Let me say, there will never be machine like uniformity in judging, on account of individual tastes differing - thank God! it is so, or there would be little to argue about.

You have insisted on proper nomenclature of roses, such as **Dorothy Perkins** not **Lady Gay**. Yes you have carried out well the object for which the Society was formed to increase the knowledge of the rose with a greater interest in rose collections in NSW. Mr Hazlewood and Mr Ifould are always willing to fill the gap when difficulty with the syllabus. Messrs Berrie, Captain Watkins, Mr Ifould, Les Sharman, Edgar Selkirk have been consistent exhibitors.

The Australian annual has been free to all members. Looking back you should be proud of the able assistance given by your presidents. Also the able work done by your varied secretaries 9 years Mr I.H. Newman, Captain Watkins 1 year, and Mr Eaton 3 years. To each of these my memory pays grateful tribute.

Our society has been the means of making many true and lasting friendships amongst its members, friendships that are to sweetness of life, yes you have carried out well the object for which the society was formed, to increase the knowledge of the rose and a greater interest in rose collection in NSW.' [Hugh Wright - with permission from the Mitchell Library]

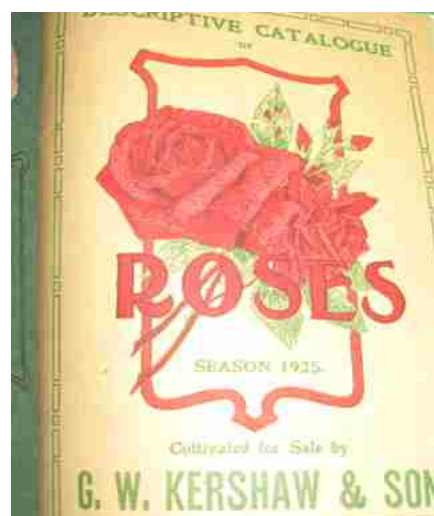
Founding Member - Herbert Ferguson

As was the case with a number of founding members, Herbert Ferguson joined the society with a horticultural background. In earlier times his father, Francis had been employed by the Macarthurs prior to his establishing Australian Nurseries at Camden and subsequent horticultural businesses closer to the city. One of these was in the Royal Arcade and was managed by Herbert.

Founding Member - George W. Kershaw

George Kershaw was a rose nurseryman and landscape gardener from Wahroonga. His 1904 catalogue items included new single roses from Dickson, Northern Ireland - **Irish Star**, **Irish Pride**, **Irish Glory** and **Irish Brightness**. Freight for 1-22 plants was three pence.

His 1916 catalogue introduction read, in part: 'No good purpose would be served by allowing our gardens to become wrecks, rather should it be our aim to have them, and everything else, bright and cheerful for our heroes home coming.'



G.W. Kershaw catalogue

Founding Member - George Knight

George Knight joined the NRS of NSW in 1913 and served on the council from 1913-1948. He also served terms as Vice-President and Vice-Patron. He was an exhibitor and judge and provided feature displays at rose shows. In 1935 he was honoured with Life Membership. At the age of 12 his working life commenced at George Bennett's nursery. At 18 he started his own nursery - George Knight Rose Specialist at Parramatta Road, Homebush. He first imported roses in 1901, mainly from Northern Ireland as second year plants established in pots on ***Manettii*** understock. They were packed in fine wooden cases, covered in oil or tarred paper and, after the long sea voyage, would arrive in full leaf and with shoots. As they usually arrived during the first week of October, there would be plenty of budwood available by December. Budding was mainly onto ***Noisette*** or ***Maiden's Blush*** understock.

George Knight released a climbing sport of ***Golden Dawn*** in 1937, one of three climbing sports that were registered from ***Golden Dawn***. The nursery became George Knight & Sons and was in existence for 75 years.

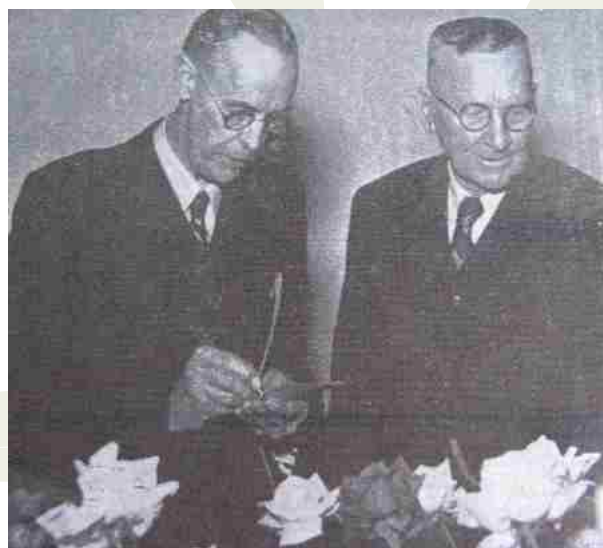
In 1929 the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, in conjunction with the Royal Easter Show, held a horticultural competition for roses. The rose classes were open to nurserymen, florists, commercial cut flower growers and amateurs. George Knight & Sons won all the classes. Two of George's sons, Henry, 'Ned' and Clifford, 'Bill' had exhibited the flowers.

The 1935 George Knight & Sons catalogue states: 'Winner of over 2500 first prizes and sixteen medals'

Two of these medals were the King George VI Commemorative Medal in 1938 and the 150th Anniversary Medal for Roses in 1938.

The nursery's slogan was 'Advice is free, call and get it'

In *The Australian Rose Annual* 1931, George Knight wrote, in part, of over thirty years of growing Tea Roses in NSW. 'When a boy, I planted here at Homebush a few Roses, amongst which were ***Perle des Jardins***, ***Souv de Thérèse Levet*** and ***François Dubreuil***. These are still growing well and are good specimen trees, and produce large quantities of nice flowers. The Australian soils and climatic conditions, taken as a whole, I believe are equal, if not better, for growing Roses to perfection than any other country in the world. ...'



A. J. Cary (Show Steward) and George Knight (Judge)
Spring Show NRS of NSW, 1950

1922 - 1928

President - Charles W. Heyde

After serving time as President, Charles Heyde was Vice-President and Council member and received Life Membership.

The Australian Rose Annual 1928 included a photo, submitted by Mr Heyde, of a bowl of **Sunny South**.

He bred and released a rose called **Captain Watkins**. Mr Heyde gave talks of his travels and submitted articles to *The Australian Rose Annual* during his second term. He was a former director of British Tobacco Company (Aust) Ltd and a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.



Charles Heyde

1928 - 1929

President - Dr Tom Guthrie

Mr Guthrie was also Vice-President from 1929-1931.



Charles Heyde's bowl of **Sunny South**

1929 - 1931

President - Patrick Grant

Patrick Grant's presidency was followed by a term as a committee member from 1932-1943.

He moved from Macksville to live in Sydney. As an amateur rose breeder he had most success with **Golden Dawn**. It was listed as a recommended garden rose by the NRS of NSW from 1930 through to the 1961 issue of *The Australian Rose Annual*.

At the time of Mr Grant's presidency other positions were held by:

Patron - Alister Clark

Vice-Presidents - Dr T. Guthrie, Captain A.B. Watkins

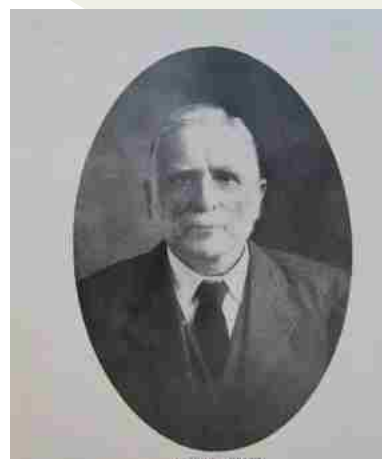
Council - W.H. Ifould, C.E. Kendall, I. Mutton, G. Knight, L. Newman, J.F. Burrows, S.C. Lindley, E. Selkirk, C.W. Heyde, W. McKay, Dr H. Fitzhardinge

Honorary Auditors - C.W. Pitt, H.R. Guise

Honorary Treasurer - H. Wright

Honorary Secretary - 1929 - A.J. Berrie, 1930 - Captain A.B. Watkins

Honorary Press Correspondent - J.G. Lockley, a position he held from the inaugural meeting in 1913 through to 1933 when the title was removed from the list of office bearers.



Patrick Grant

The first recorded list of recommended roses was in *The Australian Rose Annual 1929*, 'Compiled chiefly for the guidance of growers in the Sydney metropolitan area in order of votes received.'

This 1929 list has been limited to the first three roses from each classification:

First Eighteen Garden Roses: ***Radiance, Red Radiance, Mrs Charles J. Bell***

Second Eighteen Garden Roses: ***Mrs Harold Brocklebank, Souv de H.A. Verschuren, Mrs Dunlop-Best***

Twelve Climbers: ***Mme Abel Chateney, Mme Segond Weber, Ophelia***

Six Pillar Roses: ***Lady Hillingdon, Climbing, Paul's Scarlet Climber, Mermaid***

Twelve Decoratives: ***Sunny South, Shot Silk, Irish Elegance***

Six Dwarf Polyanthas: ***Ellen Poulsen, Maman Turbat, Salmon Spray***

Six Climbing Polyanthas: ***Heart of Gold, Excelsa, Mlle Cécile Brünner***

Eighteen Exhibition Roses: ***Mrs Foley-Hobbs, Mrs George Shawyer, Mrs W. J. Grant, Climbing***

1931 - 1933

President - Guy D. Blaxland

Viceregal patronage began for the NRS of NSW in 1931.

Patrons - His Excellency, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Phillip Game GBE, KCB, DSO, Governor of NSW and Alister Clark

Patroness - Lady Game

Vice-Presidents - C.W. Heyde, P. Grant, Captain A.B. Watkins

Council - W.H. Ifould OBE, A.E. Kendall, E. Selkirk, W. McKay, H. Hazlewood, G. Knight, J.F. Burrows, J.G. McKern, C. Knight, J. Mutton, C.S. Hungerford, P. Grant

Auditors - C.W. Pitt, A.J. Berrie

Honorary Treasurer - Hugh Wright

Honorary Secretary - J.E. Eaton



Guy D. Blaxland

Mr Blaxland served terms as Vice-President and a council member from 1930-1959.

He made the following comment on weather conditions in the 1928-1929 rose season: 'Many of us found unthrifty bushes during the past season - some recovered, some died, and others were dug out to save the inevitable. What was the reason for so many plants failing in the 1928-1929 season? Would it be that long wet spell about Easter 1928, when the ground became waterlogged for days on end? Personally I think it was, and consider that responsible for the loss or present unsatisfactory condition of many previously healthy and vigorous plants in the various suburbs of this city.' [*The Australian Rose Annual 1930*, p.79]

Honorary Secretary J. Eaton, 1931-1933 and 1937-1945, wrote that his garden in West Ryde had dark heavy loam with the following roses doing well: ***Radiance, Étoile de Hollande, Sunny South*** and ***Lady Hillingdon***. [*The Australian Rose Annual 1931*, p.131]

1933 - 1935

President - Captain Arthur Bernard Watkins

Patrons - His Excellency, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Phillip Game GBE, KCB, DSO, Governor of NSW and Alister Clark

Patronesses - Lady Game and Mrs Edith Clark

Vice-Presidents - G.D. Blaxland, C.W. Heyde, W.H. Ifould OBE, H. Wright OBE

Council - C.J. Kendall, P. Grant, G. Knight, J.F. Burrows, N.T. Scoble, C. Knight, J.G. McKern, R.E. Cole, O.J. Riley, J. Eaton, H. Hazlewood, E.W. Goff, W.S. Callaghan

Honorary Auditors - C.W. Pitt, A.J. Berrie

Honorary Secretary - J.O.C. Wittus

Honorary Treasurer - C.S. Hungerford

Captain Watkins also served as Vice-President from 1928-1941 and was a committee member from 1942-1943.

He was listed as Flight Commander Watkins in the Past Presidents' list of 1945. Australian War Memorial records indicate that he was a member of the RAAF (Squadron Leader), and that he was discharged in September 1945.

Mrs Watkins wrote from their home in Greenwich, Sydney, [*The Australian Rose Annual 1931*] of how, in six years, the slopes of a rocky gully were transformed into a beautiful rose garden producing high class blooms. One rose bed had twenty feet of sandstone removed. As a result of improved soil, Captain Watkins won the society's Bronze Medal for three years. Of their roses, one of their most successful was **Rev F. Page-Roberts**.

In 1937 Captain and Mrs Watkins travelled to England and South Africa. In London the National Rose Society invited them to the Chelsea Flower Show where they met with Mr and Mrs Courtney-Page in the secretary's tent and were introduced to Her Majesty Queen Mary.

Mrs Watkins found Her Majesty most gracious and interested to know about roses in Australia and how they compared with those in England.



Captain Watkins



The Watkins' garden, Greenwich

1935 - 1937

President - Charles W. Heyde

1935 Patron - His Excellency, Brigadier-General, the Honorable Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, VC, KCMG, CB, DSO, Governor of New South Wales

Patroness - The Honorable Lady Hore-Ruthven

1937 - 1941

President - G.F. Hawkey

Office Bearers 1937

Patron - His Excellency, Brigadier-General, the Right Honorable Lord Gowrie VC, GCMG, CB, DSO, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia (formerly Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven)

Patroness - The Honorable Lady Gowrie

Vice-Patron - A. Clark

Vice-Patroness - Mrs A. Clark

Vice-Presidents - W. Ifould OBE, H. Wright OBE, G.D. Blaxland, Captain A.B. Watkins

Committee - C.W. Heyde, C. Kendall, P. Grant, G. Knight, J. Burrows, N. Scoble, C. Knight, H. Hazlewood, J.O.C. Wittus, C.S. Hungerford, H. Pye, F. Platt

Honorary Auditors - C.W. Pitt, A. Berrie

Honorary Treasurer - Oscar J. Riley

Honorary Secretary - James E. Eaton

Mr Hawkey had also served on Council from 1935-1936 and was Vice-President from 1941-1945.



G.F. Hawkey

1941 - 1945

President - J. Frederick Burrows

Patron - His Excellency, Brigadier-General, the Right Honorable Lord Gowrie VC, GCMG, CB, DSO, Governor-General of Australia

Patroness - The Honorable Lady Gowrie

Vice-Patron - Alister Clark

Vice-Patroness - Mrs Edith Clark

Vice-Presidents - W. Ifould OBE, H. Wright OBE, G.F. Hawkey, Captain A. Watkins

Committee - C.W. Heyde, P. Grant, G. Knight, C. Knight, H. Hazlewood, F. Platt, H. Pye, W. Warner, R. Cunynghame, A. Stewart, G. Blaxland, J.R. Williamson

Honorary Auditors - A.J. Berrie, Miss A. Butterworth

Honorary Treasurer - J.O.C. Wittus

Honorary Secretary - James E. Eaton



J. F. Burrows

Meetings were held in the Blue Tea Room, Rowe Street, Sydney on the third Monday of each month at 8pm except in October.

Mr Burrows was a committee member from the first executive records of 1928 and Vice-President from 1946-1948.

He submitted a four page article to *The Australian Rose Annual* 1929 titled: 'Legends and Stories of the Rose.'

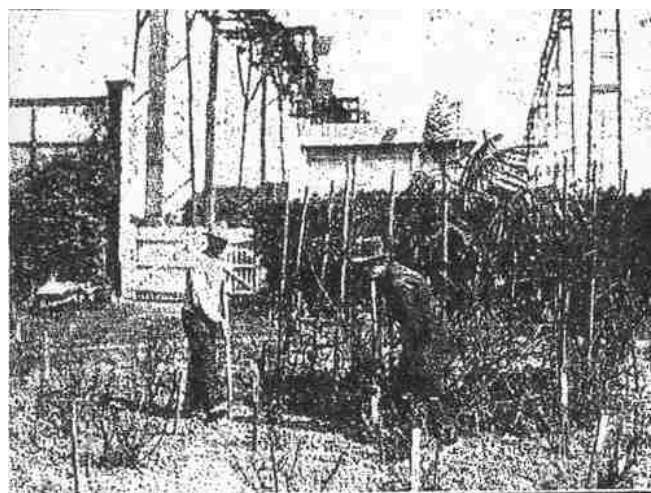
The following is from a further article written by him during his time as President.

'When one is constantly in touch with city life, and comes in contact with all sorts of people, it is interesting to note how frequently the sight of a bunch of roses provokes comment and elicits questions from utter strangers. Particularly is this the case with red roses. There seems to be something in the very sight of the beautifully brilliant flowers which awakens a train of thought, in many cases dormant and only waiting for some impulse to stir it into action.'*[The Australian Rose Annual* 1945, p.97]

During WWII Hazlewood Bros informed their followers that 'War time regulations stipulate that a large proportion of available manpower must be used for food production in the national interest. Previously [with 25 of our regular staff in the army], stocks of most lines have been kept going with over-age or rejected men and girls, but to-day more time and acreage must be devoted to food crops. Our limited stock of roses for 1945 are already over-booked, while no catalogues are available owing to paper rationing, we look forward to normal and happier conditions next year.'*[The Australian Rose Annual* 1945, p.ix]

Alan Brundrett of Brundrett and Son, Victoria, in part, also said: 'During my 30,000 miles of travelling in troop trains in the three Eastern States, it was unfortunate that I had little opportunity to see much of N.S.W. Roses but I was able to observe the beds of Roses planted on so many of the Sydney suburban railway stations. This idea could well be copied in our own State.'*[The Australian and New Zealand Rose Annual* 1946, p.79]

The NSW Government Railway established the department's nursery at Homebush in 1923 to provide plants for the state's railway station gardens. By 1930 many named varieties of roses were distributed to railway gardens from the nursery. The nursery closed in 1974. *The Staff* was their newsletter containing general garden notes and progress photos of the station gardens.



NSW Government Railway Rose Garden - pruning 1930

1945 - 1946

President - Alexander John (Jack) Berrie

Vice-Patron - Alister Clark SMA, Dean Hole Medal

Vice-Patroness - Mrs Edith Clark

Vice-Presidents - W.H. Ifould OBE, C.W. Heyde, G.F.

Hawkey, G.D. Blaxland, R.D. Cunynghame

Honorary Secretary - J.E. Eaton

Honorary Treasurer - J.O.C. Wittus

Honorary Assistant Secretary - D. Davies

Committee - A.J. Cary, S.G. Cope, D. Davies, H. Garvin, H.

Hazlewood, G. Knight, C. Knight, E.H. Phillips, F. Platt, H.D.

Pye, W.B. Thomas, J.R. Williamson

Honorary Auditors - W.B. Jackson, Miss A.A. Butterworth



A.J. Berrie

Jack Berrie also served as Secretary (1923-1929), Auditor (1931-1940) and Vice-President (1941-1944).

I was fortunate to meet two of his grand-daughters, Lindley Berrie and Susan Chamie who kindly supplied photos and a little glimpse into the past of their grand-parents. Mr Berrie was employed by W.D. and H.O. Wills. He married Elsie Watson. Elsie had one sister, and this is the story handed down in the family. Suitors came calling, one brought chocolates, the other, roses. Elsie made sure she only went to the door when the young man with the roses knocked. Of course this was Jack Berrie. A photo of Mrs Berrie's lovely floral arrangement was retrieved from a box in Lindley's garage after my meeting with her. It now hangs in her home and the RS of NSW Inc. has an important history entry. [Ed]



Mrs A.J. Berrie's 1st prize-winning bowl of **Rev F. Page-Roberts** at Farmers Show 1924



Jack and Elsie Berrie in their garden

1946 - 1947

President - J.R. Williamson

Patron - W.H. Ifould OBE

Patroness- Mrs W.H. Ifould

Vice-Patron - Alister Clark

Vice-Presidents - C.W. Heyde, G.D. Blaxland, R.D. Cunynghame, A.J. Berrie, J.F. Burrows, J.O.C. Wittus

Committee - A.J. Cary, S.G. Cope, J.E. Eaton, H. Garvin, H. Hazlewood, C. Knight, G. Knight, J.H. Murphy, E.H. Phillips, F. Platt, H.D. Pye, W.B. Thomas

Honorary Treasurer - A.N. Bagot

Honorary Secretary - C.H. Vickress

Honorary Auditors - H.D. Pye, W.E. Jackson

Honorary Assistant Secretary - F.J. Melville

Mr Williamson was also a committee member from 1943-1945 and 1950-1951 and Vice-President from 1947-1950.



J. R. Williamson

1947 - 1949

President - Frank Platt

Mr Platt was a committee member from 1937-1946, Vice-President from 1948-1949 and 1954-1957 and Honorary Treasurer in 1950.

His Sydney spring rose show report in 1945 included the following summation:-

'The decorative and garden Rose appears to be a sort of poor relation (to the exhibition type).

Unfortunately, owing to the electricity blackout in Sydney, the National Rose Society's Annual Show, which was to have been held on Monday night, October 15, had to be abandoned.

An innovation, however, this year was the "Chelsea Flower Show," conducted by the Red Cross Society and the Horticultural Council of N.S.W. in the Sydney Domain on October 17, 18, 19 and 20. This show was held in tents and Roses were staged on the 17th and 19th. The show was a huge success and the Rose tent was crowded on both days.' [The Australian and New Zealand Rose Annual 1946, p.102]

On the first day, W.B. Thomas won the class of '12' which included **Mrs H.R. Darlington, Mälar-Ros, Dame Edith Helen, Mrs C. Lamplough, Éterna, Giovanezza** (champion), **Caledonia, Una Wallace** and **President Boone**.

On the second day, Champion Rose was **Dame Edith Helen** shown by E.H. Phillips. Frank Platt secured first prize for six vases of Garden Roses which included **President Herbert Hoover, Gaiety, Elite, Maison Pernet-Ducher** and **Cathrine Kordes**. **Mälar-Ros** was the most shown red. F.J. Melville of Kingsgrove conducted a survey of roses in 1946 which revealed that **Dame Edith Helen** was still the most exhibited rose at the NRS of NSW meetings and shows in the Exhibition classes.

1949 - 1951

President - George W. Cooper

Patron - W.H. Ifould OBE

Patroness - Mrs Ifould

Vice-Patrons - G. Knight, H. Hazlewood

Vice-Presidents - G. Blaxland, R.D. Cunynghame, W.B. Thomas, H.D. Pye, J.K. Keogh, J.R. Williamson

Honorary Treasurer - F. Platt

Honorary Secretary - C.R. Vickress

Committee - A. Clay, W. Stephen, W.J. Westlake, J. Coote, R. Nixon, E.W. Swanston, E.W. Goff, G. Simons, J. Williams, Mrs W.B. Thomas, Misses L. Creswick, A. Greening

Honorary Auditor - A. McDonald

Honorary Assistant Secretary and Librarian - A.J. Cary

The first record of George Cooper is as Publicity Officer for 1947-1948.

He also served as Vice-President from 1951-1953, was on the committee as an elected delegate to the Royal Horticultural Council and a sub-committee member for planning rose shows/exhibits.

In 1950 Dr A.S. Thomas dedicated the proceeds of his book, *'Better Roses'* to the National Rose Societies of the Australian states and New Zealand.

1951 - 1953

President - Frank Platt

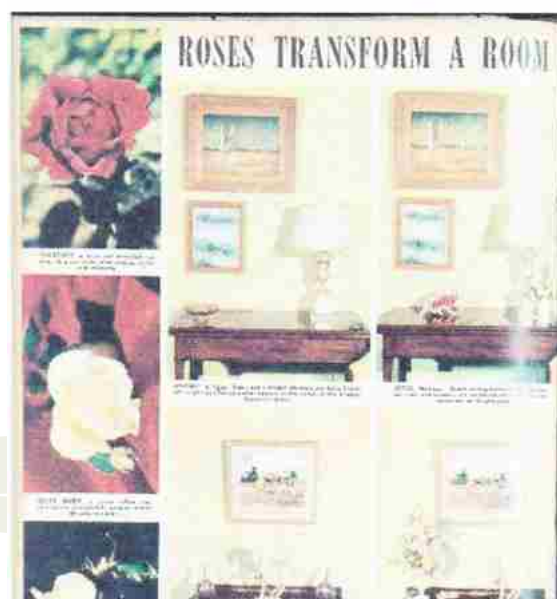
In 1951 viceregal patronage returned post WWII after a six year break.

Patron - His Excellency, Lieutenant-General Sir John Northcott KCMG, CB, MVO, Governor of New South Wales

As part of a talk Mr Platt gave in 1952, he listed his thoughts on the 'ideal rose' - growth of *Radiance*, disease resistance of *Sunny South*, colour of *Crimson Glory*, stem of *President Macia*, and the flowering freedom of *Talisman*. The same year Harry Hazlewood informed the membership that Tea roses would no longer be listed.

In 1952 the NRS of NSW received royalties of £10/1/6 from Harry Hazlewood who handled the sales of *'Better Roses'*.

22 Oct 1952 - The Australian Women's Weekly - p6



Bush Book Club and NRS of NSW, David Jones

1953 - 1955

President - John K. Keogh

1953 - 40th Anniversary Year

The AGM was held on Wednesday 21 January 1953 at the YWCA Building, Liverpool Street, Sydney. The rent was 18/- monthly and 5/- rental for the library cupboard.

At the AGM there were 24 members present and 11 apologies. Twelve new memberships were accepted.

Patron - His Excellency, Lieutenant-General Sir John Northcott KCMG, CB, MVO, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Lady Northcott

Vice-Patrons - W.H. Ifould OBE, G. Knight, H. Hazlewood

Vice-Patroness - Mrs W.H. Ifould

Vice-Presidents - G.D. Blaxland, G. Cooper, R.D. Cunynghame, C.W. Heyde, R. Nixon, E.L. Malone

Honorary Treasurer - G.F. Hinde

Honorary Secretary - C.H. Vickress

1954 - S.N. Higlett

Committee - E.W. Goff, A.G. Hammond, J.A. Kent, G. Simons, J. McLean, B.L. McGowan, K.J. Trevallion, S. Strachan, Mrs K.J. Trevallion

Honorary Auditor - A. McDonald

Honorary Assistant Secretary - A.J. Cary

Rose Selection Committee - Nurserymen, H. Hazlewood, G. Knight, R. Rumsey

Judges - G. Knight, C. Knight

Delegates to the Horticultural Council - F. Platt, J. Keogh

The rose census continued, 20 years after the first mention by Hugh Wright.

Recommended roses submitted to *The Australian Rose Annual* each year for NSW were taken from the rose census. From the first list in 1929 with eight rose classifications, the 1953 list was down to five.

The first three roses of each list were:

24 Exhibition Roses: ***Dame Edith Helen, Crimson Glory, Una Wallace***

24 Garden Roses: ***President Herbert Hoover, Étoile de Hollande, Korovo***

12 Decorative Roses: ***Dainty Bess, Shot Silk, Irish Fireflame***

6 Polyantha Roses: ***Orange Triumph, Fashion, Eutin***

The meeting calendar for 1953 consisted of the following presentations:

February - Lantern lecture given by Mr Gilham on 'Gardens of Sydney'

March - The Autumn exhibition. An entry was placed in the District Exhibit at the Royal Agricultural Show.

April - 'New Roses' presented by H. Hazlewood and C. Knight

May - 'Selected Subject' by W. Richardson
 June - 'Pruning' by F. Platt
 July - 'Fertilisers' by G. Blaxland
 August - 'Rose Shows in England, 1952' by A. McDonald
 September - 'Staging and Preparation of Blooms' by R. Nixon
 October - 'Flush of the Season'.

The monthly show bench schedule consisted of the following classes:

6 Exhibition Roses, 3 Exhibition Roses, 1 Exhibition Rose, 3 Vases of Garden Roses, 1 Vase of Garden Roses, 1 Vase of Decorative Roses.

Section F was for lady members.

Section A was the open section and Section B was for non-medal winners. Other sections through to I were mentioned as receiving awards, with no detail of the type of competition.

The Silver Medal of the NRS of NSW and the Bronze Medal of the NRS of England along with the George Knight Cup and Harry Hazlewood Cup were awarded annually for the highest aggregate taken from monthly show bench points and the autumn and spring shows.

A new class was added to the spring show schedule: 'Bud to Full Bloom, in 4 stages' and one year later, in 1954, a class for 'Full Bloom Roses'.

A rose show and display of roses was held in partnership with a charity organisation, the Bush Book Club NSW from 21-23 October at David Jones Art Gallery. The Bush Book Club staged an exhibition of interior decorating. The profit was £422 of which the rose society received £47. (The Bush Book Club supplied books to service personnel and the Australian outback.)

George and Bill Knight judged the blooms which were of excellent quality.

Prize-winners were: Champion Rose - E. Malone - ***Mrs Georgia Chobe***

Section A: 6 Exhibition Roses - D. Meehan, 21½ points

Section B: 6 Exhibition Roses - E. Malone, 18 points

Section C: George Knight and Harry Hazlewood Cup - E. Malone and Alister Clark Cup - Isa Strachan

The society medal for the highest aggregate score was won by E. Malone.

Twenty-eight new memberships were accepted at the November meeting, a flow on from the show.

Two hundred and seventy-three 'Annuals' were ordered. Annual membership fee was 15/-.

In August 1954 a motion was passed, 'that the authorities be approached with a view to having a Rose Garden established in Sydney'. It seems no action was taken following a letter sent from the committee to the curator of Sydney Public Gardens.

14 Oct 1954 - First "Blue" Roses Shown In Sydney



Lavender Pinocchio, Spring Show, YWCA 1954

1955 - 1956

President - J.J. Bieman

Patron - His Excellency, Lieutenant-General Sir John Northcott KCMG, CB, MVO, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Lady Northcott

Vice-Patron - W.H. Ifould OBE

Vice-Patroness - Mrs W.H. Ifould

Vice-Presidents - G.D. Blaxland, C.W. Heyde, R.E. Nixon, G.F. Hinde, F. Platt, C.H. Vickress

Honorary Treasurer - Mrs T. Hoare

Honorary Secretary - K.J. Trevallion

Committee - B.L. McGowan, S. Strachan, E. Rothery, L. Roy, E. Annabel, J.K. Keogh, Mrs K.J. Trevallion, Miss J. Wood

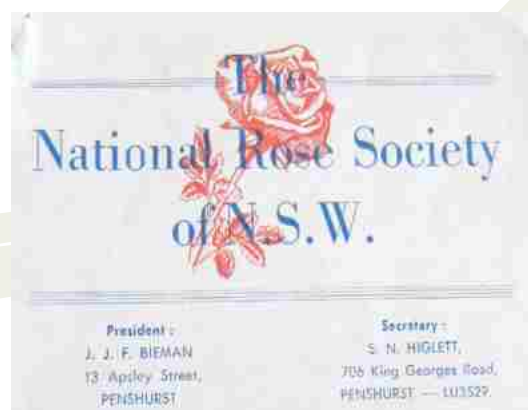
Honorary Auditor - A. McDonald

Honorary Assistant Secretary - A.J. Cary

Honorary Librarian - J. Delaney

Thirty pounds were allocated for the society to purchase a reconditioned typewriter. The first typed point score record is on file in October 1955 and is proudly pasted in the minute book. Eric Jordan became the first editor of a regular information leaflet.

Meetings were held at the Commonwealth Bank in Martin Place and at Savoy Hall, 29 Blich Street, Sydney.



Eric Jordan

1956 - 1964

President - John K. Keogh

From 1913-1955 the AGM was held in January but was moved to August in 1956.

John Keogh was Vice-President from 1948-1952 and Life Membership was awarded in 1961.

He was a rose judge from 1960 and an active member for 25 years.

'Summer Hill', a house built in 1840 on the Paterson River was John's birthplace. He recalled the spicy fragrance of *Souv de la Malmaison* in its garden.



John Keogh

The 1956 spring show was held on Tuesday evening, 20 March in the recreation room at the Commonwealth Bank in Martin Place. While judging was in progress an address was given by Bill Richardson, a member, judge and nurseryman.

The show judge was George Knight.

The George Knight Cup winner was E. Rothery.

The Patrick Grant Cup was not awarded as there was no Champion Rose selected.

The Alister Clark Cup winner was Honorary Secretary, Mrs T. Hoare.

The Silver Medal for the highest points was awarded to Ted Annabel.

The show was open for public viewing on Wednesday from 10am-4pm.

Meetings moved to the IOOF Hall, 100 Clarence Street in 1958. A spring show was held there in October in place of the monthly meeting. The society remained at this meeting venue until the restructure and forming of State Council in 1979.

Sir John Northcott was Patron for 8 years during this period and Life Membership of the NRS of NSW was presented to him on his retirement in 1958.

1959 Office Bearers

Patron - His Excellency, Lieutenant-General Sir Eric Woodward KCMG, CBE, DSO, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Lady Woodward

Vice-Patrons - W.H. Ifould OBE, C.W. Heyde, G. Knight, L. Allen, S.G. Wilson, W.M. Richardson, F. Riethmuller

Vice-Presidents - E. Annabel, E. Rothery, J. Cooksey, L. Boyce, R.C. Ling, R.E. Nixon

Honorary Life Members - Sir John Northcott, W.H. Ifould, C.W. Heyde, G. Knight, W.M. Richardson

Honorary Treasurer - Stan Strachan

Honorary Secretary - Mrs T. Hoare

Committee - R. Rumsey, E. Jordan, H. Stanton, J. Cooksey, G. Nilson, R. Ling, B. Wray, Mesdames J. Kelleher, N. Doley, S. Strachan, A. Marsden, H. Rumsey

Honorary Auditor - A. Spence

Show Secretary - H. Beer

Honorary Librarian - N. Doley

Honorary Publicity Officer - R.C. Ling

Standards Committee Members - E. Annabel, E. Rothery, R. Ling, R. Rumsey, S. Strachan

Judges - J. Keogh, G. Knight, C. Knight, W. Richardson, V. Archer, R.C. Ling, E. Rothery, E. Annabel, R.E. Nixon, Mrs T. Hoare

Floral Art Judges - Mesdames J. Buchan, J. Kelleher; Probationary Judge - A. Marsden

Revised standards and show schedule were accepted, with 'Modern Roses V' accepted as the show classification guide, with the exception of Grandiflora, which was regarded by the society as a Hybrid Tea.

Ku-Ring-Gai Horticultural Society combined with the NRS of NSW for their 1959 autumn show at Killara. The Champion Rose was **Diamond Jubilee** exhibited by Ted Frost from Wollongong. Ted received the W.H. Ifould Cup as his prize.

A box of Australian Raised roses from the garden of Frank Riethmuller was, in 1959, flown to the South Australian rose society's Golden Jubilee show.

The Gold Medal, awarded for **Titian** by the NRS of NSW, was presented by Mr Holyoake, Past President of the National Rose Society of New Zealand, to Miss Elsie Bischof, niece of Frank Riethmuller, who received it on his behalf, at the society's Christmas gathering in 1959. This solid gold medal was donated to the Toowoomba Art Gallery by the family of Mr Riethmuller in August 1999.

Miss Bischof was an active member and was successful in floral art competitions.

She listed her selection of 'oldies' in *The NSW Rose*, Autumn 1968 and was concerned that they would pass into oblivion. These were: **Léontine Contenot, Helen Hayes, Sunlit, Sunny South, New Yorker** and **Carabella**.

A NRS of NSW show was held at Strathfield Town Hall on 5 November 1960. This was the society's first independently run spring show at a public venue. Entries totalled 459.

George Knight Cup: E. Rothery

Patrick Grant Cup: Bert Mulley - **Peace**

Hazlewood Cup: Bert Mulley - a bunch of **Diamond Jubilee**

Champion Floribunda Rose: Don Campton - **Moulin Rouge**

Champion Decorative Rose: Stan Tuckwell - **Audie Murphy**

Alister Clark Cup: Daphne Mulley

On request from the committee, Bankstown Regional then took responsibility for the NSW spring show. The move to Bankstown was for three years from 1967-1969.

Roselands followed and became the spring show venue for eight years.

By this time there were three regionals holding rose shows in their local areas: Parramatta and Hills, Hunter Valley and Bankstown. This changed the way the society had previously functioned as one group with members centring on one show from its Sydney base.

David Ruston was on holidays in Sydney in May 1960 and attended the monthly meeting with Roy and Heather Rumsey. At this meeting Roy and Heather were presented with a painting as a token of esteem from all members in recognition of the work they had done for the NRS of NSW.

David addressed the meeting on 'Roses in South Australia.'

In June 1959, John Keogh held a conference with the *Daily Telegraph* in the hope of gaining support for an Australia-wide National Rose Society Interstate Competition. In September

the reply from the *Daily Telegraph* announced that they would support an interstate competition to be held at the *Daily Telegraph* rose show at Mark Foy's from 22-24 October.

The Australian Women's Weekly sponsored the interstate competition, offering a trophy for the best display in a space of 6' x 3'.

TAA's cargo services handled the blooms. To stage the blooms, one member from each competing state was also flown into Sydney, free of charge, by TAA.

The ladies auxiliary arranged the display for the NRS of NSW. Interstate competitors came from Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and Queensland. The trophy was won by Queensland.

A social evening was held for all rosarians to meet and welcome the interstate visitors.

From *The NSW Rose*, December 1983, Albert Howard reflected on the occasion of his 80th birthday, remembering the Mark Foy's Show. 'There were so many exhibitors at the show stewards had to be found outside the society. I became a steward and joined the rose society after the show.' Albert served the society as Assistant Show Secretary, Show Secretary, and Honorary Secretary from 1966-1971. He edited some of the quarterly magazines.

The success of the 1959 interstate competition was repeated in 1960 as part of the autumn show at Farmers Blaxland Gallery, again sponsored by *The Australian Women's Weekly*.

The Woman's Weekly requested a panel of judges for the competition. This consisted of:

Chief Judge - Reg Edwards, Gardening Editor of *The Australian Women's Weekly*

H.R. Brand - National Rose Society of South Australia

W.N. Montgomery - Chief Judge of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

Bill Knight - Judge from the NRS of NSW

Alan Hancock - President of the Royal Horticultural Society of NSW.

The trophy was presented by Patroness, Lady Woodward.

Legacy received the profits from this very successful show.



Rumsey's new release **Heatwave** (F) Farmers show 1959
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1959 Mark Foy's the Interstate **Women's Weekly** competition

Rose Society of NSW



Mayor of Strathfield, Vivian Leigh and Mr J. Keogh at the spring show 1961



Don Lane presenting the Pan Am Cup to Bert Mulley

After performing the official opening at the NRS of NSW 1961 spring show at Strathfield, a presentation basket of roses was presented to actress, Miss Vivian Leigh by 14 year old, Maureen Kelleher. Miss Leigh was in Australia to perform in a production of 'Twelfth Night'. Maureen's father, J.G. Kelleher was the honorary secretary. Mrs Kelleher was on the committee and a floral art judge. Maureen had contracted polio as a small child, so the show's profits of £73 went to the Poliomyelitis and Physically Handicapped Society.

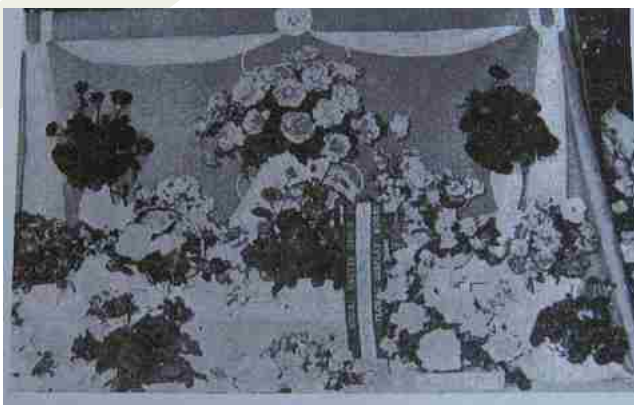
Mrs Kelleher registered a mutation from **Vogue** (F 1951) Boerner, Jackson & Perkins. She submitted the name, *Bazaar*, but instead, it was registered as **Pink Vogue** in 1960 and released by Hazlewood Bros.

The Women's Weekly competition moved to Adelaide in 1962. Mrs Grose represented NSW and was awarded a fourth placing.

The NRS of NSW had an active calendar for supporting other societies with displays of roses. These displays were the effort of the ladies auxiliary: Royal Easter Show, Anthony Horderns Staff Garden Club, Waratah Festival, The *Daily Telegraph* show at Mark Foy's.

Qantas requested that the society supply roses to be transported to a show in Delhi. Roy and Heather Rumsey, Ted Annabel and Edna Best offered to supply the roses required. Australian roses were featured at the

All Indian Rose Show which was held outside Safdarjung Tomb, New Delhi. From the minutes of the general meeting held in January 1960 John Keogh spoke of the shipment of roses sent to the National Rose Society at Delhi through the Department of Trade.



Championship Exhibit of Roses at the Royal Easter Show, Sydney, 1961 arranged by members of the National Rose Society of New South Wales



1961 display win Royal Easter Show

1963

*The National Rose Society of
New South Wales Celebrates
50 Years*

'The Society was affiliated with the National Rose Society (England) and with the American Rose Society, and these affiliations have continued to the present day, with much benefit to the members. The first "Australian Rose Annual" was published in 1928 by the National Rose Society of Victoria, but in 1929 the "Annual" was a joint venture by Victoria and New South Wales.

The Society's peak period before World War II was the late '20s and early '30s, when shows and competitions were keenly competed. The late Mr. Harry Hazlewood, who was to win the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 1949, became one of the best-known and respected members, and his guidance in the selection of new rose varieties, together with his work in rose culture, were of great benefit to all rosarians.

The most important event in the history of the Society was the commencement in 1959 of the now famous Autumn Show at Farmers Blaxland Gallery. The President, Mr. John Keogh, and members, were given great praise for the success of the first show. In the same year Mr. Frank Riethmuller was awarded the T.A. Stewart Memorial for his outstanding services to the rose world.

Interest in rose culture was greatly stimulated in 1959 and 1960 when, in conjunction with N.R.S. N.S.W., the "Daily Telegraph" held Spring Shows at Mark Foy's Ballroom. These shows also saw the commencement of the interstate competition for the "Australian Women's Weekly" Trophy.

The Golden Jubilee Festival was arranged for October 19 (at David Jones) to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary and the championship was won by Mrs G. Best with a lovely bloom of **Dame Edith Helen**. The present-day membership is nearing the four hundred mark and, whilst lacking the numbers of other Societies, the N.S.W. Society, through its present members, strives sincerely to uphold and carry on the standards and aims laid down by its founders.'
[*The Australian Rose Annual* 1964, p.121-122, author unknown]

The 50th AGM saw the retirement of John Keogh and, in appreciation of his unflagging service, he was elected President Emeritus.

Office Bearers for 1963

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Vice-Patronesses - Mrs Beryl McFadyen OBE, Mrs T. Hoare

President - J.K. Keogh

Vice-Presidents - E. Annabel, E. Rothery, R. Rumsey

Life Members - Sir John Northcott KCMG, CB, MVO, R.E. Nixon, J.K. Keogh

Honorary Treasurer - S. Strachan

Honorary Secretary - J.G. Kelleher

Assistant Secretary - Mrs J. Kelleher

Honorary Show Secretary - H.R. Beer

Honorary Librarian - Mrs C.J. Bowman

Honorary Auditor - A.M. Spence

Committee - D. Campton, J.W. Cooksey, F. Dobson, L. Fitzhenry, A.E. Howard, H. Murray, C. Knight, R. Stanton, Mesdames A. Marsden, H. Rumsey, I. Strachan

Cultural Judges - J. Keogh, E. Annabel, E. Rothery, R.E. Nixon, W.M. Richardson, C. Knight, Mrs T. Hoare

Floral Art Judges - J. Grose, A. Hancock, Mesdames P. Grose, H. Saunders, A. Marsden, J. Kelleher

The Australian Rose Annual 1963 Recommended Rose List extract:

Exhibition Roses - **Anne Letts, Aztec, Burnaby, Cathrine Kordes, Christian Dior, Confidence**

Garden Roses - **Beauté, Buccaneer, Duet, Grand'mère Jenny, Super Star, Picture**

Decorative Roses - **Audie Murphy, Pink Parfait, Helen Traubel, Queen Elizabeth**

Floribunda Roses - **Alain, Anna Wheatcroft, Heat Wave, Orangeade, Shepherd's Delight**

Climbing Roses - **Charlotte Armstrong, Ena Harkness, Mme A. Meilland**

Some introductions worthy of trial- **Golden Giant, Golden Slippers, John S. Armstrong**

The spring show was held in the Great Restaurant at David Jones from 23-25 October to celebrate the Golden Jubilee year. Inaugural President William Ifould OBE was the special guest. The show was voted one of the best ever staged by the society.

The society also participated with an information desk, display of blooms and demonstration of floral art at the Marcus Clark show on 5 and 6 November.

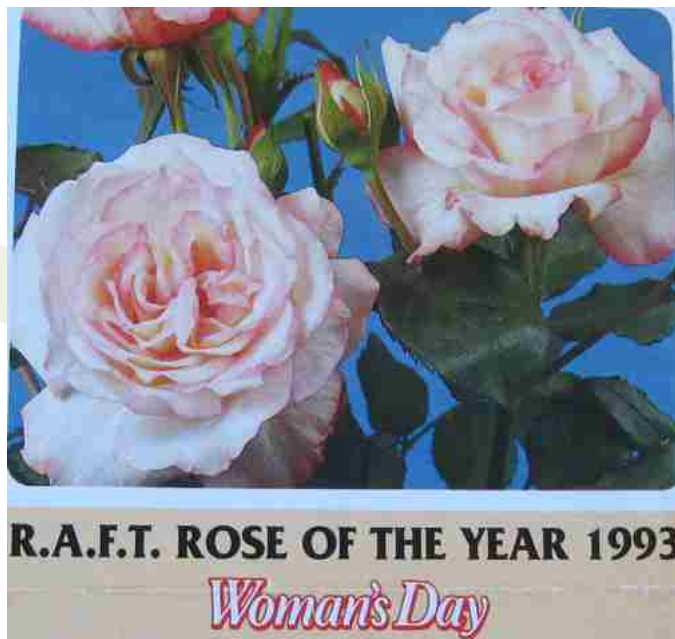
The ladies from the auxiliary were the society's quiet achievers, offering support through fundraising and catering at monthly meetings and special social nights for members, interstate and international visitors. Trips to private gardens and local nurseries were popular social, fundraising activities.

The auxiliary ceased when the society was restructured.

Woman's Day

In April 1963 *Woman's Day* launched an Australia-wide competition offering 50 guineas for a new rose to be called ***Woman's Day***. The judging was to be in the spring. Roses were test-grown by Arthur Yates and Co Pty Ltd at their research farm in David Rd, Castle Hill.

In 1966 Fred J. Armbrust, of Mitchelton, Queensland won the competition with a terracotta-coloured HT registered as ***Woman's Day***. Then, in 1993, the Rose and Fruit Tree Nurseryman's Association (RAFT) NSW selected Rose of the Year, one bred by Eric Welsh on the central coast of NSW. This was the second rose chosen by *Woman's Day* and registered as such. Eric's Floribunda has silvery white petals edged in deep pink.



Eric Welsh with a bush of *Woman's Day* in his garden

1964 - 2013

1964 - 1966

President - Harry Murray

Patron - His Excellency, Lieutenant-General Sir Eric Woodward KCMG, CBE, DSO, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Lady Woodward

Vice-Patrons - L. Allen, S.G. Wilson, F. Riethmuller

1966 - L. Allen, S.G. Wilson

Vice-Patronesses - Mrs Beryl McFadyen OBE, Mrs T. Hoare

Vice-Presidents - E. Annabel, J.W. Cooksey, E. Rothery

1965 - E. Annabel, J.W. Cooksey, C.R. Knight

Honorary Secretary - F.H. Cleal

Honorary Treasurer - S. Strachan

1965 - H.F. Pratt

Honorary Librarian - Mrs C.J. Bowman

Committee - S. Strachan, H. Stanton, L. Fitzhenry, C. Knight, A. Howard, J. Marsden,

L. McDougal, F. Platt, J. Simons, S. Stone, A. Taylor, J. Little, E.W. Jordan, Mesdames G. Taylor, A. Howard, I. Strachan

Judges - Cultural - J.K. Keogh, E. Rothery, C.R. Knight, E. Annabel, R.F. Nixon, F. Dobson, Mrs T. Hoare

Judges - Floral Art - J. Grose, A. Hancock, Mesdames P. Grose, H. Saunders, F. Howard, A. Marsden, J. Kelleher

'After reading a *Yates Garden Guide* I decided to purchase roses to cover a fence. This prompted a visit to Knights' rose nursery at Homebush. **Frau Karl Druschki** was one of those first roses purchased. From this visit a lasting friendship was formed with Bill Knight, and I became a committee member on joining the society in 1962.

Bill Knight I remember as a great champion for the rose as Chair of Judges and supporting each show with rose displays. I became an avid exhibitor after viewing a rose section at a Sydney Royal Easter Show. Bill Knight taught me to become a successful exhibitor. **Christian Dior** was my favourite rose, a winner of many Bunch class awards and remaining a rose very dear to my heart.



Harry Murray

Yates Ltd gave the society generous sponsorship, as did Mr Allan Seale, Yates' horticultural adviser and writer for the *Sunday Telegraph*. Many other sponsors responded to the society, making it possible to launch, without cost to the society, the *NSW Rose*. Credit for the quarterly also goes to the then honorary secretary, Mr F.H. Cleal. His support and positive approach made the publication a reality.' **Harry Murray**

The first Australian Rose Convention was in Melbourne in 1967. Harry Murray attended and was involved in informal meetings with other state rose society members to discuss the possibility of an Australian rose society. The first mention of forming an Australian society had been in 1946.

Harry Murray was a rose judge. He was presented with Life Membership in 1972. He contributed garden notes for the local Parramatta newspaper, *The Torch* under the pseudonym 'Evergreen.'

Frank Cleal was an architect by profession. In 1966 he designed garden beds for the planting of six varieties of Floribunda roses, his gift to Nazareth House, a home for the aged at Turramurra.

The first edition of the *NSW Rose* in autumn 1964 listed the president's recommendations for the future of the society:

The introduction of a budget

- Major changes to the constitution
- Proposed increase of social outings
- To increase membership.
- Membership was at 469 in 1964 and 600 in 1966. The annual subscription for members living within 50 miles of the GPO Sydney was £2/10/- for single membership and £3 for joint membership. Members residing more than 50 miles from the GPO paid £2 and £2/10/- respectively.
- Affiliated societies membership was £3.

In the second edition of the *NSW Rose* an invitation was issued to all members to contact the secretary if interested in establishing a rose regional.



1964 release of *The NSW Rose*

1966 - 1970

President - Edward (Ted) Annabel

Patron - Sir Roden Cutler VC, KCMG, CBE, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Lady Cutler

Vice-Presidents - H. Murray, C. Knight, A. Taylor

President Emeritus - J. Keogh

Honorary Secretary - A.E. Howard

Honorary Treasurer - Dr E. Holland

1970 - Mrs F. Gwynne

Honorary Show Secretary - A.E. Howard

Honorary Editor - Miss M. Walker

1969 - H. Barrie

1970 - K. Goulding

Honorary Librarian - R. Mann

1969 - Mrs H. Barrie

Cultural Judges - C. Knight, J. Keogh, E. Annabel, F. Dobson, A.G. Mulley, E. Frost, J. Cooksey, D. Nelson

Floral Art Judges - J. Grose, A. Hancock, Mesdames P. Grose, A. Howard, A. Marsden

Committee - E. Jordan, S. Strachan, H. Stanton, F. Cleal, J. Perrini, R. Corringham, J. Gibson, J. Kerr, J. Dowling, N. McCann, S. Parkes, A. Hopson, R. Groves, R. Rampton, E. Holland, F. Gwynne, Mesdames G. Taylor, F. Howard, S. Strachan, M. Perryman, F. Yates, M. Annabel, A. Gibson, M. York, V. Dowling, H. Murray, Miss M. Walker

'I had established in my garden a hedge of *Radiance*. One year later, with my wife, Marie we attended the 1951 spring show which was held at David Jones. Membership followed, and 160 rose bushes 'moved in'. I joined the committee in 1954, and Marie was a member of the Women's Auxiliary. I commend the Women's Auxiliary for the financial assistance and hospitality provided at each meeting over many years.

I became a very competitive exhibitor. *Diamond Jubilee* is still a favourite.

I served my judging apprenticeship with Mr G. Knight and Mr J. Keogh.

A special honour was attending a reception at Government House in celebration of the Queen's 40th birthday in 1966. Mr and Mrs Howard accompanied Marie and me to represent the society. **Ted Annabel**

The records show a healthy, happy interchange of rose society judges between the states for respective annual spring shows. Society membership reached 705. Interstate visitors to the society's 1968 spring show at Capital Hall, Bankstown included NRS of Q President, H. Graham who opened the show. Messrs A. Brundrett and R. Hamilton from Victoria also attended and participated in the judging.

During this period the society was responding to requests for regional status. Regionals



Ted Annabel

established were Parramatta and Hills, Hunter Valley, Bankstown, Nambucca Heads and Narromine. Two delegates from each of these regionals joined the society's committee. Ted Annabel served on the committee from 1953-1971 and was Vice-President from 1957-1965.

He received his judges' badge in 1959 and Life Membership was granted in 1973.



Ted Annabel's favourite rose, *Diamond Jubilee*



The society entertained Harry Wheatcroft and his wife in 1966. He was taken on a visit to see the Mulleys' garden in Camden.

1970 - 1971

President - *Harry Murray*

1970

The James Cook Bicentenary Spring Rose Show was staged and judged on Sunday 18 October at Roselands. The exhibits covered a large area of the Raindrop Fountain level. Viewing over the following two days was available to the public.

The official opening was conducted by Allan Seale who was accompanied by his wife.

The Bicentenary Rose Championship - Eric Welsh - **Royal Highness, Elizabeth of Glamis**

Reserve Championship - Bert Mulley - **Papa Meilland, Pink Parfait, Montezuma, Royal Highness**, also Champion Bunch - **Montezuma**

Champion Decorative Rose - Harry Murray - **Sea Pearl**

Best Vase in 'Section C' - S. Pinner - **Elizabeth of Glamis**

The *Sunday Telegraph* Championship and Cup - Keith Wilson (Nambucca Heads Regional) -

Mount Shasta, Pink Parfait, Brandenburg, Peter Frankenfeld, Christian Dior

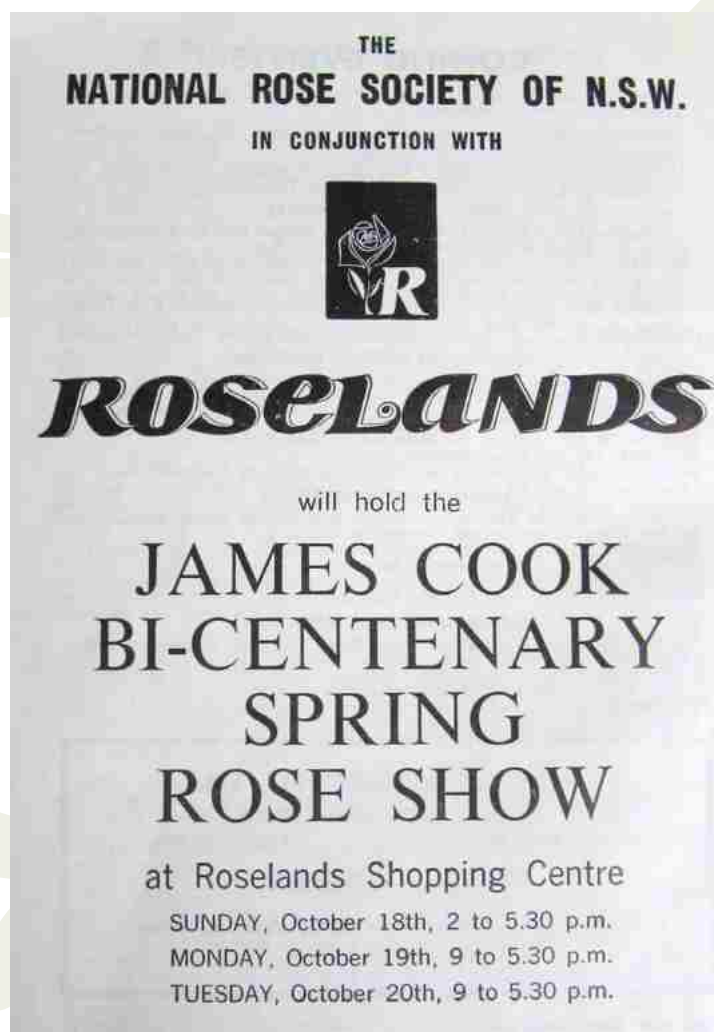
Alister Clark Cup - Daphne Mulley

Pan American Cup, George Knight Cup and Patrick Grant Cup - Eric Welsh

Harry Hazlewood Cup - Bert Mulley

Floral Art Cup - Mrs N. Nedved

The Australian Women's Weekly Trophy - Mrs Smith



Promotion for the James Cook Bi-Centenary show

1971 - 1972

President - Herbert C. (Bert) Anderson

Patron - Sir Roden Cutler VC, KCMG,
CBE, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Lady Cutler

Vice-Presidents - C. Knight, W. Gates,
A. Taylor

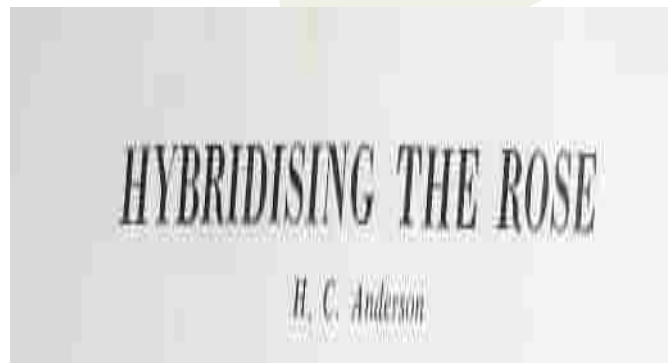
Honorary Secretary - Mrs M. Yates

Honorary Treasurer - S. Strachan

Honorary Editor - K. Goulding

Honorary Librarian - Mrs A. Seymour

Committee - J. Gibson, J. Kerr, F. Gwynne, E. Annabel, N. McCann, E. Jordan, R. Groves, C. Rampton, A. Windsor, S. Parkes, Mesdames M. Perryman, F. Howard, M. Annabel, G. Taylor, V. Dowling, M. Yates, A. Fisk, Miss M. York



Bert Anderson served as Assistant Secretary for two years. He lectured at society meetings on hybridising his seedlings and submitted a series of articles to the *NSW Rose* on hybridising. His last lecture as guest speaker for the society was at the monthly meeting in October 1977. Qualifications for the grading of exhibitors were accepted in 1971. This grading was determined by the number of first prizes won by members of the NRS of NSW at their spring shows only. First prizes won at regional shows were not taken into account.

Section A - Open to all exhibitors

Section B - For members who had not won twelve first prizes

Section C - For members who had not won five first prizes

Probationary judges were requested to be available to act as stewards at shows as an important part of their training.



National Rose Society of NSW badge

1972 - 1977

President - Alex Taylor

Patron - Sir Roden Cutler VC, KCMG, KCVO, CBE,
Governor of NSW

Patroness - Lady Cutler

Vice-Presidents - C. Knight, A. Taylor, J. Gibson

1973 - C. Knight, J. Gibson, C. McKivat

1974 - J. Gibson, F. Gwynne, Mrs G. Taylor

1975 - J. Gibson, F. Gwynne, Mrs A. Gwynne

1977 - F. Gwynne, R. Walsh, Mrs A. Gwynne

Honorary Secretary - Mrs A. Gwynne

1975 - Mrs H. Moody

Honorary Treasurer - S. Strachan

Honorary Show Secretary - Mrs A. Gibson

1975 - Mrs J. Studdart

Honorary Editor - H. Anderson

1973 - Editorial Committee - G. Guyett, D. Frazer, Mrs A. Gwynne

1974 - Mrs A. Gwynne

1977 - Mrs E. Denton

Honorary Librarian - Miss R. Nolan

1976 - R. Walsh

Honorary Solicitor - H. Murray

Honorary Auditor - F. Cleal

1976 - Chas. J. Grace & Co

1977 - J.T. Danko

Committee - F. Hillman, C. McKivat, H. Murray, F. Gwynne, A. Lord, S. Parkes, P. Sneddon, J. Kerr, F. Manners, D. Barnett, L. Markham, D. Frazer, P. Conley, J. Gibson, M. Downing, S. Tuckwell, M. Moody, Brother Francis, Mesdames M. Perryman, G. Taylor, V. Dowling, A. Fisk, M. Powell, J. Coddington, F. Hillman, M. Sweeney, E. Denton, A. Gibson, A. Gwynne, A. Jones, G. McKivat, A. Manners, L. Tuckwell, J. McManus, H. Barrie, Misses M. York, L. Chamberlain

Alex Taylor was a committee member from 1963-1966 and Vice-President from 1966-1971. He was the recipient of the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 1977. His interests were in exhibiting, judging and hybridising. He had hoped to raise a rose worthy of being included in the trial garden at Rumsey's.



Alex Taylor

Alex favoured Miniature roses and exhibited *Pink Cameo, Silver Tips, Tinkerbelle and Zwerköning 78*. Mrs Taylor was a member of the committee and women's auxiliary from 1963-1977.

In 1979 Alex had one of his seedling roses win at the autumn rose show.

During this ten year period an improved *NSW Rose* was printed with a colour cover and extra pages, making 23, an increase from the original 15.

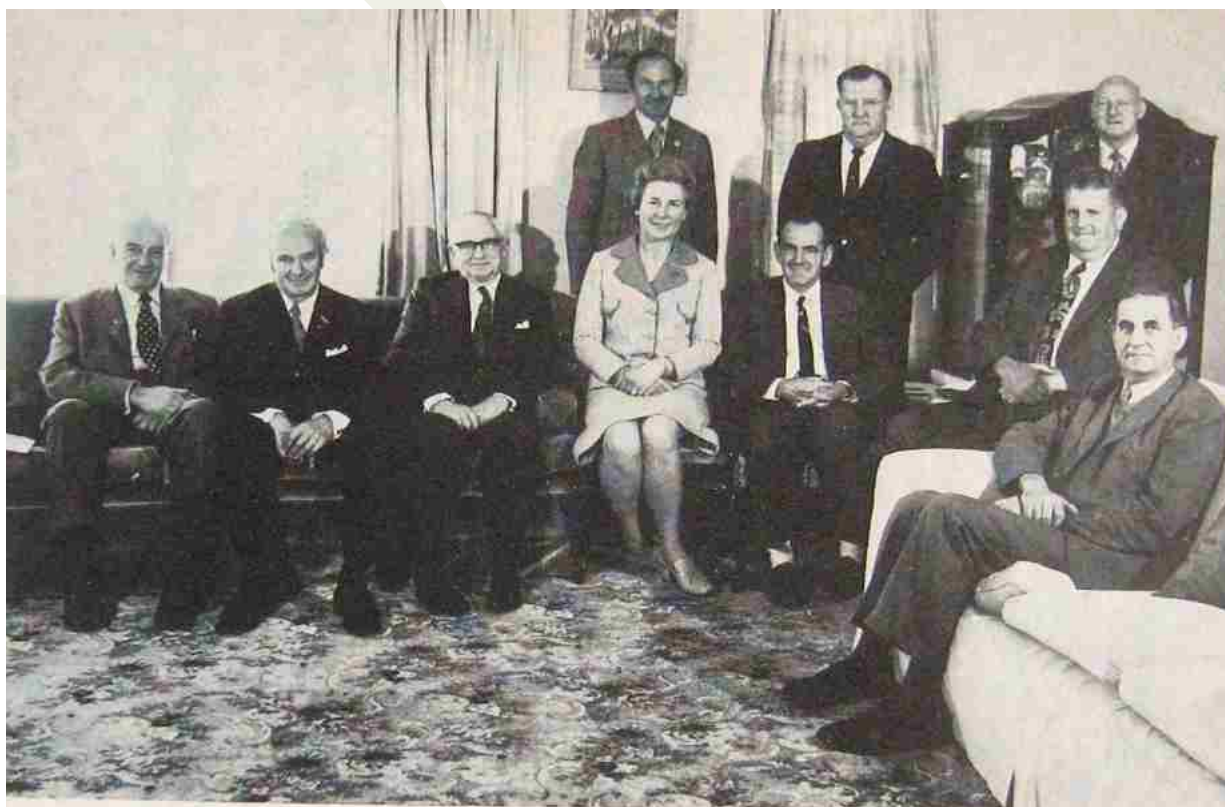
The National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA) became a reality in Melbourne in November 1972.

Eric Welsh represented the NRS of NSW as he was in Melbourne exhibiting at their spring rose show. Membership was open to any of the state rose societies for an annual subscription fee of \$20. The formation of a national society allowed Australia to apply for membership to the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) which was founded in London, England in 1968.

Rules for judging roses were issued to all member states in 1973 by the NRSA.

On request from the NRSA all states dropped the word 'National' from their title.

This resulted in the third change for the society's badge. The first badge was a lapel pin with text in old English surrounding the Tudor rose. The lapel pin was then changed for a badge and a change to the text. The word 'National' was removed from the state badge in 1973. [*NSW Rose*, September 1973]



THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
From left to right — standing: Mr. E. Welsh (N.S.W.), Mr. H. Graham (Q.), Mr. J. Priestly (Vic.) honorary secretary-treasurer. Seated: Mr. J. Johnston (Tas.), Mr. B. Stone (Vic.) convening chairman, Dr. A. S. Thomas (Vic.) President, Mrs. M. Knight (Tas.), Mr. L. Lawrence (Vic.) Editor, Dr. R. Bovey (Q.), and Dr. A. Campbell (S.A.).

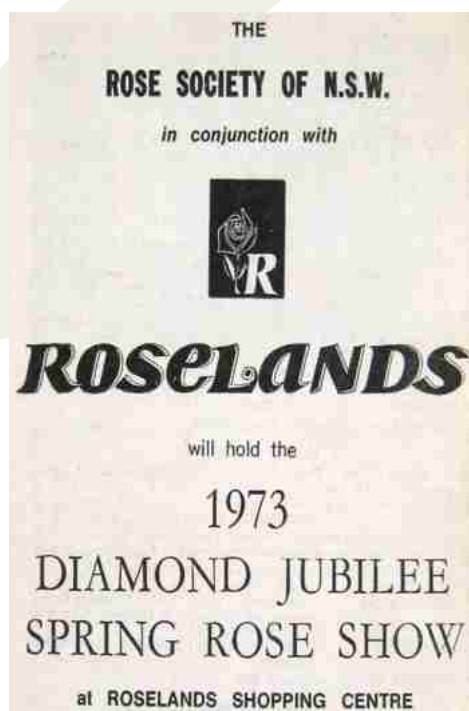
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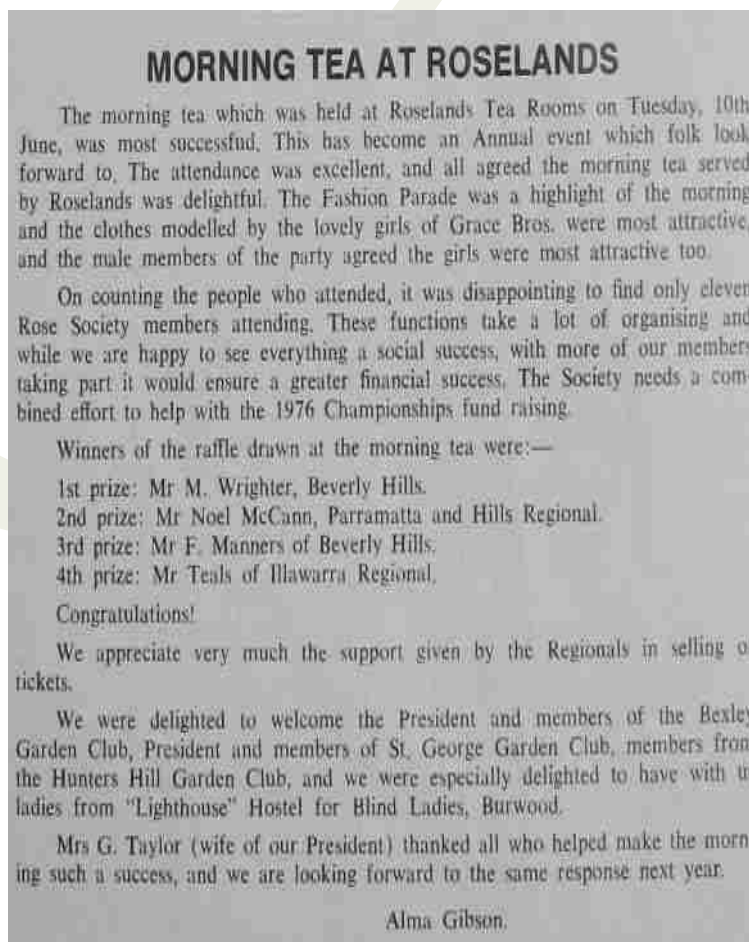
The Diamond Jubilee Year

A Diamond Jubilee Dinner was held at Roselands 'Rose Tea Room' on Friday night 12 October. Seventy-five members and friends gathered to celebrate.

At this function Life Membership badges were presented to Bill Knight, Ted Annabel, Harry Murray, Stan Strachan and Edna Best.



Promotion for the Diamond Jubilee Show



The Diamond Jubilee Rose Show

This show was staged at Roselands from 14-16 October.

The show report from President Alex Taylor read [in part] 'the week prior to our Spring Show was marred by incessant rain, with the result many blooms were ruined. Despite our worst fears we were able to stage a show which was much admired by both our sponsors (Roselands) and the general public. Members of our Parramatta & Hills, Bankstown, Narromine Regionals, each provided a lovely display. The displays by Rumsey's and Swane's nurseries, were really beautiful. The Society extends their sincerest thanks.' [NSW Rose, Summer 1973, p.3]

(Roselands is still hoping for a rose to be named *Roselands*. This *Roselands* rose competition began in 1970, and, despite reports of many seedlings being raised, no *Roselands* rose has been registered.)

1976

NSW hosts the NRSA AGM

The 4th AGM of the NRSA was hosted for the first time by the RS of NSW in 1976.

The Australian Championship show was held at the Boulevard Hotel, Sydney on 29 and 30 October. The official opening was performed by Patron, Sir Roden Cutler.

In the cultural section there were 475 entries and 85 entries in the floral art classes.

Open Rose Championship - Eric Welsh

Champion Decorative Rose, Miniature Championship, Champion Exhibition Rose, 'Anne Carter Prize' - Graeme Grosvenor

B Grade Championship - Don Tredinnick

Best Unit in C Grade - Chris Lucas

Open Floral Art Championship - Gwen Ranson

Show Secretary, Mrs Jo Studdart wrote a thank you to the army of those who had worked over the previous 18 months to present the show and to visiting exhibitors who helped with the clean-up. Special thanks were extended to Parramatta and Hills Regional for their hard work. One hundred guests attended a banquet held on Saturday night at which Roy Rumsey was presented with Life Membership. On Sunday morning the AGM was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Jack Case at Dural.

The meeting was chaired by the National and NSW President Alex Taylor. RS of NSW delegates were Ted Annabel and Eric Welsh.

Following the meeting 100 guests gathered for a BBQ lunch.

1977 - 1980

President - Jim Gibson

Patron - Sir Roden Cutler VC, KCMG, KCVO, CBE, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Lady Cutler

Vice-Presidents - A. Taylor SMA, F. Gwynne, R. Walsh

Honorary Secretary - Mrs A. Gwynne, R.N. McCann

Honorary Treasurer - S. Strachan

Honorary Show Secretary - Mrs A. Gibson

Honorary Editor - R. Walsh

Honorary Librarian - Mrs H. Barrie

Honorary Solicitor - H. Murray

Committee - A. Taylor SMA, L. Bently, F. Gwynne, D. Fraser, R. Walsh, D. Barnett, Mrs H. Barrie

Jim Gibson was Vice-President from 1971-1977, Show Secretary, Assistant Show Secretary and Committee member from 1967-1974, a role shared with his wife, Alma. He was honoured with Life Membership in 1979. Jim was enthusiastic and energetic in his service to the society. He travelled extensively to regional meetings during his term as President, aiming to bring all members together as one society.

Rose Society of New South Wales Restructure

Roy and Heather Rumsey hosted society members at a get-together and meeting in the spring of 1978. All regionals were well represented to discuss the current workings of the society and the changes that had occurred with the development of regionals over the previous years.

Other meetings followed on from this first gathering with a final decision made to restructure the society.

President Harry Murray wrote (in part) 'we feel the country members should be encouraged to participate more actively in the Society. With this in mind it is proposed to investigate the possibility of establishing regional Societies in various country districts so that country members can get together and arrange their own meetings, demonstrations, outings and shows.' [*The NSW Rose*, Spring 1964]

Ten years after the commencement of rose regionals, the objectives of the rose forefathers to grow and strengthen the RS of NSW had proved a success. The governing body's city meetings started to feel the drain of attendance at meetings, and there was some loss of unity within the state. Regional shows gave rise to a diminished work force and exhibitors to stage the city shows. A state council was seen as a step forward to involve more members and share responsibility. It was expected that the city meetings with 66 years of history would be part of the new state restructure and stay as Sydney City Regional. [*NSW Rose*, Sept. 1979]

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Parent Body of the ROSE SOCIETY OF N.S.W. had the final meeting in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Clarence St., Sydney on 20th July, 1979.

The Parent Body has been terminated as from that date and a new Council will be formed in August to manage and run the affairs of the Rose Society of N.S.W. in the future.

This Council will consist of representatives from each Regional and a meeting will be held each three months at which these representatives will be expected to attend. If this new venture is to be successful and build a bigger and a better society everyone will have to pull their weight and give greater support and assist in every way possible.

Very few members attended the City meetings or took any interest in the workings of the society, so all the effort fell on the shoulders of that few willing workers who were forced to raise funds in any way possible to keep the society running along financially. With no younger members joining this became quite a chore and a worry.

I think this move of forming a Council is a step forward for The Rose Society of N.S.W. as there will be more people involved and responsible for the workings of the society.

There will be lots of teething problems of which I am sure everyone will be aware, but with time, patience and perseverance things will work out.

Further moves and lots more information will be printed in the Magazines as things progress.

I wish the new Council every success and may it prosper.

During my past two years as President I have been given great support from the city members and committee. A very conscientious and reliable Hon. Secretary was Mrs. Amy Gwynne. Also a reliable and efficient Treasurer is Stan Strachan, and my wife as Show Secretary. Without people like this no President could function. My sincere thanks to them all, also to Frank Gwynne for typing the envelopes, assisting Amy and for posting the magazines, also our Editor, Richard Walsh who has done his job with great interest and enthusiasm. All these people do more work than any President and I was very proud to have worked with them.

My position as President and all other positions will become vacant as from the end of July.

I have enjoyed being your President over the past two years and endeavoured to visit the Regionals whenever possible to keep up with what is going on.

Congratulations to Miss M. Walker, 4/29 Waruda St., Kirribilli on receiving her Life Membership badge. Miss Walker was a member for 47 years and at one time, Editor.

My message to all the Regionals is to keep the Rose Shows going and keep the interest of the Rose before the public.

Again my thanks to ALL who have made my term of office easier and happier.

—JIM GIBSON.

1979
**The Historic Inaugural Meeting of the
State Council of
The Rose Society of New South Wales
Sunday 12 August at 2 pm
held at the Anglican Church Hall,
North Epping**

Office Bearers:

Patron - His Excellency Sir Roden Cutler VC, KCMG, KCVO, CBE, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Lady Cutler

President - Jim Gibson

Vice-President - Shirley Layton

Honorary Secretary - Noel McCann

Honorary Treasurer - Stan Strachan

Honorary Editor - Richard Walsh

Chairman of Judges - Bert Mulley

Honorary Solicitor - Harry Murray

Regional Appointees:

Parramatta and Hills: Noel McCann, Garth Guyett, Doug Grant

Hunter Valley: Fred Asser, Chris Lucas, Shirley Layton

Bankstown and St George: Stan Tuckwell, Max Wrighter, Betty Wrighter

Illawarra: Arthur Watkins, Judith Oyston, Phyllis Burrows

Delegates to NRSA - Eric Welsh and Heather Rumsey

There were 13 observers at the meeting.

1980 - 1990

President - Shirley Layton

First Lady President and Longest Serving President

Patron - His Excellency Sir Roden Cutler VC, KCMG, KCVO, CBE, Governor of NSW

1981 - His Excellency, Air Marshal Sir James Rowland KBE, DFC, AFC, Governor of NSW

1989 - His Excellency, Rear Admiral Sir David Martin KCMG, AO, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Lady Cutler

1981 - Lady Rowland

1989 - Lady Martin

Vice-President - Doug Grant BEM

1983 - Arthur Watkins

1984 - Judith Oyston

1985 - Shirley Stevenson

1989 - Bert Mulley

Honorary Secretary - Noel McCann

1987 - Judith Oyston

1989 - Sue Kingsford

Inaugural Honorary Subscription Secretary

1987 - Noel McCann

Honorary Treasurer - Stan Strachan

1982 - Doug Grant BEM

Honorary Editor - Richard Walsh

Chairman of Judges - Bert Mulley

Honorary Solicitor - Harry Murray

Regional Appointees - D. Grant, A. Mulley SMA, E. Welsh ARA, J. Boyle, G. Guyett, C. Lucas, R. O'Donohue, S. Tuckwell, A. Watkins, F. Asser, S. Parkes, H. Williams, R. Stibbard, J. Ellem, M. Wrighter, W. Campbell, R. Walsh, N. McCann, J. Phillpot, W. Stanford, Mesdames S. Layton, J. McCann, J. Oyston, P. Burrows, A. Coyle, S. Stevenson, P. Williams, V. Bevan, M. Clarke, R. Stanford, F. Crosby, L. Groves, S. Townson, F. Mann, D. Mulley, B. Wrighter



Shirley Layton

The inaugural Bert Mulley Award was presented to Shirley Layton by Bert's widow, Daphne and son, Robert in recognition of her contribution over many years. The presentation was made at the state council meeting on 12 August. Shirley served as Secretary of Hunter Valley Regional for 20 years and was Editor of their rose news for 15 years. Miniature roses were propagated by her for the commercial trade. She was an exhibitor in cultural and floral art classes. A floral

art judges' badge was awarded to her from the RS of NSW in 1978, adding a cultural judges' badge in 1990. Many invitations were accepted to judge at local horticultural shows as well as speaking engagements to promote the rose. Shirley co-ordinated the establishment of local rose displays and shows for the regional. She served as an interstate delegate and observed at WFRS meetings.

In 1985 she received the Telecom Quiet Achiever Award for her work within the regional. The award recognised her role in bringing to Maitland two NSW Rose Championship shows, also the Grossmann House project, known as The Wilga Abrahams Memorial Rose Garden. She was honoured with Life Membership by Hunter Valley Regional in 1980 and State Council in 1987. Membership was 201 in 1980.

During the first year of the new state council Jim Gibson retired due to his wife's ill health.

Vice-President Shirley Layton took responsibility through to the first AGM in 1980.

The spring show was held at the Birkenhead Point shopping complex in 1980. Rumsey's and Engall's rose nurseries with the Heritage rose group supported the show.

The society also displayed roses at the Allan Seale Garden Spectacular held in Gordon.

'Spring in the Gardens' was held in the Royal Botanic Gardens from 1985-1987. The society participated in the three day event.



1985 Vice-President Shirley Stevenson



Open garden at Welshs, Erina



1982 Rumsey's display, Chatswood Town Hall

1980 - 1986

State Perpetual Trophy

To encourage members, State Council decided to award a \$100 open order (A Grade), \$50 (B grade) and \$25 (C grade) for exhibitors accumulating the most points in society shows during a given growing season. The register was kept by Max Wrighter.

Inaugural winners were: A Grade - Max Wrighter, B Grade - Arthur Watkins and C Grade - Dianne Knight. The final presentation was in May 1986: A Grade - Eric Welsh, B Grade - Vicki Bevan and C Grade - F. McGuire.

The Australian Rose Championships were held at Willoughby Town Hall on 22 October 1982. The official opening was performed by Allan Seale. Over 100 vases of Miniature roses were benched at the show. Displays from RAFT, Rumsey's and Swanes added to the overall display. Sam McGredy IV entertained the Saturday night dinner guests with his wit, advice and knowledge of the rose.

Australian Rose Championship - Eric Welsh

The Interstate 6 Exhibition Roses - Dr A. Campbell

Minor Rose Championship - Ron Groves

Miniature Rose Championship - Max Wrighter

Best Unit in the Show - Harry Williams - ***Papa Meilland***

Champion Floral Art - Lucy Groves

Eric Welsh, President of the NRSA hosted the 10th AGM at his home in Erina. RS of NSW delegates to the meeting were Heather Rumsey and Bert Mulley. At this meeting the RS of NSW was granted permission to host the 1988 AGM and the 8th WFRS Convention, as part of the Australian bicentennial celebrations.

Honorary Treasurer Stan Strachan retired in 1982. He held membership from 1951 and was Treasurer from 1956-1965 and 1971-1982. Stan was a keen photographer. His wife, Isa was the gardener and exhibitor, winning the Bronze Medallion, Section B in 1952 and also championships in floral art. Mrs Strachan and Mrs Knight insured a silver vase for \$200. It formed part of the society's winning display at the 1961-1962 Royal Easter Show. Stan Strachan was on the committee involved in forming the regionals. He also provided, free of charge to the society, the letterhead stationery during his term as Treasurer. Life Membership was awarded in 1966. He gave 30 years of dedicated service.

The first annual picnic was held at Warragamba Dam, hosted by Parramatta and Hills Regional in 1985.

Fundraising events commenced for the WFRS conference with a weekend tour by chartered flight to visit David Ruston's garden in Renmark. The tour was arranged by Heather Rumsey and Eric Welsh.

1989 Incorporation

Honorary Treasurer Doug Grant took responsibility for the important step of incorporation for the society. The work involved constitution changes and the formulation of the society minutes. Minutes of importance were accepted by the society and became known as the By-Laws.

Bankstown and St George Regional closed after 21 years in 1989, and the funds were transferred to Macarthur Regional.

Total state membership was 412 in 1989.



1980 Noel McCann (Sec.), Shirley Layton (Pres.), Doug Grant BEM (Treas.)



1994 Chatswood Town Hall

1990 - 1994

President - Garth Guyett

1993 - The 80th Anniversary

Patron - His Excellency, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair
AO, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Mrs Shirley Sinclair

President - Garth Guyett SMA

Vice-President - Bob Stibbard

Honorary Secretary - Sue Kingsford

Honorary Treasurer - Doug Grant BEM

Honorary Subscription Secretary - Noel McCann

Honorary Editor - Richard Walsh

Chairman of Judges - Peter Eisenhuth

Judges - E. Annabel, E. Welsh, S. Tuckwell, C. Knight, Mesdames B. Lloyd, S. Layton

Honorary Publicity Officer - Lindsay Shimmin

1993 - Lorna Hamilton

Regional Appointees - R. Stibbard, N. McCann, C. Clarke, P. Eisenhuth, W. Stanford, P. Stanley, R. Waller, J. Phillpot, H. Batten, J. Jelich, R. Walsh, R. Glover, A. Read, E. Welsh SMA, ARA, Mesdames S. Townson, F. Mann, L. Walker, R. Stanford, M. Clark, S. Layton, D. Dunstan, R. Hough, M. Maroc

President Garth wrote: 'Our 80th year of operation is almost over and whilst there was no fanfare to mark the occasion the year was one of progress. Looking further to the future the year 2013 is only 20 years hence and in that year the society will celebrate 100 years of activity. . . . It is not too early to consider a plan for an event to mark that occasion.' [*NSW Rose*, September 1993, p.3 and 5]

Being a keen gardener Garth joined the RS of NSW in 1967. As a member of Parramatta and Hills Regional, he became a delegate to the city meetings. He edited the regional newsletter for 16 years and enjoyed exhibiting, reaching A Grade status. His interest was in the promotion of the society to strengthen its membership. This had led to his involvement in the restructure of the society in 1979.

Garth was the convention chairman for the WFRS conference held in Sydney in 1988.

For his great effort he was awarded Life Membership and the SMA in 1988. He was the recipient of the ARA award in 1996. He served on State Council from 1980-1990 and was appointed the society's first historian in 1995. He would have liked to have achieved the establishment of more regionals for the society.



Garth Guyett

A Rose Trial Ground for NSW

Garth was intense in his pursuit of a rose trial ground for NSW. In 1990 the University of Western Sydney held an open day for society members to view an enclosure set aside for Plant Variety Rights and a 2 hectare proposed site for a rose trial ground. The society made it a picnic day, and forty members attended to hear the proposal from Mr Spooner-Hart, Associate Dean of Horticulture. The plan was to bring a trial ground into reality by 1991.

Due to the projected cost to the society, and the ongoing care over a four year period being \$73 000 with the society being responsible for the initial establishment, no commitment could be made.

'All is not lost however, as a brighter star appears on the horizon.' [NSW Rose, March 1991, President's Message, p.5]



1994 National AGM banquet - Joanne Fisher, Roy Rumsey and Graham Wright

Brush Farm

Established in 1820 by Gregory Blaxland, Brush Farm is one of the oldest buildings in NSW and a National Trust property. It was purchased by Ryde Council for the restoration of the house and re-establishment of the gardens. The society saw it as a possible base to establish a public rose garden and a venue for seminars. Garth attended task force meetings on the invitation of Ryde Council, but the council changed direction for the property so there was still no trial ground.

During October 1991 the society received a visit from Patroness Mrs Sinclair who was accompanied by her Secretary, Miss Mead. Mrs Sinclair had expressed a wish to meet as many members as possible, and this was accomplished with the assistance of Miss Valerie Swane and her staff who went to a great deal of trouble to provide an outdoor, all-weather venue to accommodate arrangements for afternoon tea. Fifty-two members attended.

The RS of NSW Inc. hosted the 22nd NRSA AGM in 1994, directed by NRSA and RS of NSW President Garth Guyett.

The Australian Rose Championship show was held at Willoughby Town Hall on 16 and 17 April.

The official opening and presentation of trophies were performed by Patroness Mrs Sinclair.

Australian Rose Championship - Eric Welsh - ***Esmeralda, Red Devil, Megan Louise, Kentucky Derby, Mme G. Delbard, Märchenkönigin***

Australian Bunch Championship - Graham Wright - ***Peter Frankenfeld, Royal Highness, Elina***

Champion Rose - Stan Waller (Tas.) - ***Kardinal***

Best Unit in Show - McDonald Family - ***Apricot Nectar***

A Saturday banquet, a Sunday bus trip to Swanes and a BBQ lunch at Sherringham's nursery added to the weekend of friendships made and friendships renewed.

Garth thanked back-up people - Doug Grant for his loyalty, Jan and Bob Stibbard for organising the BBQ and the wonderful floral transformation of the Willoughby centre and of the function room at the Ramada Hotel by Joanne Fisher and Thelma Seath.

At a state council meeting, Publicity Officer Lorna Hamilton reported that 500 media releases were printed, and, over the two-day show, door takings totalled \$3245. The budget-projected income had been \$1500.

1990 - 1992

Sydney Garden Festival, Darling Harbour

Edwina Macarthur-Stanham of Camden Park Estate officially opened the festival in 1990.

Doug Grant was the show manager. Parramatta and Hills members were instrumental in the smooth running of the show.

To support the autumn display, regional autumn shows were cancelled, and 65 members shared the duties over the five days. Nancy Spinks and Jacqueline Tweedie put together five pedestal arrangements. The roses were supplied by Thorntons of Thirlmere and Wilsons of Nambucca Heads. The arrangements were refreshed on the third day by Nancy and Joanne Fisher. Members supplied 70 varieties of roses for the display. Catts Nursery supplied potted roses, and a team made posies and arrangements for sale. Artist and member, Alf Silver sat with his paints and canvas and painted roses for purchase.

A volunteer program of consulting rosarians commenced in 1990. This consisted of all NSW regionals who agreed to be on a contact phone list printed in the *NSW Rose*.

Publicity for this new program was through radio station 2KY, with free publicity worth \$1500. Publicity Officer Lindsay Shimmin reported, 'I took 30 roses from my garden for their reception desk. Their reaction was a surprise. Ralph Davis, Community Services Director was effusive in his thanks, and this was followed by a phone call from the General Manager to also express her thanks for the roses.' [State Council minutes, 1990]

Standards and rules for exhibiting Heritage roses were set by the judges' panel following a field trip to Cox's rose nursery in 1993.



1994 - 1997

President - Allan Read

Patron - His Excellency, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair
AO, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Mrs Shirley Sinclair

Vice-President - Bob Stibbard

1996 - Richard Walsh

Honorary Secretary - Sue Kingsford

Honorary Treasurer - Doug Grant BEM

Honorary Subscription Secretary - Jacqueline
Tweedie

Honorary Editor - Richard Walsh

1996 - Stephen Astill

Chairman of Judges - Peter Eisenhuth

Judges - E. Welsh, S. Tuckwell, L. McGregor, R. McDonald, A. Read, Mrs V. Bevan

Publicity - Lorna Hamilton

1995 Inaugural Honorary Historian - Garth Guyett

Regional Appointees - E. Welsh SMA, G. Guyett SMA, ARA, H. Batten, B. Hosking, R. Walsh, B. Hannel, P. Eisenhuth, R. Stibbard, A. Ross, Mesdames J. Hosking, K. Wharton, D. Dunstan, R. Hough, I. Batten, J. Kimber, H. Shuttleworth, S. Taylor, S. Layton, M. Maroc, M. Clarke, J. Walsh, J. Tweedie, I. Welsh

Allan exhibited both dahlias and roses when he first joined the NRS of NSW in 1957. Ted Frost, already a successful rose exhibitor from Wollongong, introduced him to Hybrid Tea roses. Rose championships in those days were 6 Vases of Exhibition Roses, distinct. Killara, Strathfield and the Royal Agricultural Society were the shows he exhibited in to eventually gain A Grade status. Because of work commitments he had a break in membership. Allan moved to Nowra, rejoined the society and started exhibiting again in 1989. As President he visited all regional groups. He conducted a rose school of 4 x 2 hour lessons for 54 pupils over a 4 week period in Kiama for Illawarra Regional. Using NRSA literature, he conducted horticultural classes at Nowra TAFE and Moss Vale High School.

For his promotion of the rose in the Shoalhaven area Allan was the recipient of the Outstanding Senior Australian Award in 2001 to mark the Centenary of Federation.

Breeding roses took over from exhibiting for Allan. He has five Mini-Flora roses registered and made his plants available to members. **Sarah Anne** is a frequent winner on the show bench.

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Allan Read

He was honoured with Life Membership in 2007.

In 1995 the state picnic returned and was hosted by Hunter Valley Regional. Fifty members took part in a favourite rose survey. The results were: 1st **Peter Frankenfeld**, 2nd **Diamond Jubilee**, 3rd **Gold Medal**, 4th **Mister Lincoln**, 5th **Apricot Nectar** and 6th **Joyfulness**.

Allan judged at the final Royal Easter Show held at Moore Park, Sydney. He wrote that '... the rose schedule covered seven days. Mark McGuire was the most successful exhibitor. Graham Wright won the RS of NSW Inc. Rose Championship for the third year. His Championship exhibit of five vases had more ribbons and decorations than a Christmas tree. Best Unit in Show on day one was Mark McGuire with **Calcutta**.' [NSW Rose, June 1997, p.22]

The society hosted the 1997 National AGM chaired by Allan Read, President of the NRSA and RS of NSW Inc. The Australian Championships were held at the Novotel, Wollongong on 25 and 26 October. It was a wonderful team effort by Illawarra members and floral displays once again! I must mention Joanne (Fisher) and Thelma (Seath) for creating their little bit of heaven! [Allan Read, NSW Rose, December 1997]

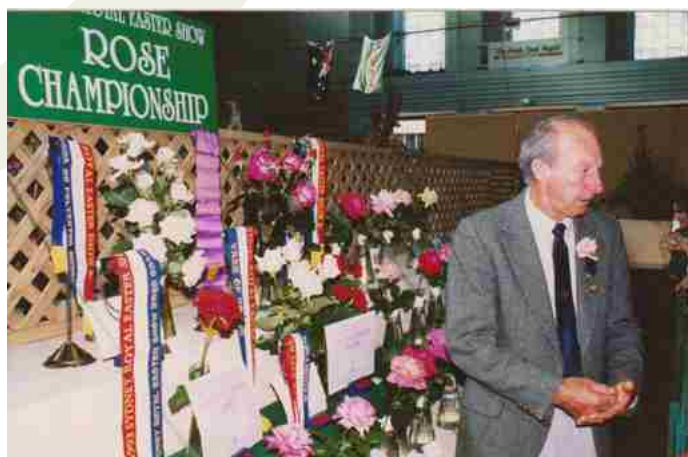
Australian Rose Championship - Don Tredinnick

Australian Cluster-Flowered Championship
- Mark McGuire

Australian Bunch Championship and
Australian Miniature Rose Championship -
Graham Wright

Champion Rose - Graham Wright - **Kardinal**

Best Unit in the Show - Graham Wright with
a bunch of **Royal Highness**



Eric Welsh at Royal Easter Show, Moore Park, Sydney



1997 Foyer arrangement, Novotel



1997 Novotel, Wollongong Australian Championships, Hybrid Tea and bowl entries



1997 Novotel, Wollongong Australian Championships, Miniature rose entries



1997 Australian Championships Allan Read (National President), Jim Priestley (National Secretary), Graham Wright winner of the Australian Miniature Rose Championship

1997 - 2004

President - Richard Walsh

Patron - His Excellency, The Honorable Gordon Samuels, AC, Governor of NSW

2001 - Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, AC, Governor of NSW

Patroness - Mrs Samuels

Vice-President - Alan Strachan

2000 - Mark McGuire

2002 - Graham Wright

Honorary Secretary - Sue Kingsford

Honorary Treasurer - Doug Grant BEM

2000 - Alan Strachan

Honorary Subscription Secretary - Jacqueline Tweedie

Honorary Editor - Stephen Astill

1999 - Margaret Appleby

2004 - Deidre Swan

Chairman of Judges - Bruce Hannel

1999 - Peter Eisenhuth

Honorary Historian - Garth Guyett SMA, ARA

Regional Appointees - E. Welsh ARA, SMA, H. Batten, J. Cunningham, P. Eisenhuth, J. McCulloch, E. Notley, R. Stibbard, F. Asser, B. Hannel, G. Osborn, A. Ross, M. Ryan, T. Scott, K. Swan, M. McGuire, P. Moran, R. Quinn, H. Williams, S. Astill, Mesdames D. Dunstan, J. Hosking, R. Hough, S. Layton, M. Maroc, S. Taylor, J. Walsh, P. York, J. Ryan, H. Eggins, N. Cox, R. Griffiths, P. Williams



Richard Walsh



Garden Festivals display Homebush Bay, 1998

As President and an office bearer of the society, Richard's contribution was an academic one with writing and rose education being his strong points, to learn as much as possible about roses and to pass on the knowledge, in keeping with the RS of NSW Inc.'s first object: *To arouse, foster and maintain the interest of its members and the public concerning roses of all varieties.* Joining the society in 1971, committee involvement commenced in 1976 as Librarian followed by Vice-President from 1977-1979 and Editor of the *NSW Rose* for 17 years from 1979-1995.

Terms were held as Chairman of Bankstown and St George Regional and Secretary of Macarthur Regional.

Richard lectured on and promoted the inclusion of Heritage roses, Australian Bred roses and seedling roses in show schedules.

He was instrumental in the Consulting Rosarian program, Duty Statements, *Basic Guide to Growing Roses* booklet and negotiated the Neutrog sponsorship.

He was presented with the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 1996, the Bert Mulley Memorial Award in 2001, the Australian Rose Award in 2002 and Life Membership of the RS of NSW Inc. in 2005.

He set up the NRSA website and served 5 years as Webmaster. He was a NSW representative on the 2003 *Judging Handbook* revision.

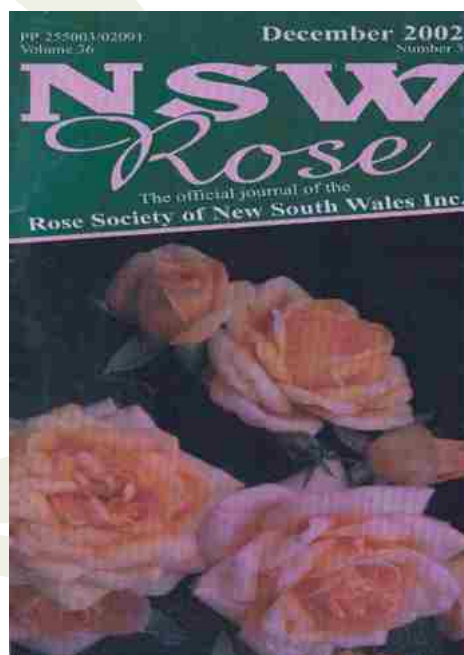
He is currently Honorary Editor of *The Australian Rose Annual* and past Honorary Editor of the *World Rose News*, the official bulletin of the WFRS. He is a member of the Publication Committee (Editorial Board) and the Shows Committee of the WFRS.

Richard began breeding roses in 1980. In 1986 he bred ***Wollongong Gold***, a rose chosen and named by the City of Wollongong to celebrate its first 150 years as a city.

He is the breeder of our centenary rose, ***100 Not Out*** and former President of the Australian Rose Breeders Association.



Photographic Competition



'Daphne Jean' fund-raising rose

The society participated at the autumn Sydney Garden Festivals at Homebush from 1998-2000.

Johan Moll, President of the South African rose society visited Sydney in 1999. Mark and Julie McGuire of Neutral Bay acted as ambassadors and gracious hosts. Mr Moll found his favourite rose, *Manou Meilland*, in their rose garden. He also paid a visit to Roxborough Park and found South African favourites such as *Bella Rosa* and *Touch of Class*.

In 1998 and 1999 Duty Statements were completed and added to the By-Laws.

The first Annual Photographic Slide Competition commenced, and Tony Kish established a web page introducing the society to the internet.

2002

The Year of the Rose

The NSW Autumn Rose Championships were held in association with and supporting Rotary International and Dural charities. Jim Cunningham and the team were responsible for the excellent organisation and a successful weekend. In 2002 membership stood at 500.

2003

The 90th Anniversary

Patron - Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC, Governor of NSW

President - Richard Walsh SMA, ARA

Vice-President - Graham Wright

Honorary Secretary - Sue Kingsford

Honorary Treasurer - Alan Strachan

Subscription Secretary - Jacqueline Tweedie

Honorary Editor - Margaret Appleby

Chairman of Judges - Peter Eisenhuth

Judges - A. Read, A. Ross, R. McDonald, G. Wright, E. Morphett, M. McGuire, R. Walsh, J. Walsh

Honorary Historian - Garth Guyett

NSW hosted the 31st AGM of the NRSA led by NRSA and RS of NSW President, Richard Walsh.



Australian Championships Hunter Valley 2003

The Australian Rose Championships were held at Hunter Valley Gardens, Pokolbin from 17-19 October. A display by members of the Australian Heritage Rose Society enhanced the show.

Australian Rose Championship - Ted Morphett

Australian Bred, Cluster Flowered and Bunch Championships - Mark McGuire

Australian Miniature Rose Championship - Graham Wright

Australian Old Garden, Heritage, Shrub and Old Species Championship - Ruth Griffiths

B Grade Rose Championship, B Grade Miniature Championship - Jim Cunningham

C Grade Rose Championship and South Australian Rose Championship - Loy Sun

Best Unit in C Grade - Andrew Williams

Champion Rose - Graham Wright - ***Kardinal***

Champion Bunch - Mark McGuire - ***Christian Dior***

Best Unit in Show - Graham Wright - ***Fred Hollows Vision***

Federal Parliamentarian, Pat Farmer addressed 160 guests at the Saturday night dinner.

Sunday bus trips were arranged to showcase local gardens.



Australian Championships Hunter Valley 2003

2004

State Council Silver Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Saturday 7 August - Kiama Leagues Club

Past President Garth Guyett and Anita attended as special guests.

The 25th RS of NSW AGM was held on Sunday 8 August at the home of Sue Kingsford in Jamberoo.



Cutting the 25th anniversary cake - Richard Walsh (Pres.) and Garth Guyett (Past Pres.)



Anita and Garth Guyett special guests at the 25th AGM, Kiama 2004



2004 the 25th AGM Dinner

2004 - 2008

President - Graham Wright

Patron - Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC, Governor of NSW

Vice-President - Doug Hayne

Honorary Secretary - Sue Kingsford
2007 - Glynis Hayne

Honorary Treasurer - Alan Strachan

Honorary Subscription Secretary -
Jacqueline Tweedie

Honorary Editor - Deidre Swan

Chairman of Judges - Graham Wright
2007 - Mark McGuire

Webmaster - Glynis Hayne

Honorary Historian - Garth Guyett
2006 - Ailsa Wareham

2008 - Cheryl Moore

Regional Appointees - S. Astill, J. Cunningham, T. Grant, M. McGuire, K. Swan, H. Williams, P. Moran, R. Quinn, M. Ryan, R. Stibbard, R. Curll, C. Hollis, G. McLean, S. Maher, G. East, A. Williams, Mesdames J. Ryan, P. Williams, J. Wright, G. Hayne, H. Harris

'My goals were to promote the rose and harmony within the organisation through communication, increased contact with outside bodies and streamlined documentation.

My term commenced with the beginning of our association with Neutrog. My belief in this company and its products never faltered, and I worked to promote the benefits at every opportunity. Early responsibilities with the society involved the cultural notes. I wrote 87 successive such notes for Parramatta & Hills and 28 for the *NSW Rose*. I realised that people wanted to move away from chemicals, and Neutrog and Organic Crop Protectants provided the answers. The financial support from Neutrog enabled us to make our decisions with confidence.

A revision of our documentation was due, and the Constitution, By-Laws and Appendices were all included in the one booklet. It was hoped that members would have a better understanding of the functions of our society, and that disputes and problems would be minimised. A revision of the NRSA Judges Handbook had ramifications, and it was important to resolve any issues. For almost three years I concurrently held the position of Chairman of Judges, so judging and show regulations required much thought and time.

Working with the horticulture committee at the RAS was a pleasure, and, in 2006, the NSW Rose Championships were held for the first time at Homebush. The three days of roses



Graham Wright

received wonderful support from exhibitors, and to this day, the Easter weekend display is a highlight. We were able to obtain substantial support from Neutrog for prize-money. Judging at Sydney Royal for 4 years has been a privilege, and there is a great atmosphere.

Another venue for our public exposure was ABC Gardening Australia Expo. We took every opportunity to man a stand, and the results were worth the effort. In 2006 36 new members signed up at Homebush. From the outset, roses were supplied by Flora International at Leppington for the display, and their support has been much appreciated. Such displays and promotions required materials. Large colour prints were provided courtesy of the late James Young. A large banner carried the names of the regional contacts. Leaflets supported these materials. A stand at the Old Parliament House Rose Garden in Canberra helped to further our exposure. At a similar time, assistance was provided with the \$1.2m refurbishment of the Palace Rose Garden at the Sydney Royal Botanic Garden in the form of the selection of cultivars and care of the plants.

During the course of my term I encouraged links with agricultural societies, garden clubs and horticultural societies. There were combined shows and promotions, and our support was much appreciated. On numerous occasions I gave talks at clubs and our regionals and promoted the rose, our society and Neutrog.

Rosarians were encouraged to attend interstate NRSA functions, and I was heartened to see that the NSW representation was the highest of all visiting groups during my term.

By attending regional meetings and functions as often as possible, I was able to paint the picture of a broader organisation which goes far beyond the local issues. From the outset, I firmly believed that, first and foremost, I was a member of The Rose Society of NSW.



Flora International roses for display at ABC Gardening Australia Expo

My term was made much easier by the supportive team which enabled us to achieve our goals. During the course of that time it was heartening to see a growth in membership. Janet's wonderful assistance and insights were invaluable and she was always at my side. I congratulate The Rose Society of NSW on reaching its centenary and am confident about its future.' **Graham Wright**

In 2010 Graham and Janet were awarded the Bert Mulley Memorial Award and Graham, Life Membership.

After a term of 18 years as Honorary Secretary, Sue Kingsford retired from this position in 2007. From 2007-2010 she served as Honorary Secretary of the NRSA. For her contribution Sue was awarded the Bert Mulley Memorial Award, the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award and Life Membership of the RS of NSW.



Graham and Janet preparing exhibits



A champion exhibit G and J Wright



Palace Rose Garden, Sydney Royal Botanic Garden



Neutrog display



The retirement of Honorary Secretary Sue Kingsford after 18 years of service

2008 -

President - Glynis Hayne JP

Patron - Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir
AC, CVO, Governor of NSW

Vice-President - Colin Hollis

Honorary Secretary - Doug Hayne

Honorary Subscription Secretary - Maureen
Thackeray

Honorary Treasurer - Alan Strachan

2011 - Jeff Regan

Honorary Editor - Deidre Swan

2010 - Doug Hayne

Webmaster - Glynis Hayne JP

Assistant Secretary - Cheryl Moore

Historian - Judith Oyston

Chairman of Judges - Mark McGuire

Regional Appointees - Steve Maher, Trish
Maher, Max Ryan, Jean Ryan, Ian Thackeray, Gary

McLean, Bob Stibbard, Chris Vine, Harry Williams, Pat Williams, Neil Turnbull, Brian Knight,
Trevor Grant, Realeen Quinn, Brian Quinn, Denis Gallagher, Ken Swan, Sue Kingsford, Robert
Curl, Jim Cunningham, Greg East, Ted Morphett

'The period 2008 to 2013 has been different from previous administrations in the fact the
president and the honorary secretary are married.

During the five years the society has been lucky enough to have an active and committed
president who led by example, a vice-president who in public life rose to being Deputy
Speaker in the House of Representatives and an honorary secretary who brings with him
a wealth of knowledge from his 45 years in various levels of sports administration and the
media. Also during the period there have been two extremely hardworking and astute
treasurers. This is not to mention all those members throughout the regionals who have
brought and continue to bring commitment and expertise to the society.

During the period a number of significant events occurred, and a number of actions were
carried out.

Events

- Nepean Blue Mountains Hawkesbury Regional was formed in 2009.
- The 2009 NRSA AGM at Kiama
- The **Governor Macquarie** rose for the bicentenary celebrations of Governor Lachlan Macquarie
came into being in 2010.
- World Federation of Rose Societies President, Sheenagh Harris toured NSW during 2010.
- The Rose Society of NSW centenary celebrations in 2013



Glynis Hayne JP

Actions

- Relocation of the state meetings to a new venue with modern facilities and unlimited access
- Recognition of long-serving society members and successful individual members
- Greater co-operation with sponsor, Neutrog
- Development and implementation of Discipline Policy
- Implementation of revised Membership Policy
- Development of an open and democratic rose society
- Creation of a greater awareness of the structure of the society and its rules
- Utilisation of mail order raffles to raise funds
- Promotion of the society and its activities through the media
- Development of a co-operative attitude at a national level
- Promotion of Australian Bred roses and hybridisers
- Modernisation of the *NSW Rose* news publication
- Regular visitations to the regionals
- Communication with the general membership on a regular basis
- Creation of a culture of sharing ideas and information.

The 2009 Australian Rose Championships and AGM were held at Kiama from 23-26 October with Illawarra Regional as hosts. Councillor Sandra McCarthy, Mayor of Kiama welcomed interstate delegates at a reception on Friday evening. The show was held in the Kiama showground pavilion on Saturday and Sunday. Mayor McCarthy performed the official



2009 Australian Championships presentation - Illawarra Chairman Colin Hollis, National and State President Glynis Hayne, Councillor Sandra McCarthy Mayor of Kiama, Rodney Watson MC, Robert Curll Show Secretary



President Glynis Hayne, Councillor Sandra McCarthy Mayor of Kiama and Vice President Colin Hollis at the Civic reception hosted by Kiama City Council



National and State President Glynis Hayne presents Trevor Grant with the TA Stewart Award for 2009



Alan Strachan(Life Membership), Janet Wright (Bert Mulley Award), WFRS President Sheenagh Harris, Graham Wright (Bert Mulley Award and Life Membership), President Glynis Hayne



WFRS President Sheenagh Harris, Ted Annabel - longest member with 60 years continuous membership and President Glynis Hayne



2010 - visit of WFRS President Sheenagh Harris to Ingleburn - longest continuous membership badges to (l-r) Laurie and Christine Stewart, Lucy Groves, Harry Murray, Daphne Mulley and Ted Annabel, Honorary Secretary Doug Hayne, President Glynis Hayne, WFRS President Sheenagh Harris

opening of the show and presented trophies to the winners on Saturday afternoon. The Saturday night dinner was held at Kiama Leagues Club, and Trevor Grant was awarded the T.A. Stewart Award for 2009.

Australian Rose Championship - Ted Morphett - *Tineke, Lynn Anderson, Moonstone, Pink Silk, Red Cedar, Elina*

Rose Championship - Ted Morphett - *Lynn Anderson, Tineke, Peter Frankenfeld, Moonstone, Red Gold*

B Grade Championship - Colin Hollis - *Baronne E. de Rothschild, Moonstone, City of Newcastle, Märchenkönigin*

C Grade Championship - Glen McParland - *Baronne E. de Rothschild, Moonstone, Märchenkönigin*

Champion Rose - Ted Morphett - *Moonstone*

Champion Bunch - Ted Morphett - *Moonstone*

Grand Champion Unit - Ted Morphett - *Moonstone*

Floral Design Championship - Joanne Fisher

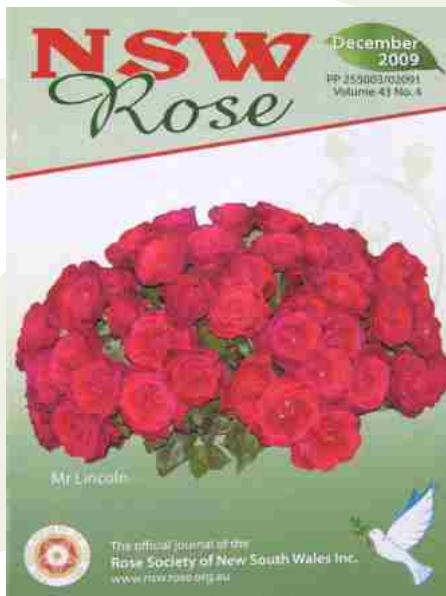
WFRS President, Mrs Sheenagh Harris visited Sydney in 2010 and was the special guest at the Macarthur/Ingleburn spring show. Long-serving members were honoured during the afternoon and Life Membership badges were presented by Sheenagh to Alan Strachan and Graham Wright. Graham and Janet Wright were also presented with the Bert Mulley Award for service to the rose.

Governor Macquarie, bred by Trevor Grant, was launched on 14 April 2010. It was named for the bicentenary celebrations of the Macquarie Towns and organized by Hawkesbury Council.



2010 - the launch of the **Governor Macquarie** rose - Her Excellency Governor of NSW Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Councillor Bart Bassett Mayor of Hawkesbury, Glynis Hayne President Rose Society of NSW Inc., Trevor Grant Hybridist of the **Governor Macquarie** rose

In 2011 brother and sister, Greg and Robyn East (Sydney Regional) were recognized by the RAS with Award of Excellence sashes for exhibiting in various sections at the Royal Easter Show. 2012 also saw Ted Morphett (Sydney Regional) and Doug and Glynis Hayne (NBMH Regional) recognised with Awards of Excellence in Horticulture.



2009 - new presentation for the NSW Rose



Robyn and Greg East in the Royal Easter Show Award of Excellence parade in 2011



Promoting The Rose Society of NSW Inc. at Penrith City Library



Doug and Glynis Hayne, Ted Morphett at the Royal Easter Show Award of Excellence presentation in 2012



At the planting of the Governor Macquarie rose

Autumn Rose Festivals

The NRS of NSW instituted a rose festival at Croydon Congregational Church in May 1927. Over 1000 roses were used to decorate its interior. The society thought this to be a first for Australia.

President Charles Heyde gave the festival address. He traced the history of the rose and completed his address by affirming that the rose would be, for men, women and children of many nations, the loveliest and sweetest emblem of the floral world. Funds from this 'Queen of Flowers' festival supported the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children.

The society's records from the early 1950s give details of autumn shows being staged as part of the March monthly meeting, the competition being for members only.

1952 - The Blue Tea Room in Rowe Street, Sydney was the venue. Thirty members and thirty visitors were in attendance. George Knight judged the show and commented on the blooms exhibited, pointing out their good points and weaknesses. Question time on rose showing and growing preceded the presentation of awards. The George Knight Cup for 6 Exhibition roses was presented by George Knight to Frank Platt.

Champion Rose - Frank Platt -

Mme A. Meilland

3 Exhibition Roses - Isa Strachan



Mme A. Meilland

1953 - The YWCA Meeting Room in Liverpool Street, Sydney was the venue. Thirty-five members and ten visitors attended. George Knight judged the show.

A Grade - 3 Vases of Garden Roses - Isa Strachan

B Grade - 3 Vases of Garden Roses - R.C. Ling

Champion Rose - Frank Platt - **Priscilla**

Farmers - 1959

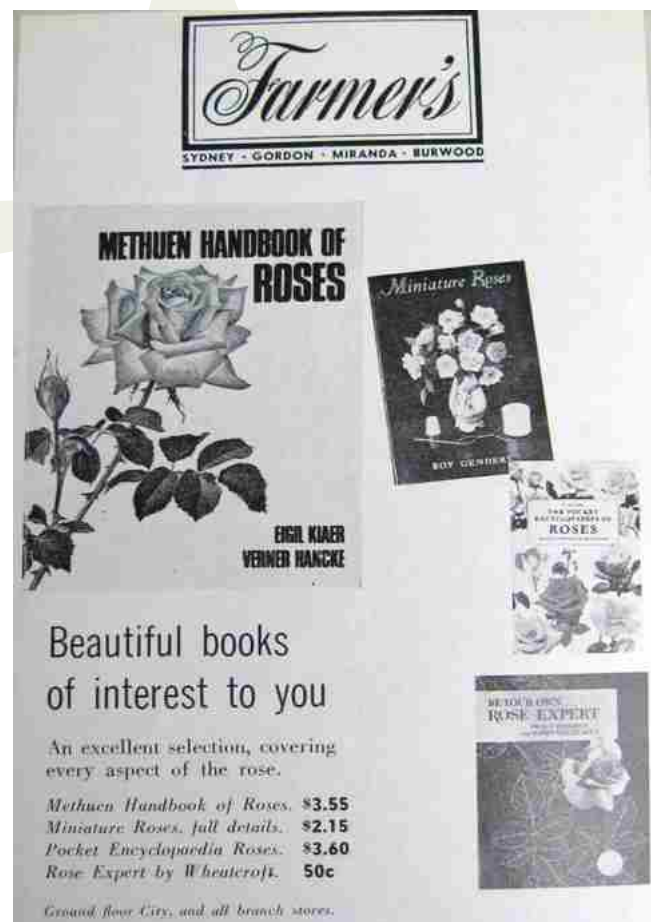
A permanent autumn show venue was sought to give exposure of the rose to the public. President John Keogh negotiated with Farmers Ltd, Sydney to host and sponsor an annual mid-week show in its Blaxland Gallery.

Farmers agreed to be responsible for setting out the gallery in readiness for the staging of exhibits. The society supplied show bottles. With staging and judging on a Sunday, the inaugural show was open to the public on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 March. So began the commencement of a very successful partnership.

Hordes of visitors flocked to the show jamming the lifts and filling the gallery. Displays were provided by R. Rumsey, G. Knight and R.C. Allen. Roses were also sent from the Rose Society of South Australia, several boxes from Forbes Horticultural Society and Langbecker Nurseries in Queensland.

Winners:

- Patrick Grant Cup - E. Annabel
- George Knight Cup - L. Boyce
- Harry Hazlewood Cup - R.C. Ling
- Miss Walker Cup - F. Riethmuller
- Floral Art Cup - Mrs J. Grose
- Alister Clark Cup - Mrs G. Appleton
- Silver Medal for the highest aggregate score - E. Annabel
- Seedling Trophy - N. Dooley



1966

This show was staged on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 March. A new schedule of competition was staged on both days. Four classes were included for nurserymen and commercial rose growers. Entries in these classes were not eligible for any championship ribbons.

1967

Patroness, Lady Cutler performed the official opening. Bill Knight donated one dozen rose plants of the new release, **Princess Margaret** which were presented to Lady Cutler for the Government House garden. Mr Horsberg, Director of Farmers welcomed Lady Cutler and guests to a luncheon following the opening, including Mr and Mrs Satterly and Mr and Mrs Butcher from the American Rose Society, Mr and Mrs Taylor from the New Zealand Rose Society and Mrs Ashby from Rhodesia.

The Champion Rose was staged by a novice exhibitor, Dr W.A. Cook - **Kordes' Perfecta**.

Roundelay was a consistent winner in the Decorative classes.

Section B - 6 Exhibition Roses, at least four varieties, was won by Teresa Brachman - **Montezuma x 2, South Seas, Kordes' Perfecta, Crimson Glory** and **Rose Gaujard**.



Princess Margaret

Farmers reported that estimated attendance over the two days was 16 000.

1969

The 10th Anniversary

President Emeritus John Keogh was invited to judge the show and officially open it.

Day 1 - Champion Exhibition Rose - **Gruss-an-Berlin (Greetings)**

Day 2 - Champion Exhibition Rose - **Christian Dior**

Rose displays from the nurseries of Knights, Rumseys and E. Jordan supported the show.

Mrs J. Dingle, President of the Bundaberg Rose Club participated in the judging. Show Secretary Alma Gibson wrote that these interstate exchange visits promoted closer ties with other state societies.

Mr. J. Keogh, President Emeritus, officially opened our 1969 Autumn Show which was staged in Farmer's Blaxland Galleries on March 25 and 26. The quality of the roses were good and a very pleasing sight to the many people who passed through the Galleries.

1971

Patron and Patroness, Sir Roden Cutler and Lady Cutler opened the show.

The *Woman's Day* Open Championship was won by Bert Mulley.

The *Woman's Day* Novice Championship was won by Harry Williams.

The Floral Art Championship, an arrangement of **Charlotte Armstrong** with driftwood, was won by Mrs D. Smith.

1973

The NRS of NSW Diamond Jubilee Year

The Autumn Rose Festival was officially opened by The Hon. Sir Leslie Herron KBE, CMG, KStJ, Chief Justice of New South Wales, accompanied by Lady Herron.

A Grade Championship - Ronald Marjoram - **Royal Highness, Christian Dior, Iceberg, Pharaoh**

Novice Championship - B. May - **Maria Callas, Papa Meilland, Red Gold, Queen Elizabeth**

Champion Floribunda - A. Sherward - **Iceberg**



Champion Decorative Rose - Mr and Mrs Graeme Grosvenor with **Queen Elizabeth**, also the Best Vase of Miniature Roses with **Petite Folie**. Miniature roses were increasing in popularity.

A committee decision was made to re-name the *Woman's Day* Trophy, the Jessie Boyd Trophy for 1973. This followed the presentation, by Paul Hamlyn to the society, of the book '*Roses in Australia*' by Jessie Boyd. Jessie was the garden writer for *Woman's Day* under the pseudonym, Charlotte Ives.



Iceberg



Queen Elizabeth

1977

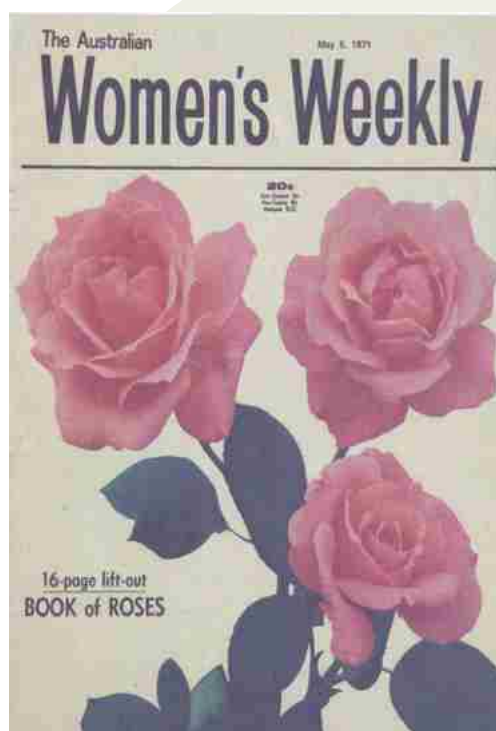
Farmers became Myer

Ita Buttrose, Editor-in-Chief of *The Australian Women's Weekly*, performed the official opening on Monday 29 March.

Due to the exhibitors' work commitments, staging and judging of the show was moved back to a Sunday with public viewing on Monday and Tuesday. Bloom replacement was assured from Rumsey's and Swanes over the three days.

The judge wrote: "Contour in a vase arrangement is important. If the display is careless, it must be 'careful carelessness.' Art must conceal art. It was only a coincidence, but all the prize-winners in the vases were golden roses." [NSW Rose, June 1977, p.4]

Myer increased the sponsorship from \$200 to \$300.



1979

The 20th Annual Autumn Rose Festival

Miss McNamee, Manager of the Blaxland Gallery, commenced arrangements with the society at the end of January. It was reported that the gallery was a delight to view due to the efforts of 16 exhibitors with 128 entries.

The show was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Nelson Meers.

This was the best roll-up of exhibitors seen for years.

The non-competitive floral arrangements added much beauty to the show. As usual it would not have been a show without the attractive display of two stands from Roy and Heather Rumsey.



Open Championship - Bette Lloyd - ***Touch of Class, Red Queen, Red Devil, Red Gold, Queen Elizabeth***

B Grade Championship - Dave Barnett - ***Diamond Jubilee, Helene Schoen, Montezuma, Starfire, Iceberg***

Miniature Championship - Max Wrighter - ***Toy Clown***

Best C Grade Exhibit - Joyce McCann - ***Friesia***

Best Potted Miniature - Doug Grant - ***Starina*** Best Seedling - Alex Taylor

This was the last show hosted by the governing body. By year's end State Council, as we now know it, was formed, thus ending the Sydney executive. Bankstown and St George Regional accepted responsibility for staging future autumn festivals at Myer.

1980

Show Manager Stan Tuckwell wrote: 'The gallery was transformed by many cultivars from Wollongong and Hunter Valley (brought by train) and Parramatta and Hills Regional who obtained, from Roxborough Park at Baulkham Hills, ten buckets of blooms. There were so many blooms that not only could we fill the spaces on the tables, but we also filled between and under the tables as well.' [NSW Rose, June 1980, p.11]

The Heritage rose display was arranged by Stephanie Murphy.

Champion Exhibition Rose - Max Wrighter - ***Toro***

Champion Floribunda - Garth Guyett - ***Iceberg***

Champion Decorative Rose - Garth Guyett - ***Queen Elizabeth***

Champion C Grade Exhibit - Doug Grant - ***Woburn Abbey***



Viewing the exhibits with President Shirley Layton



Sir Roden Cutler after opening the show in 1980

1981

Norman Beck, President of the Rose Society of Northern Ireland, performed the official opening on Monday afternoon 13 April.

Trophies and ribbons were presented to the winners. An Irish theme was the focus for the floral art section.



Norman and Joy Beck

1983

'A Century of Old Roses' was the theme for the 24th Autumn Rose Festival held 9-11 April.

The official opening and presentation of Life Membership to Bert Mulley were performed by Graham Ross.

A Heritage rose display was arranged by Stephanie Murphy.

Twenty-three members, of 25 or more years, were invited to the show for a special morning tea. All attended to receive their badge.

Four A Grade exhibitors entered 31 classes.

Seven B Grade exhibitors entered 46 classes.

Four C Grade exhibitors entered 37 classes.

Eleven exhibitors of Miniature roses entered 26 classes.

A Grade Championship and Best Unit in the Show - Eric Welsh - ***Apricot Nectar***

Minor Championship - Ted Morphett

Miniature Championship - Eric Welsh

Champion Rose (Ann Carter Prize) - Eric Welsh - ***Kordes' Perfecta***

The next quarter resulted in an increase of 67 new members.



Mutabilis (*R. chinensis mutabilis*)

1984

The Silver Anniversary Autumn Rose Festival

The festival was opened by Allan Seale at 2pm on Monday 9 April. A three-day show followed the Sunday staging and judging. The regionals of Hunter Valley, Illawarra and Parramatta and Hills held responsibility for one day each.

Chairman of Judges Bert Mulley reported that there were fewer classes of Miniature roses, and a pleasing aspect was the improvement in presentation of blooms shown in the B and C Grade classes.

Ten exhibitors entered 17 classes of Miniature roses.

Champion Vase of Miniature Roses - Vicki Bevan - *Magic Carrousel*

Over the 25 years Farmers/Myer was very generous with its sponsorship and setting up of the gallery for the exhibitors. Visiting dignitaries were hosted to many lunches and afternoon teas. The society had hoped to continue with the company for a display of roses only, but this sadly did not eventuate.

Other special guests who accepted an invitation to perform official openings were:

1972 - The Rt Hon. the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Sir Emmet McDermott

1974 - Lady Askin

1975 - Mr Neville Wran, Leader of the Opposition, NSW

1976 - The Lady Mayoress of Sydney, Mrs Leo Port

History has moved the numerous shows from the city's landmark department stores. Venues included Farmers/Myer, Marcus Clark, David Jones and Anthony Horderns.



Magic Carrousel

Regionals

In 1967 President Ted Annabel wrote: 'The objects of forming Regionals is to give members who live too far from Sydney to take part in our regular activities, a chance to attend meetings in their own districts and to encourage rose lovers in these areas, who are not already members of the National Rose Society, to take the opportunity to join through these Regionals.' [NSW Rose, December 1967]

1967 Hills District Regional The inaugural regional for the NRS of NSW

In 1971 the name changed to **PARRAMATTA and HILLS REGIONAL** and, in 2000, it became known as **SYDNEY REGIONAL**.

The inaugural meeting was held on Friday evening 7 July in the auditorium of Carlingford Village Centre. Thirty people were in attendance with ten members of the parent body of the NRS of NSW. An address was given by Ted Annabel in which he outlined the aims of a regional society:

1. To form closer unity between members
2. To increase state membership
3. To promote wider interest in rose culture. [NSW Rose, September 1967]

A cheque for \$30 was presented to the new regional from the society.

State membership at this meeting was recorded at approximately 700 members.

Regional Director - Frank Cleal

Deputy Director - Mr Davis

Secretary - Joyce McCann

Treasurer - Miss R. Hudson

Committee - Messrs Jordan, McKivat, Case, Mangan, Mesdames McKivat, Sinclair, Duff, Cunningham (A committee of ten was recommended.)

The first regional rose show was staged on 4 November 1967 at Carlingford Village Centre.

Hills District Championship - Bert Mulley

Champion Rose - Bert Mulley - **Mme A. Meilland**

Champion Rose - B and C Sections - Mrs Davis - **Christian Dior**

Eric Jordan became the acting regional director during the first year then served as the regional director until the AGM in 1970. He was also a committee member for the society (1960-1974), Auditor (1971-1975) and Editor (1956-1961) of the society's newsletter prior to the first *NSW Rose* publication. He established a rose nursery and

went on to hybridise azaleas and photinias. Eric held a term as Chief of the Rose Clan for the Macquarie Towns Scottish Society.

The regional participated in the 1970 Cook Bicentenary Foundation Week. A spring show held in St John's Parish Hall, Parramatta on Saturday 31 October was opened by His Excellency Mr Encaracoa, Consul for Portugal accompanied by his wife. Other special guests were Mr and Mrs Bill Knight and Mr and Mrs Roy Rumsey. Entries were in large numbers, and extra containers were hastily borrowed from United Dairies.

Rose Championship, Champion Floribunda and Champion Bloom - Bert Mulley

On Saturday 7 November the regional staged a display of roses at North Rocks School for the Deaf. The \$150 raised was donated to the school.

In 1974 the autumn show was held at Merrylands Mall where 24 exhibitors staged 222 exhibits.

Winter pruning became an outdoor opportunity to reach the public. Venues included Wahroonga Park, Roxborough Park, Auburn Botanic Gardens and Swanes as well as members' gardens. The roses at Woodberry Anglican Church Retirement Village were pruned by members each July.

In October 1974 a three-day display of roses was staged at the ANZ banking chambers in Martin Place, the roses coming from members' gardens, Roxborough Park and Queensland. Floral art was arranged by Gwen Ranson.

In 1978 Heather and Roy Rumsey donated 30 *Starina* Miniature roses to the regional. Members paid \$2.85 each. The roses were to be grown in a container for a new monthly competition. A donation of \$15 was made by Chairman Chris McKivat for the competition.

In 1980 Regional Patron Allan Seale received an MBE for services to horticulture.

A three-day rose display at Castle Towers shopping centre in 1987 was a trial run for setting up tables and stands, under the guidance of Noel McCann, for the forthcoming World Federation Convention in Sydney in 1988. Noel served the regional as Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Manager and Regional Delegate to State Council. He was the state's subscription secretary from 1985 to 1995 and introduced computer recording of memberships and mailing lists. He printed and distributed the regional monthly rose news and handled publicity.

The regional hosted a night for visiting Dutch rose breeder, Peter



Arthur Watkins and Joyce McCann

Illsink in January 1989. He showed slides and gave a lecture on a new type of rose which he called 'Spray roses'. Sixty members attended. The 30th Anniversary Dinner was held at Hornsby RSL to celebrate and reminisce.

Pat and Jim Cunningham, with the support of regional members, and on behalf of the society, hosted approximately 20 visitors from the Japan Rose Society in 2007.

Chairmen - F. Cleal (1967), E. Jordan (1967-1970), N. McCann (1970-1975), C. McKivat (1975-1978), M. Lloyd (1978-1985), A. Juleff (1985-1988), P. Eisenhuth (1988-1996), J. Tweedie (1996-)

2012-2013 Office Bearers

Patrons - Sandra and Graham Ross

Chairman - Jacqueline Tweedie

Assistant Chairman - Keith Baron

Secretary - Kerry Hurst

Treasurer - Myrna Burke

Committee - Shirley Baron, Jim Cunningham, Pat Cunningham, Greg East, Meryl Morphett, Ted Morphett



Regional rose - *Seduction*

From Chairman Jacqueline

'In 1988 the Rose Society held the 'Rosa Australis' show and convention at Sydney University. I competed in a few of the floral art classes using some of the red and pink rose blooms supplied from the garden of Margaret and Laurie French. I had been introduced to Margaret prior to the event. Not long after the show, I joined Parramatta & Hills Regional (now Sydney Regional) as the venue was close to my home, making the evening meetings convenient for me to attend. I was pleased to renew my acquaintance with a number of members, Garth, Doug, Noel and Joyce whom I'd met at 'Rosa Australis'.



Jacqueline Tweedie and Ben Swane

Garth Guyett, Doug Grant, Noel and Joyce McCann, Aub Juleff, Ted Annabel, Dianne Knight, Mavis Peters and Ray McDonald are a few of many who made me feel welcome. I was mainly interested in producing more blooms on my bushes to use in floral art. I soon discovered that I had planted more garden type roses

than exhibition types but it didn't worry me as I wanted many blooms, not show bench exhibits.

Sydney Regional aims to encourage people who want to grow roses to enhance their gardens and homes and maybe, in this process, we'll gain some committed exhibitors. It is accepted that not everyone is competitive - the majority just want to grow better roses.



Spring Show at Swane's

This regional has always had a number of very experienced exhibitors, although the current membership contains a lower ratio than in the 1990s. Our 'A' Grade members plus some 'B' and 'C' Graders exhibit at many regional and agricultural shows as well as the Royal Easter Show each year. Our 'C' Grade exhibitors will hopefully become the 'A' Grade exhibitors of the future. The current 'B' Grade exhibitors are gaining confidence and knowledge to help them advance to 'A' Grade.

At our meetings some questions can get a couple of different answers, but the end result is information given comes from experienced growers or the guest speaker. The speakers at our meetings have covered the entire spectrum of roses from species to modern cultivars as well as varieties which have come and gone in popularity.

Our choices are not restricted to modern cultivars. The perfume from earlier types and cultivars cannot be beaten for variety or intensity. There are some stunning colours and colour combinations being developed at present as well as variety



Sydney Regional celebrates 40 years

in the shape and size of blooms. We also encourage good soil management using compost and suitable ground-mulching materials.

Over the past few years this regional has made an effort to include and encourage the growing and showing of Australian Bred roses. There have been some wonderful blooms produced by Australian breeders. **100 Not Out** was first shown at our spring show by its breeder, Richard Walsh prior to its selection as the centenary rose.



Roxborough Park

Membership of this regional, like other areas of Sydney, may change further with the proliferation of very small yards and more family commitments. Growing roses in pots of various sizes may well be the future for the world's 'Queen of Flowers'. Walking around gardens and smelling roses is a wonderful experience that will hopefully continue into the next century!



Bruce Hannel and Stan Tuckwell



Alex Ross



Mark McGuire



Meryl Morphet



Jim Cunningham

1967 Hunter Valley Regional

The first meeting was held on Saturday 9 September at the Senior Citizens Hall, Church Street, Maitland. Forty members and prospective members attended.

NRS of NSW Secretary Albert Howard and Treasurer Dr A.E. Holland were in attendance with State President Ted Annabel who addressed the meeting.

Elected officers were:

Director - Stan Parkes

Assistant Director - Alan Hopson

Secretary - Lorna Hopson

Treasurer - Eurie Pender

Regional Delegate - Stan Parkes

Committee - F. Asser, F. McKenzie, E. Yeatman, A. Tinlin, A. Robertson, H. Williams, H. Budden, Mesdames E. Vilks, M. Parkes, Miss E. Middlebrook

The first rose show, opened by Ted Annabel, was held on Saturday 20 April 1968 at Scots Church Hall, Maitland.

Rose Championship - Harry Williams

Champion Rose - H. Budden - *Mme A. Meilland*

The first cultural judge for the regional was Pat Sneddon.

Tenambit School was given help to establish a rose garden, and the students were encouraged to enter special classes to display their roses at the regional's shows (1975-1979).

Total College field and farm days were held over many years, and the regional drew the crowds with their expert rose advice, display of roses and floral art, along with very successful plant sales.

In 1981 Barbara Horn, a member, released her first book, *'Rambling Around Roses'* and dedicated it to Wilga Abrahams. Barbara released her second book, *'And Lovely Is the Rose'* in 2008.

Rose displays over the years were welcomed at the Bank of NSW, Maitland, Cessnock Show, Robson's Nursery and Heritage Gardens Nursery.

Floral art was of interest to members Betty Laidlaw, Shirley Layton, Barbara Horn, Marguerite Parkes, Phyllis York, Edith Cullens and Gwen McCullum.

The 40th Anniversary Dinner was attended by special guests, State President Graham Wright and his wife, Janet on 29 September 2007. Many members past and present attended. The regional's history gave credit to a few early members.



Shirley Layton with Stan (Chairman) and Marguerite Parkes at Narromine



Inaugural members Fred Asser (cutting cake) with Harry and Pat Williams and Peter Williams at the 10th Anniversary Dinner



Madge Clarke, Aileen Coyle and Shirley Layton at the Open Day Rumsey's 1984



Hunter Valley Spring Show at Pender Place 1997



Andrew Williams at the 2005 Spring Show

In 1997 Don Tredinnick won the Australian Rose Championship at Wollongong. His successes at rose shows spanned 25 years.

Wilga Abrahams and Myrtle Robertson shared their knowledge on Heritage roses.

Eric Welsh gave his time to visit the regional and to show members how to exhibit roses.

Heather and Roy Rumsey accepted many invitations to be guest speakers, and shows were enhanced with displays from their nursery.

Mention must be made of Marguerite and Stan Parkes. As Founding Regional Chairman, Stan made the meetings a very welcoming place. Marguerite remains a very successful hybridist and has also shared her floral art skills with members.

Fred Asser was happy to catch up with members in the back row while the meeting was in progress.

Phyllis York, during her time in the chair, kept order with her 'cow bell'.

Pat and Harry Williams were very successful exhibitors, and one of their enduring gifts to members was their pruning advice.

In 2001 Maitland Council gave permission for the regional to establish a rose garden at Maitland Visitors Centre.

Former Chairman, Trevor Grant instigated the relationship between Hunter Valley Gardens and the regional in 2006. The regional continues this promotion each spring.

Chairmen - Stan Parkes (1967-1975), Chris Lucas (1975-1982), Ray O'Donohue (1982-1983), Aileen Coyle (1983-1986) and 1988, Darrell Brown (1986-1987), John Bennett (1989), Fred Asser (1989-1997), Phyllis York (1997-2001), Ruth Griffiths (2001-2004), Trevor Grant (2004-2006), Neil Turnbull (2006-2011), Stuart Neal (2011), Jan Hissey (acting) (2011), Darrell Brown and Bruce Sanders (Co-Chairmen) (2011-2012), Wilma Grant (2012-)

2012-2013 Office Bearers

Chairman - Wilma Grant

Assistant Chairman - Eddie Hunt

Secretary - Beverly Irwin

Treasurer - Doreen Jones

Committee - Ida Alley, June Hirst, Sylvia Hunt, Geoffrey Johnson, Lillian Kerr, Margaret Payne, Brenda Peterson, Dianne Sainsbury, Bruce Sanders, Evanne Sherringham

From Chairman Wilma

'My reason for accepting the role of Chairman of Hunter Valley Regional was to work with our loyal members as a team and for us to enjoy the companionship and enjoyment of growing and showing beautiful roses to the people of our wonderful area, the Hunter Valley.

The direction I would like to take is to welcome and encourage young people to join us so that Hunter Valley Regional will be able to celebrate another 100 years of the Rose Society!



Regional Rose - *Governor Macquarie*



Vice-Chairman Eddie Hunt , Chairman Wilma Grant , Regional Secretary Bev Irwin, Treasurer Doreen Williams

1974 Illawarra Regional

The inaugural meeting was held on 1 June 1974 at the Deaf Society Hall, Wollongong.

NRS of NSW President, Alex Taylor and Mrs Taylor attended the meeting. Alex presided.

Chairman - Arthur Watkins

Secretary - Judith Oyston

Treasurer - Mary Watkins

Committee - R. Teale, P. Dempsey, A. Taylor, Mesdames A. Teale, P. Dempsey, H. Boyle, N. Gadd, N. Halloran, L. Walker, P. Burrows, A. Martzek

Four founding members remain in the Illawarra - Ray and Audrey Teale, Thelma Seath and Judith Oyston.

The first regional spring show was held on 19 October 1974 in co-operation with the Dapto Methodist Women's Fellowship. The fellowship had commenced an annual rose show in 1967 known as The Dapto Rose Show. This partnership continued for 11 years. At the first show 17 exhibitors staged 67 entries.

The regional had a history of generous support to local charities.

In 1988 a garden bench was donated as a bicentennial gift to the Rhododendron Gardens, Wollongong.

Warrawong shopping centre sponsored the regional for an annual rose display over two days. This venture lasted many years and eventually included a Valentine's Day promotion. Promotions continue in the broader areas of the Illawarra.

In 1996 the Florawarra festival was supported with an information booth in the Wollongong Botanic Garden and a floral display at BHP in Port Kembla.

In 1999 the Silver Anniversary Dinner was held on Friday 4 June.

Make-a-Wish Foundation was supported in 2000 at Deidre and Ken Swan's Open Garden day.

The annual spring show includes a photographic competition.

In 2003 'How to Grow Beautiful Roses', an educational program held at Kiama Leagues Club had 51 enrolments and was conducted by Allan Read.

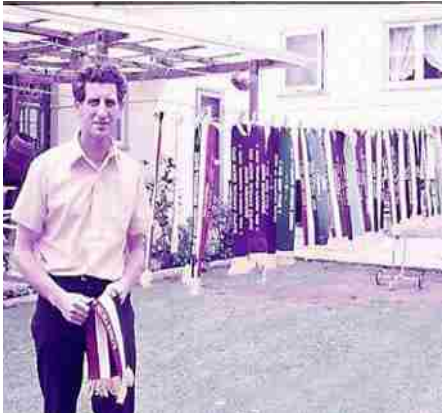
The annual spring show moved to Jamberoo in 2006. An evening of 'Wine and Roses' was included.

Rose Championship - Elwin Notley

Spring Championship - Graham and Janet Wright

B Grade Championship - Steve and Trish Maher

C Grade Championship - Helen Harris



Founding member Ray Teale



Founding member Audrey Teale



25th Anniversary Dinner - Judith Oyston (Walsh) with Chairman Dorothy Dunstan



Founding members Thelma Seath and Judith Oyston



May Napier



Hazel Boyle OAM with Arthur and Mary Watkins



Janice Groves, Jill East, Robin Willington and Barbara Barczak



Allan Read, Jill and John East



Spring Show at Figtree High School

David Ruston visited in March 2007 to give a floral art workshop accompanied by his usual entertaining commentary as he worked.

From 2009 roses have been supplied by the regional for Peace Park in Kiama.

Chairmen - Arthur Watkins (1974-1977), Judith Oyston (1977-1979), Garth Gregory (1979-1981), Alf East (1981-1983), Arthur Watkins (1983-1984), Ruth Stanford (1984-1986), Shirley Stevenson (1986-1988), Jack Smith (1988-1989), Beryl Glover (1989-1990), Colin Clarke (1990-1991), Freda Baker (1991-1994), Rose Hough (1994-1996), Frank Napier (1996-1998), Dorothy Dunstan (1998-2000), Ken Swan (2000-2002), Allan Read (2002-2004), Colin Hollis (2004-2012), Robert Curll (2012-)

2012-2013 Office Bearers

Patrons - Jill and John East, Sandra McCarthy

Chairman - Robert Curll

Assistant Chairman - Robin Willington

Secretary - Helen Curll

Treasurer - Jill Millburn

Committee - Janet Bowden, Judy Dagggar, Jill East, Janice Groves, Vernon Groves, Colin Hollis, Don Parkes, Eileen Parkes, Susan Wade



Regional Rose - *Elina*

From Chairman Robert . . .

'The Joy I receive from Roses -

It is indeed an honour to be the new chairman of Illawarra Regional in this year of the centenary of the Rose Society of NSW. Originally I started off with a couple of roses, then one day an experienced grower convinced me to expand my rose garden.

I have been fortunate over the years to have gained experience from those who wish to pass their knowledge on to me. Now I get a kick out of passing that information on to others. One of my joys was when Helen and I moved to Jamberoo where lots of roses appeared in our garden. I used to say to her that I would give her a ROSE a day. Mostly I could achieve this as I was able to grow a particular rose which flowered during winter. Roses promote other qualities in addition to romance.

At our monthly meetings I get pleasure out of helping others to gain experience through our show bench. Also the experience I have achieved in the pruning of different types has provided me with a gift of helping others. I am very severe when pruning, and I am asked if the rose bush will grow again! When the new season starts the owner will come back to me with, "My roses are spectacular, thanks to your pruning!"

There are many ways to promote roses: exhibiting, floral art, providing colour and fragrance in the home and making it possible to have the wood heap close to the house by providing a screen of roses. While we don't appreciate bugs on our roses the love bug of roses is okay. Rose growing is healthy for you and, yes, I get joy out of growing and sharing roses with others. You should try it!



Don Parkes, Norma James and Marie Hoppo



Helen and Robert Curll and Jill Milburn



Deidre Swan



Brenda Waters, Trudy Huxley, Jean Ellis and Fay Gunter



Christmas at Crooked River Winery

1986 Macarthur District Regional

Macarthur functioned as a rose club for 12 months on the recommendation of the RS of NSW, commencing July 1985.

Regional status was granted by State Council in May 1986 when it became known as the Macarthur District Regional.

Chairman - Bob Stibbard

Secretary - Richard Walsh

State Council Delegates - Bert and Daphne Mulley, Bob Stibbard

The first Macarthur regional spring show was held in the Campbelltown Anglican Church Hall in combination with Bankstown and St George Regional.

Chairman Bob negotiated with Campbelltown City Show Society to gain a permanent venue for the staging of an autumn show. The first show was held from 24-26 April 1987. The show society provided the schedule, venue, prize-money, cards and ribbons.

One hundred and eighty units were benched by A. Mulley, R. Walsh, D. Barnett, H. Bridgett, B. Stibbard and Mesdames J. Leggitt, M. Morphett and the McDonald family.

The sale of plants supplied by Cox's Nursery added to the regional's funds.

This association continued through to 2008 when Campbelltown City Show Society ceased.

In 1989 the Campbelltown branch of the State Bank invited the regional to stage a five-day display of roses with sales of plants from the nurseries of Peter Cox, Ken Langton, Laurie Stewart and Sonja Townson. A further five-day display was hosted by the IMB in Camden in 1995 supported by plant sales and a raffle.

In 1990 the RS of NSW was invited by Camden Park Preservation Committee to help restore and care for the rose garden at Camden Park Estate. In 1991 the society responded by holding a public rose pruning demonstration. That association continues with Macarthur Regional. Each July a picnic day is held with pruning, lunch, monthly meeting and presentation of the regional's annual show bench awards.

Tim Pickles, of Tim's Garden Centre in Campbelltown and Mt Annan, welcomed the regional for public pruning demonstrations and to introduce the season's new roses.

Members have been, and continue to be, very generous by opening their homes and gardens for monthly meetings, Christmas celebrations and budding



Promotion in Macarthur Park



Graham Wright presenting 25 year badges to Ivy and Harry Batten



Graham Wright presenting 25 year badges to Jan and Bob Stibbard



Autumn show Menangle Park, regional display with winning trophy



A meeting at Laurie and Christine Stewarts'

demonstration in the field at Laurie and Christine Stewart's garden. Bob Stibbard has driven the Campbelltown community bus for many a happy outing which has included the lovely garden of Graham and Doris King at Mt Hunter.

In 2010 the regional combined with Ingleburn Horticultural Society and Garden Club to hold spring and autumn rose shows at Ingleburn.

Chairmen - Bob Stibbard (1986-1994), Harry Batten (1994-2002), Ross Quinn (2002-2005), Bob Stibbard (2005-2007), Gary McLean (2007-2010), Graham Wright (2011-)

2012 - 2013 Office Bearers

Patrons - Jim and Pauline Jelich

Chairman - Graham Wright

Assistant Chairman - Rosalie Vine

Secretary - Cheryl Moore

Treasurer - Bill Reilly

Committee - Kerry McLean, Bob Stibbard, Ian Thackeray, Maureen Thackeray, Chris Vine

From Chairman Graham

'Numerically, this regional is as strong as it has ever been. The growth in membership is matched by the enthusiasm and hard work from our group. Considering that Macarthur is within the boundaries of the South-West Growth Centre, we can be confident about our future.

Our task will be to educate the new residents in the benefits and joy of growing roses. So far, the new estates tend to be dominated by low-maintenance plants and a lack of colour. Best results will be achieved when we mix with people at garden shows and nurseries. Our autumn and spring shows with Ingleburn Horticultural Society and Garden Club continue to benefit us.

We aim to cater for people coming from various lifestyles. The interests of young first home buyers will be different from those in retirement villages. Fortunately the rose comes in a wide range of forms so those needs can be met.

One of the challenges of all regionals is to recruit younger members to secure the future of the society. Since we will be part of a community which will be dominated by a younger demographic, we have an opportunity to make a special contribution.'



Regional Rose - *Hilton Edward*



Past Chairman Gary (and Kerry) McLean, Bob (and Jan) Stibbard, Graham - 2012/2013 (and Janet) Wright, Ross (and Denise) Quinn



2012/2013 Executive - Graham Wright (Chairman), Cheryl Moore (Secretary), Roosalie Vine (Vice-Chairman) and Bill Reilly (Treasurer)



Regional members December 2012

1994 Goulburn And District Regional

On 19 February 1993 President Garth Guyett and Eric Welsh addressed a meeting of 48 people in Goulburn, endorsing them to become a rose club. A busy year followed with rose displays at Craig's Nursery and Garden Centre, Milton Sims' nursery, Moss Vale Garden Centre and Argyle Mall. Monthly meetings were held with a guest speaker and a show bench. Milton Sims was the rose judge. Members gave generous donations to be raffled and had a presence at combined society functions. The annual Goulburn City Autumn Rose Festival and Show is an established city feature and a venue to promote the regional.

Local resident and member, Jane Pockley donated \$7000 to obtain the rights for a special rose for Goulburn, the rights to be handed over to Goulburn City Council to help promote gardens and roses. Ben Swane brought 14 rose varieties to Goulburn for the selection. The city's southern approach rose garden is named The Pockley Garden.

Regional status was granted by State Council in February 1994. The first meeting was held on 16 February 1994 at Goulburn Soldiers Club with 37 in attendance.

Chairman - Bruce Hosking

Secretary/Treasurer - Jacqueline Hosking

Following 12 months of fundraising throughout 1993 the regional was able to commence with a bank balance of \$1519.56.

The first Spring Rose and Floral Art Show was held on 28 October 1995.

Champion Rose - Tom Cramp - *Folklore*

Best Unit in Show - Frances Crosby - *Lady in Red*

Champion Floral Art - Stephen Astill

Some results for the show held on 7 and 8 December 1996:

A Grade Championship - Leo Sylvester

Spring Championship - Max Ryan

B Grade Championship - Leo Sylvester

C Grade Championship - Max Ryan

Floral Art Championship - Jacqueline Hosking

A rose garden was established at Pencomas Lodge, an aged-care facility in Goulburn with permission to hold public rose pruning demonstrations.



Goulburn Soldiers Club



Steve and Trish Maher



Regional Trophy



Alan Strachan receiving Life Membership from WFRS President, Sheenagh Harris



Phil Moran, Max Ryan, Alan and Pat Strachan, Jean Ryan and Robyn Moran

A regional display was part of the Australian Rose Championships at Chatswood in 1994. Stephen Astill arranged the display to accompany the regional's promotional sign.

Members also exhibit at the Goulburn City Rose Festival.

The regional gives support to the annual Goulburn AP & H Society show.

In 1995 the first plant of the new **City of Goulburn** was auctioned, selling for \$520. In 1996 Thornton Bros gave the regional 1200 rose plants, and members collected, sorted and distributed them to schools, churches and retirement homes.

Founding member Tom Cramp reviewed **Moulin Rouge** as featured on the front cover of the *NSW Rose*, June 1996.

A rose-design Bradford plate set inside a polished wood burl was donated by Alan Strachan to become the Rose Championship Perpetual Trophy. This trophy is known as the Bruce and Jacqui Hosking Plate.

In 1999 a rose display was held at the local K-Mart, and a project rose garden was planted alongside the maternity unit at Goulburn Base Hospital. The roses were donated by Treloar Roses, Mrs Pockley, Mr Maroney and former midwives. The midwives chose a rose to be planted in memory of a young girl, Adele Smith, their choice being **The Children's Rose**.

Chairmen - Bruce Hosking (1994-1997), John McCulloch (1997-2000), Max Ryan (2000-2004), Phillip Moran (2004-2007), Steve Maher (2007-2012), Robyn Rawlinson (2012-)

2012 - 2013 Office Bearers

Chairman - Robyn Rawlinson

Assistant Chairman - Gill O'Connor

Secretary - Steve Maher

Treasurer - Alan Strachan

Committee - Jenni Aubrey, Kevin Byrne, Lurline Byrne, Pat Larcombe, Pat Maher, Trish Maher, Pat Mundle, Gillian O'Connor, Max Ryan, Alan Strachan



Regional Rose - *Mister Lincoln*

From Chairman Robyn

'For this year of 2013 which is Goulburn's 150th birthday and also the Rose Centenary year we are going to try to promote the history and beauty of the rose and hopefully let people know the advantages of being a member of our local group.

2009 Nepean, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury Regional

First meeting was held at Jamisontown Public School on 2 May 2009.

Office Bearers

Patron - Lorraine Segula

Chairman - Doug Hayne

Assistant Chairman - Trevor Grant

Secretary - Glynis Hayne JP

Treasurer - Brian Knight

Publicity/Marketing - Haydee Hardiman

Membership - Rebecca Brown

Show Secretary/Show Bench - Ian Madden

Historian/Assistant Secretary - Beth Madden

Hon. Auditor - Ross Fowler

Editor - Glynis Hayne JP

Magazine Production - Karen Housenloge

Librarian - Jenny Walker

State Council Delegates - Doug Hayne, Glynis Hayne, Trevor Grant

Social Secretaries - Margaret Spurway and Alina Thornbury

Alternate State Council Delegates - Rebecca Brown, Haydee Hardiman, Brian Knight, Margaret Spurway and Karen Housenloge

Rose Garden Manager - Bob Westcott

Inaugural members - Doug and Glynis Hayne, Ian and Beth Madden, Karen and Gabriel Housenloge, Jenny Walker, Tim and Rebecca Brown, Margaret Spurway, Haydee Hardiman, Trevor Grant, Brian and Beryl Knight, Olivia Craig, Gary Linford, Bob and Roz Westcott, Alina Thornbury, Steve Koen, Lorraine Segula, Denis and Sue Gallagher, Ross and Margaret Fowler, Sandra Davies, Heather Turner, Cheryl Brown, Greg and Wendy Mitchell

2012 - 2013 Office Bearers

Patron - Lorraine Segula

Chairman - Doug Hayne

Assistant Chairman - Br. Jeff Regan

Secretary - Glynis Hayne JP

Treasurer - Brian Knight

Committee - Roz Bailey, Robyn Doyle, Betty Grimaldi, Ron Grimaldi, Beth Madden, Jenny Walker



Regional Rose - *Imp*

From Chairman Doug . . .

'For some time President Glynis Hayne had felt a new Outer Western Sydney regional would offset the decline in the number of members that was being experienced in a couple of the older regionals.

The growth of Macarthur Regional in recent years had shown Western Sydney was an area that had people who were interested enough to join a rose society, so it was logical, with the right leadership, that the same could happen in the area which included the riverlands and mountains.

Using their profile in the area, Doug and Glynis Hayne were soon able to put together enough members to apply for official recognition by State Council.

NBMH Regional was formed at a meeting held on 2 May 2009 at which Doug was elected inaugural Chairman with Trevor Grant Vice-Chairman, Glynis Hayne Secretary and Brian Knight Treasurer.

Application was then made to State Council for NBMH Regional to be officially recognised by the Rose Society of NSW. This status was granted at the state council meeting on 24 May 2009.

Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at Jamisontown Public School, Jamisontown. We are fortunate to have a venue where we are able to hold our pruning demonstrations in the school's rose garden and we also have access to technology which we use when having guest speakers.

Since officially becoming a regional, NBMH has pursued the traditional activities of regionals including talks, show benches, pruning demonstrations and visiting speakers. At the 2011 AGM, the late Trevor Grant stood down as Vice-Chairman, and Brother Jeff Regan took on the position.

On 29 October 2011 the regional staged its first show in the hall of St Dominic's College, Penrith. The show was officially opened by Elizabeth Swane.

Starting with 25 members in May 2009, the regional has slowly grown and, at the time of writing, (November 2012), stands at over 80 members.

The future looks bright for the NBMH regional, and it is anticipated it will continue to grow.'



Inaugural NBMH Regional Spring Show 2011



NBMH members practising pelleting of Exhibition blooms



Glynis Hayne and Elizabeth Swane



Doug Hayne (Chairman), Beth Madden (Ass. Secretary), Lorraine Segula (Patron), Glynis Hayne (Secretary), Brian Knight (Treasurer)



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Former Regionals

1968-1988

BANKSTOWN REGIONAL

(From 1979-1988 it was known as **BANKSTOWN AND ST GEORGE DISTRICT REGIONAL**.)

On 19 October 1968 the NRS of NSW moved the spring show from its Strathfield venue to Bankstown in the hope that the new venue would give easier access for exhibitors and increase public attendance. It proved to be a success.

Pan-Am Championship - Eric Welsh

Sunday Telegraph Championship - F. Shailer

The Australian Women's Weekly trophy for Floral Art - Mrs J. Grose

Champion Rose - Bert Mulley - ***Crimson Glory***

The inaugural meeting of the Bankstown regional was held on Wednesday 23 October 1968 at the Capitol Hall, Bankstown. Twenty-five people were in attendance.

Chairman - C. Hayes

Deputy Chairman - Harry Murray

Secretary - Mrs N. Garret

Treasurer - Lorna Tuckwell

Committee - A. Corbould, R. Groves, C. Rampton, J. Houselander, F. Hillman, Mesdames J. Houselander, J. McCarthy, C. Hayes, B. Ralph, D. Everingham

The first autumn show was staged in conjunction with Chullora Omnibus Workshop Horticultural Society in 1971. This association lasted five years. A rose display was held at Westfield Plaza, Burwood in 1972.

The regional took responsibility for the Farmers autumn festival from 1980 to 1984. Max and Betty Wrighter, inaugural members, gave faithful support before their retirement to Inverell. Max wrote in the *NSW Rose*, September 1980: 'We are all, whether we like it or not, ambassadors for our Society. The question is whether or not we are good ones.'

The regional's final meeting was held in December 1988. Monies and memberships were allocated to Macarthur Regional.

Chairmen - C. Hayes (1968-1969), C. Rampton (1969-1973), S. Tuckwell (1973-1980), R. Walsh (1980-1988)



Inverell Mayor Councillor Barry Johnson presented Max Wrighter in 2010 with his Bert Mulley Award
Photo Courtesy Inverell Times

1969-1974

NAMBUCCA HEADS REGIONAL

The inaugural meeting was held on 25 September 1969. The NRS of NSW was represented by Secretary Albert Howard and his wife, Frances.

Chairman - Keith Wilson

Vice-Chairman - Mrs J. Birnie

Secretary - Mrs J. Gough

Treasurer - Mrs J. Ward

Committee - J. Andrews, M. Mackay, M. Preston, D. Stringer, D. Thompson, Mesdames D. Stringer, K. Wilson, J. Smith, J. Wood, C. Gos
Memberships numbered 35.

The first rose show was held on 3 April 1970.

The regional hosted a NSW Rose Championship show in 1971.

In 1973 Keith Wilson established a commercial garden in Nambucca Heads. 1600 new roses were planted. *El Capitan* was his best rose for the commercial trade. He supplied the cultural notes for the autumn 1974 *NSW Rose*.

1970-1977

NARROMINE REGIONAL

The inaugural meeting of the Narromine regional was held on 25 September 1970. Representing the NRS of NSW were Secretary Albert Howard and his wife, Frances.

Chairman - Marie Powell

Vice-Chairman - Jan Coddington

Secretary - K. Betts

Assistant Secretary - Mrs K. Roberts

Publicity Officer - Mrs J. Hogan

Committee - S. Powell, E. Shepherd, A. McCutcheon, Mesdames J. Berryman, K. Betts, M. Falla, J. Smith, H. King

The first rose show was held on 23 April 1971, judged by Vice-President Alex Taylor. President Harry Murray demonstrated the general method of pruning for the regional in July.

Vice-President Jim Gibson judged the spring show on 26 October 1973.

Marie Powell was an active member within the state body.

The regional hosted the NSW Rose Championship show in 1974.

In 1976 the regional, in co-operation with the local garden club, held a spring show. The Champion Rose was *Peace*, and there was an increase in Miniature rose exhibits.

1974-1975 NORTH SHORE REGIONAL

The inaugural meeting was held on 20 November 1974 in St John's Hall, Gordon.

Chairman - David Fraser

Secretary - Carol Maclean

Treasurer - Garth Guyatt

Alex Taylor, in his president's report... 'Our North Shore Regional for which we had great hopes, has, despite the efforts of Chairman Mr David Fraser and some of his committee, been forced to discontinue activities because of lack of interest by its members.' [NSW Rose, Spring 1975]

1985-1992 BELLINGEN DISTRICT ROSE CLUB

The inaugural meeting was held on 25 September 1985 with 19 members in attendance.

The chairman's position was to be rotated at each meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer - Malcolm Brown

Publicity Officer - Ian Kethel

The members attending provided a display of 80 roses which became the focal point of the meeting.

In 1986 the Bellingen Agricultural Society requested that the rose club re-design their rose schedule. In November 1986 the first fundraising venture was a spring rose show in conjunction with a bridal gown display at the home of Norma Russ. Sales and a raffle raised \$250. Myrtle Robertson had moved her membership from Hunter Valley Regional to Bellingen where she continued to promote her interest in Heritage roses and hybridising by supporting rose displays and lectures.

In August 1991 the club approached the society about regional status but members decided to merge with Bellingen Garden Club which then became Bellingen River Rose and Garden Club.

1993-1999

NORTH AND NORTH-WEST

A rose club was formed in Tamworth in 1992 after separate visits from State President Garth Guyett and Eric Welsh who liaised with Tamworth Garden Lovers Club.

Regional status was granted by State Council in November 1993.

Chairman - Kerry Fraser

Secretary - Di Chappell

Treasurer - Sharon Bowman

Editor - Bill Carrington

Consulting Rosarian and Judge - Bill Carrington

Probationary Judge - Margaret Turner

State Council Delegates - Eric and Ira Welsh

Six Vice-Chairmen covered the district towns of Inverell, Armidale, Tamworth, Boggabri, Narrabri, Wee Waa and Moree. Rose meetings were held monthly in country towns and quarterly in Tamworth. Meetings were held in private gardens or nurseries, excluding the hot months of summer. There was a strong regional membership even though members were separated by distance. *In Your Rose Garden*, the regional bulletin, provided cultural notes for the vast areas of the north and their different climate zones.

Pruning recommendations were: Mid to late July for Gunnedah, Narrabri, Gurley and Moree, early August for Quirindi, Tamworth, Manilla, Barraba, Bingara, Warialda and Inverell, and late August for Walcha, Armidale, Glen Innes and Bundarra.

In April 1994 Wee Waa and Narrabri members travelled to Tamworth for a rose day with Eric Welsh and members of Tamworth Garden Club. The attendance exceeded 100 with some travelling over 300 km. There was a display of locally grown roses. The 1994 RAFT Miniature Rose of the Year, *Delicious*, bred by Eric was featured.

President Allan Read and Eric Welsh judged almost 250 entries at the 1995 Spring Championship show held at Wee Waa.

Champion Rose and Reserve Champion - Margaret Turner - *Kardinal*

Champion Decorative Class - a pedestal arrangement - Mrs G. Simshauser

A new class, a basket of roses, resulted in 15 entries at the 1997 spring show held at Narrabri RSL. Exhibitors were able to place their entries as they arrived at the show. Open judging was normal procedure. This allowed those interested to accompany the judge. Questions were encouraged.

Margaret Turner continues to judge in her district of Gurley and hopes that will continue for a long time as she enjoys doing so. Gurley is a district prone to drought, and Margaret no longer grows roses. She says the rose society remains a

great source of information, and she had great times growing and showing roses. She remembers happy times with fellow rosarians at past wonderful shows.

Chairmen - K. Frazer (1993-1994), W. Carrington (1994-1995), L. Welshman (1995-1996), M. Turner (1996-1999)



Founding member Margaret Turner with her champion bowl of Miniature roses



Margaret continues to judge roses at local shows

NSW Rose Championships

1970

The Captain Cook Bicentenary Rose Championships of Australia were hosted by Gosford Garden Club at the Hotel Florida Terrigal. Eric Welsh was the chairman. The weekend included a Saturday night dinner with a presentation of trophies. District bus tours were arranged to view places of interest including local gardens. The report from the June *NSW Rose* read: 'It had to be seen to be believed, it was magnificent. Exhibitors and visitors attended from interstate, New Zealand and many parts of NSW.'

Eric Welsh won the Rose Championship and exhibited the Champion Rose - **Shannon**. Hunter Valley Regional chartered a bus to the show, and 41 members were able to celebrate with fellow member, Harry Williams who had gained second place in the Bicentenary Rose Championship class of 6 Roses, distinct.

Shows held in the autumn of 1970 were:

1. Farmers Blaxland Gallery - 17-18 March
2. Royal Easter Show - commencing 20 March
3. Nambucca Heads Regional Show - 3 April
4. Parramatta and Hills Regional Show - 4 April
5. Hunter Valley Regional Show - 11 April
6. Australian Championships, Gosford - 17-18 April.

Future NSW Rose Championships were hosted by regional groups.



1970 Floribunda Championship - Gosford



1970 - Eric Welsh and Stan Peck, Gosford

1971

Nambucca Heads Regional hosted the NSW Rose Championships at the Headlands Palais, Nambucca Heads on 16 and 17 April.

The opening was performed by Penny Clarke (formerly Miss World 1968, Penny Plummer) before a gathering of 500. A total of 1600 people paid to view the show over the two days.

NSW Rose Championship - Bert Mulley, included exhibits of *Maria Callas* and *Red Queen*, Bunch - *Diamond Jubilee* and Floribunda - *Red Gold* with 2nd place to Eric Welsh and 3rd to Keith and Millie Wilson

Champion Rose - Eric Welsh - *Red Devil*

Miniature Championship - Mr and Mrs Goulding - *Scarlet Gem*

Champion Vase of Miniatures - David Ruston - *Starina*

Champion Floral Art - Gwen Ranson

A three-day coach tour was arranged from Sydney to visit the show and tour surrounding gardens.

Regional Chairman - Keith Wilson

Secretary/Treasurer - Millie Wilson

1972

Hunter Valley Regional hosted the NSW Rose Championships at Maitland Town Hall from 14-16 April.

Alderman Ron Walsh, Mayor of the City of Maitland opened the show. Other speakers were The Honourable Milton Morris AO, Minister for Transport and Alex Taylor, Patron of Hunter Valley Regional and State Vice-President.

Harry Williams, a foundation member of Hunter Valley Regional won the NSW Rose Championship with *Red Devil*, *Femina*, *Christian Dior*, *Red Gold* and *Royal Highness*.

Hunter Valley Championship of 6 Exhibition Roses, won by Brian Roe and Ronald Marjoram, included *Christian Dior*, *Red Devil*, *Red Queen* and *Carla*.

Champion Decorative Rose - Stan and Lorna Tuckwell - *Queen Elizabeth*

Champion Floral Art - Mrs J. Hotham (Newcastle)



1972 - Alex Taylor, Harry Williams, Shirley Layton, Stan Parkes, Hunter Valley

Local members, Marguerite Parkes and Wilga Abrahams displayed their advanced hybridising skills in the seedling class.

Max Jenner, representing the National Rose Society of Queensland, addressed the Saturday dinner guests.

Visitors throughout the weekend enjoyed conducted tours to historical areas, vineyards and members' gardens. Pat and Harry Williams made their garden of 600 roses available to visitors. An estimated 2000 visitors viewed the show.

Regional Chairman - Stan Parkes

Secretary - Shirley Layton

1973

Parramatta and Hills Regional hosted the NSW Rose Championships at Parramatta Town Hall on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 April.

The official opening was performed at 8pm by David Ruston of Renmark.

The focal point of the show was a silver bowl of **Queen Elizabeth** grown by Bill Knight and arranged by his wife, Anne.

Three nursery trade displays supported the show, and 1300 paying members of the public visited over the two days.

Awards were presented by the regional chairman at Saturday night's banquet which was held at Cheddington Reception Centre. The Sunday morning garden visits included a demonstration by Roy Rumsey on sterilising soil and making a soil mixture for potted roses.

Lunch was served to 120 rosarians in the garden of Mr and Mrs Jack Case of Glenorie. Championship weekends continued their aim to



1973 - Hugh Graham (Qld), Alex Taylor (Pres.), Bert Stone (Vic.), Parramatta



Anne Knight's bowl of **Queen Elizabeth**

foster interest in the rose and to meet with fellow rosarians in a pleasant social atmosphere.

Harry Murray had organised \$700 towards the show's prize-money.

Regional Chairman - Noel McCann

Secretary - Gerry McKivat

Treasurer - Peg McGregor

Chairman of Judges - Clifford 'Bill' Knight Interstate and local judges assisted.

1974

Narromine Regional hosted the NSW Rose Championships held at Narromine RSL Memorial Hall on 19 and 20 April.

Hugh Graham, President of the Rose Society of Queensland and the National Rose Society of Australia, opened the show.

NSW Rose Championship - Eric Welsh

Champion Rose - Eric Welsh - **Red Queen**

Champion Bunch - Harry Williams - **Audie Murphy**

Minor Championship - Fred Asser

C Grade Championship - K. Betts (Narromine)

The Australian Women's Weekly Floral Art Championship, 'Western Glory' - Gwen Ranson

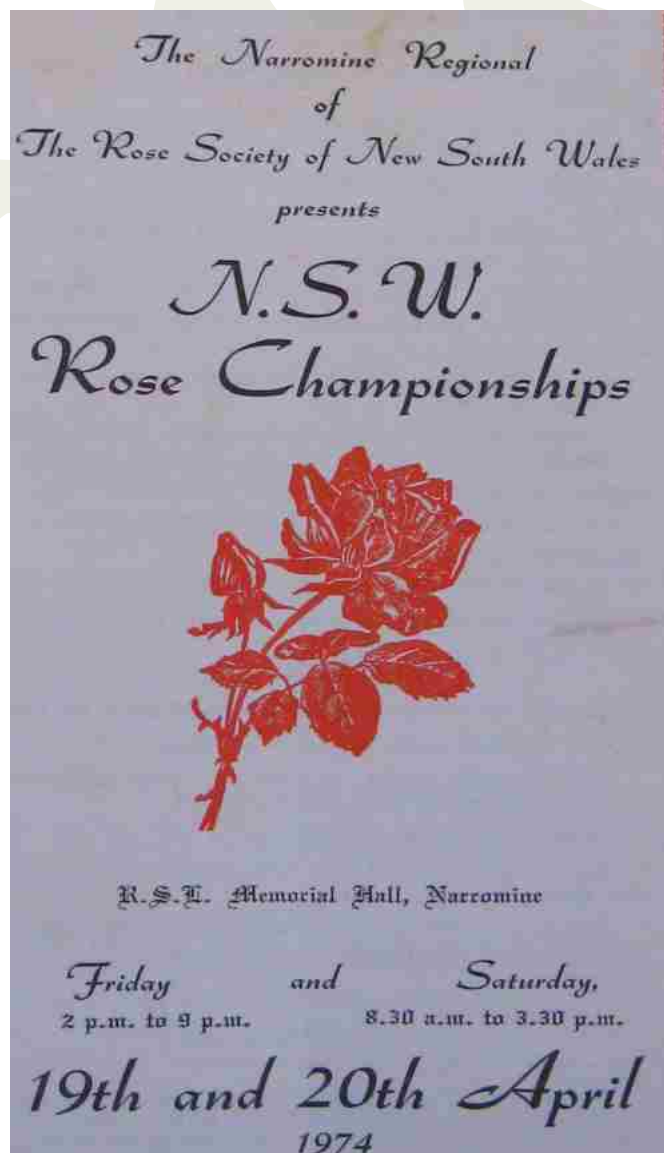
Local auctioneer, Tony Coote gave his time gratis to the regional to auction the blooms at the end of the show.

On Saturday night a dinner dance was held. The Sunday tour to local gardens included a visit to a citrus orchard and a cotton gin. The barbeque lunch on Sunday was held out of town on the banks of the Macquarie River.

Regional Chairman - Marie Powell

Secretary - Mrs D. Barling

Treasurer - Mrs Tuck



1974 Show schedule cover, Narromine

1975

Orange Championship Committee, in affiliation with the RS of NSW, staged the NSW Rose and Floral Art Championships at Orange High School's assembly hall on 4 and 5 April.

The official opening was performed by Jack Harkness, nurseryman, author and member of the RNRS. Jack was in Australia to present at the 2nd Australian Rose Convention in Melbourne. Roy and Heather Rumsey accompanied him to Orange. They too were to present papers in Melbourne.



1975 Jack Harkness

Major sponsors were WD & HO Wills, *The Australian Women's Weekly* and Amoco Oil Co.

The schedule covered a total of 62 classes.

The Saturday night dinner and presentation of major awards were held at the Hotel Canobolas followed by a fashion parade by California Fashions of Orange. Dinner tickets were \$15 a double and \$8 for singles.

Twenty members attended from Hunter Valley Regional to see Harry Williams take out 2nd and 3rd places in the A Grade Championship.

B Grade Championship - Fred Asser
C Grade Championship - Chris Lucas
Champion Rose - Don Tredinnick

Approximately 70% of the trophies were won by Hunter Valley Regional members.

Lectures and demonstrations were presented by Mr and Mrs J. Grose - 'Floral Art' and Alex Taylor - 'Growing and Exhibiting Roses'.

The Sydney Department of Tourism organised a weekend coach tour with the Rose Championships being part of the itinerary.

Championships Chairman - Colin George, local ABC gardening commentator.



1975 Show schedule cover, Orange

1978

Illawarra Regional hosted the NSW Rose Championships at Wollongong Town Hall on 31 March and 1 April.

All visiting rose society members were welcomed at a civic reception hosted by Alderman Frank Arkell, Lord Mayor of Wollongong. Mayor Arkell presented a gift to President Jim Gibson and his wife, Alma on behalf of the City of Wollongong.

It was a weekend of constant rain, but spirits were not dampened - once again a time of friendship and co-operation between regionals.

The show was again supported by Rumsey's.

The traditional silver bowl of *Queen Elizabeth* was arranged by Daphne Mulley.

The dinner was held at Wollongong Leagues Club.

A profit of \$2000 was presented to the Wollongong Adult Deaf Society's building fund.

Committee Chairman - Arthur Watkins

Secretary - Judith Oyston

Treasurer - Jim Boyle

Public Relations - Edna Gregory



1978 - Daphne Mulley's bowl of *Queen Elizabeth*



1980

Hunter Valley Regional hosted the NSW Rose Championships at Maitland Town Hall on 11 and 12 April.

Fifty-seven exhibitors entered 500 exhibits, 150 of which were in the Floral Art classes.

The 4th State Council meeting was held over the weekend, and visitors were invited to observe the meeting.

Thirteen hundred members of the public came to admire the show. Central to the show again was the silver bowl arrangement of ***Queen Elizabeth*** by Daphne Mulley.

Trade displays were by Rumsey's, Bob Thompson and Allag & Schering gardening equipment.

Marie's Flowers demonstrated floristry work using roses provided by Pat and Harry Williams.

Best Standard Unit - Eric Welsh - ***Apricot Nectar***

Champion Floral Art - Lucy Groves

Aggregate in A Grade: 'Your Garden' Trophy - Harry Williams

Aggregate in B Grade: 'Garden Lover' Trophy - Chris Lucas

Aggregate in C Grade: 'The Weekly Times' Trophy - Doug Grant

Encouragement Trophy for Best Standard Unit in C Grade donated by Max and Betty Wrighter - Joyce McCann

Shirley Layton was honoured with Life Membership from the regional at the Saturday night dinner which was held at the East Maitland CWA Hall.

Chairman - Chris Lucas

Secretary - Shirley Layton

Treasurer - Mr J. Bell



1984 - Judith Oyston (Show Manager) standing, Ruth Stanford (Chairman), Sir James Rowland (Patron), Shirley Layton (Pres.) seated L-R, Wollongong

1984

Illawarra Regional hosted the NSW Rose Championships at Beaton Park Leisure Centre Wollongong on 27 and 28 October. The City of Wollongong was celebrating its sesquicentenary.

A Lord Mayoral reception and lunch for Sir James Rowland and Lady Rowland were held prior to the show.

The official opening was performed by the society's patron, Air Marshal Sir James Rowland KBE, DFC, AFC, Governor of New South Wales accompanied by Lady Rowland who also addressed the gathering.



After the opening

Meg Barry, founder of the Australian School of Floral Art Judges, Brisbane was a guest judge.

Trade displays were by Rumsey's, Swanes, Langton's (Camden) and Lake South Nursery (Lake Illawarra) along with a display by Heritage Roses in Australia.

Royal National Rose Society Bronze Medal - Doug Grant - *Altissimo*

A Grade Championship - Eric Welsh

B Grade Championship - Vicki Bevan

C Grade Championship - Bronze Medal - Jack Moxey

Bunch Rose Championship - 3 Vases, distinct - Eric Welsh

Decorative Rose Championship - 4 Vases, at least 3 cultivars - Bette Lloyd

Most Successful Illawarra Exhibitor - Silver Medal - Floral Art - Thelma Seath

Show Manager - Judith Oyston

Chief Steward - Jim Boyle

Show Secretary - Lorna Walker

Treasurer/Fund Raising - Frances Crosby

Social Program - Phillis Burrows

1991

Illawarra Regional hosted the NSW Rose Championships at the University of Wollongong Union Hall on 26 and 27 October.

Graham and Sandra Ross opened the show. Special guest was Alderman Frank Arkell, Lord Mayor of Wollongong.

Displays were staged by Ken Langton's Rose Nursery (Mudgee) and Cox's Old-Rose Nursery (Thirlmere).

A Grade Championship - Peter Eisenhuth

Spring Championship - Stan Tuckwell

Champion Rose - Stan Tuckwell - **Esmeralda**

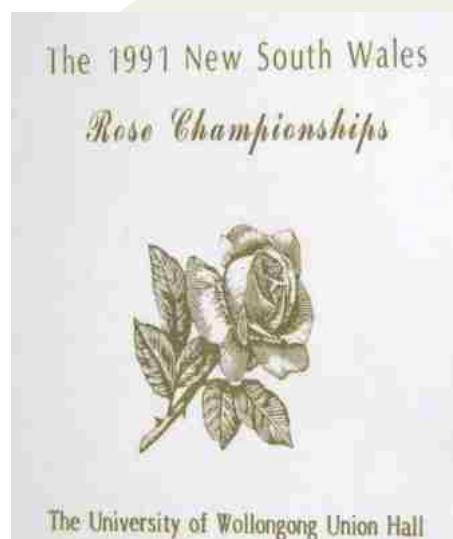
B Grade Championship - Richard Walsh

C Grade Championship - Ollie Fischer

A Grade Miniature Championship - Garth Guyett

Best Unit in C Grade - Roland Glover

Floral Art Championship - Joanne Fisher



2002

Sydney Regional, in the International Year of the Rose, held a show in partnership with Dural Rotary Club on 23 and 24 March at Dural Country Club.

Patron of Sydney Regional, Sandra Ross opened the show.

Grand Champion Unit - Graham Wright - **White Spray**

NSW State Championship - Graham Wright

Champion Exhibition Rose - Mark McGuire - **Moonstone**

Special guests for the weekend were NRSA Secretary Malcolm Watson accompanied by his wife, Ruth from the Rose Society of South Australia. Saturday evening dinner guests were entertained by Malcolm's interactive program of knowledge, wit and challenge titled, 'Roses around Australia'.

Sunday featured special lectures and garden tours.

Some of the money raised over the weekend supported The Children's Hospital at Westmead.



2002 - Richard Walsh (Pres.), Sandra Ross (Patron, Sydney Regional), Jacqueline Tweedie (Chairman, Sydney Regional), Dural

2006

Sydney Royal Easter Show

NSW Rose Championships have been held annually from 2006 at Sydney Royal Easter Show on one of the three designated rose days.

1788- 1988 Australia's Bicentenary 'Rosa Australis'

An endorsed bicentennial activity

The 75th Year of the Rose Society of New South Wales

Eric Welsh made a successful application to obtain the 8th World Rose Convention for Australia when he attended the 6th Convention of the WFRS in Baden-Baden, West Germany, in 1983.

At the subsequent AGM of the NRSA, the RS of NSW was granted permission to stage the convention in Sydney during the autumn of 1988, supported by all state rose societies.

Application was made to the Australian Bicentennial Authority and the NSW Bicentennial Council for formal recognition and financial assistance, which was granted.

Garth Guyett was endorsed as Convention Chairman by RS of NSW State Council and requested the committee to stage a convention by rosarians for rosarians.

Sydney University was chosen as the venue to be held from 9-13 April. The budget was set at \$30 000.

Fundraising commenced with the printing of 5000 blank cards featuring a photo of the National Society's 'fund rose' - **Megan Louise**.

An invitation was issued to Australian rose breeders for a new rose to celebrate the occasion.

The Australian Bicentennial (HT 1987) was bred by Ron Bell of Victoria and distributed by Roy H. Rumsey.

Throughout the conference this rose filled a three-tiered circular stand in the Withdrawing Room and was the most photographed rose at the event.

A bed of **The Australian Bicentennial** was established at Government House, Sydney.

Patron and Patroness - His Excellency Air Marshal Sir James Rowland AC, KBE, DFC, AFC, Governor of NSW and Lady Rowland

Convention Committee:

President RS of NSW - Shirley Layton

President NRSA - Eric Welsh

Chairman - Garth Guyett

Vice-President - Shirley Stevenson supervised the preparation of Australian gifts for the sales table.

Secretary - Vicki Bevan

Show Secretary - Doug Grant

Assistant Show Secretary - Marie Powell

Lecture Program - Eric Welsh

Show Manager - Aub Juleff

Floral Art Schedule - Judith Oyston

Chief Show Steward - Don Campton

Chairman of Judges - Bert Mulley (A National Judges Handbook for the conduct of Australian Rose Championship classes accompanying the prepared schedule was completed by the NRSA in time for the championships.)

Adviser - Heather Rumsey

Regional Representatives - Noel McCann (Parramatta), Stan Tuckwell (Bankstown), Harry Williams (Hunter Valley), Phyllis Burrows (Illawarra)

Five years of planning and support from all states and NSW regionals resulted in a very successful convention being presented to 470 conventioners from 15 countries.

Official guest and principal speaker was Sean McCann from Ireland.

International presenters included Ralph Moore (USA), Richard Balfour (UK), Dr Otto Buneman (Germany), Pat Dickson (Northern Ireland), David Gilad (France), Vivian Godkin (New Zealand), Professor Onodera (Japan) and Rein Solberg (Europe). Australian lecturers were Deane Ross, Dr Michael Barkley, Brian Payne (Floral Art) and Dr Steven Goodwin. The lectures were held over three days. Seventeen lectures and demonstrations were presented. Two panel discussions were included. World Federation meetings and the 16th AGM of the NRSA were also held.

The University's Great Hall was the venue for the opening ceremony with 384 guests in attendance. A prelude to the proceedings was an organ recital by Professor David Rumsey. Member and Sydney Town Clerk, Leon Carter was Master of Ceremonies. WFRS President Vincent Goya (USA) opened the convention. A reception followed in the University's Wentworth Building.

The Australian Rose Championship show was held over the first weekend, 9-10 April. The schedule included International, Australian and NSW Rose Championships.

Prize-money of \$3000 was allocated for the cultural classes and \$1000 for the floral art schedule.

The rose show attracted 339 entries from 39 exhibitors, including 2 from New Zealand and 12 from interstate.

The Australian Rose Championship and Champion Rose - Eric Welsh - ***Kordes' Perfecta***

Reserve Champion Rose - Richard Walsh
International Rose Championship - Harry Williams

NSW Championship - Vicki Bevan

Australian Bunch Championship and Rose Society of Victoria Silver Medal - E. Phillips (Victoria)

Canterbury (NZ) Silver Medal - M. French

NSW Bunch Championship - Ted Morphett

Australian Floral Art Championship - Marie Stores

On Sunday, Lady Rowland officially opened the new rose garden at the Royal Botanic Gardens on behalf of the Friends of the Gardens. Rosarians representing South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales attended the function. (Vice-President Shirley Stevenson had represented the society at the first planting of this garden on 19 July 1987. One hundred bushes of ***The Australian Bicentennial*** were donated by Rumsey's. In 1991 the society held a picnic lunch in the Royal Botanic Gardens to view the two beds of the rose.)

That evening, the rose show was replaced by a rose display which remained in place for the next three days. David Ruston's expression of roses from the early days of the colony to the modern rose was a delightful feature. An estimated 6000 blooms were flown in from Denmark for the 100 bowls and vases. Each contained individual varieties introduced from the 1800s to 1988. There were splendid individual displays presented by all state societies. Five nurseries also supported with trade displays.

The organisation of the banquet on Tuesday night was the responsibility of Marjorie Peters, the Sheraton Wentworth Hotel being the venue. A rose was presented to each of the 360 dinner guests upon arrival. A five-course menu preceded the entertainment by an Aboriginal Dance Group. Major trophies were presented to the prize-winners by their donors during the evening.



1985 Convention committee Heather Rumsey, Shirley Layton, Garth Guyett and Eric Welsh



Presentation of Bicentennial logo to President Shirley Feb. 1985 in Eric's garden

On Thursday a two-hour harbour cruise was followed by an 'Aussie' barbecue at Mrs Macquaries Point, thus ending the week of celebrating with roses.

Master of Ceremonies for the closing ceremony was Sir Hermann Black, Chancellor of Sydney University. The ceremony followed a final smorgasbord meal. **Papa Meiland** was presented as the World's Favourite Rose and placed in the Hall of Fame.

The convention showed a profit of \$42 864. The WFRS received \$6255. All states received a return from their initial sponsorship plus 10%. The NRSA received \$4000 and the RS of NSW \$1529.



At the pedestal with Shirley is the *Women's Weekly* trophy (competition started in Sydney) filled with *Baccara* roses. The trophy belongs to SA.



The Australian Bicentennial at the conference



Ted Phillip's winning bunch entry



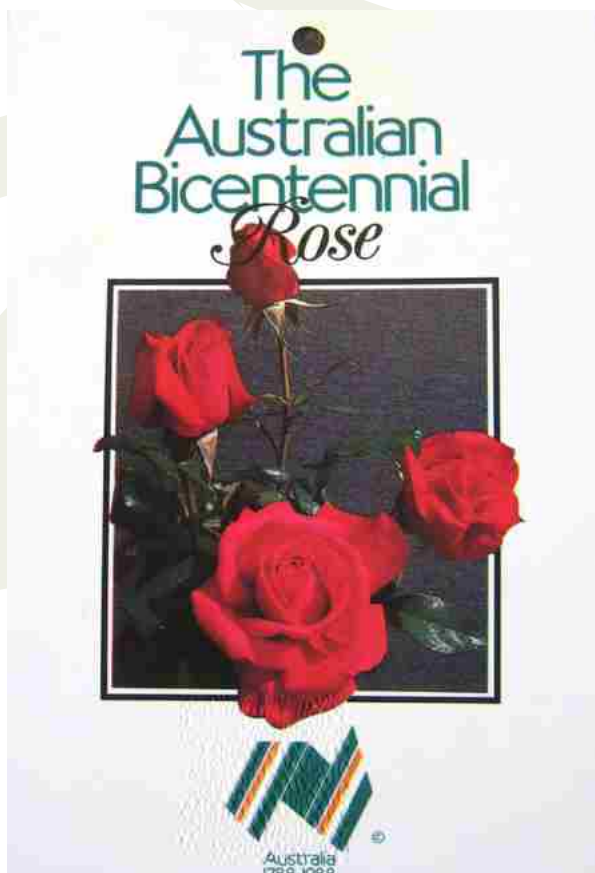
Other states' displays



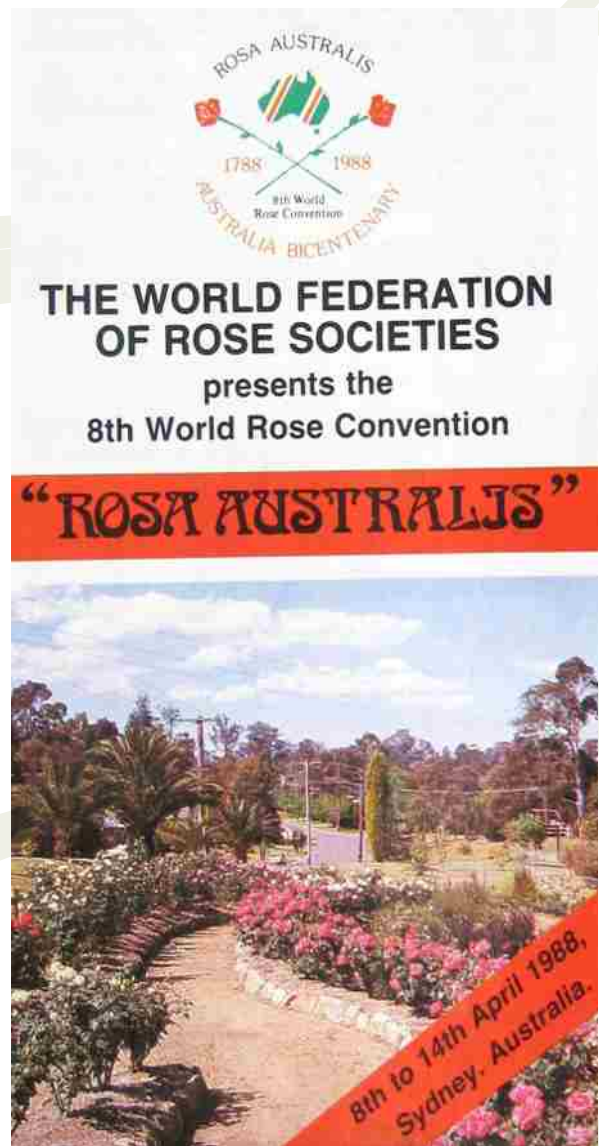
The RS of NSW display



David Ruston's 100 yrs of roses



The rose label



Notice of interest brochure



Keynote speaker Sean McCann, Shirley Layton, Eric and Megan Welsh

Personalities

ALISTER CLARK

Foundation member of the Rose Society of Victoria
Prominent Australian rose hybridist

Mr Clark was Patron of the NRS of NSW from 1927 (our earliest records) until 1934 and subsequently Vice-Patron until his passing in 1949.

Mrs Edith Clark was Patroness from 1934 to 1945.

In 1932 a silver bowl was presented by the society to Mr and Mrs Clark, the inscription reading:

'Presented to Alister Clark Esq. by the National Rose Society of NSW in appreciation of his splendid services to rose lovers throughout the world September 1932.'

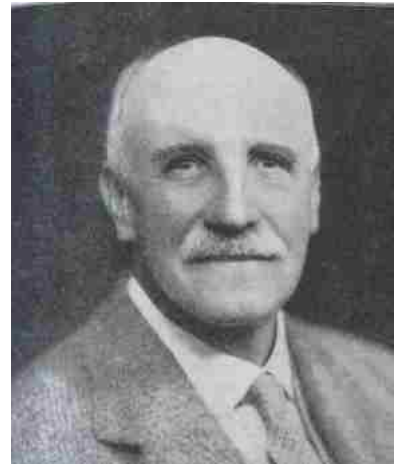
Honorary Life Membership was granted to Mr Clark in 1932.

He was a recipient of the Dean Hole Medal in 1936 and the first recipient of the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 1948. Mr Clark was a wonderful benefactor to the NRS of NSW gifting to the society four of his hybrids, the first, **Gwen Nash**, in 1920, which was propagated by George Knight, Harry Hazlewood and George Kershaw with a net profit to the society of £18.

In 1922 Mrs Clark presented **Fancy Free**, its sales raising £19. In 1929 **Lady Fairbairn** and **Peggy Bell** were gifted by Mr Clark, and they raised £19 each.

The gift of these rose plants from Mr and Mrs Clark kept the NSW society financially sound.

The Clark roses were regularly gifted to Australian horticultural and rose societies for fundraising. The 'Glenara' seedlings were listed in *The Australian Rose Annual* up until 1948, and, when relevant, a list of intended recipients of his gift roses was also included.



Alister Clark



Peggy Bell



Gwen Nash

CLIFFORD 'BILL' KNIGHT

George Knight introduced his son, Bill to the NRS of NSW in 1927 when he was aged 17. Bill served on Council with his father from 1927 until 1961 and was Vice-President from 1965-1973. He gave 65 years of service to the rose. Only two autumn shows missed having a Knights' display.

At age 12, Bill was exhibiting roses, often exhibiting in senior classes and coming away with some major prizes. He received his judges' badge when aged 17. He served as Chairman of Judges until 1979 when he handed the role over to Bert Mulley.

Bill attended the city meetings twice monthly and also became a member of Parramatta and Hills Regional. He was very generous with passing on his knowledge. Bill and his wife, Anne made their home and garden available for fundraising efforts.

Bill was awarded the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 1967 and Life Membership in 1973.

Bill Knight's Rose Nursery at Parklea continued until he retired in 1974.



Bill Knight

HARRY HAZLEWOOD

Harry Hazlewood was the second recipient of the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 1949. He was Vice-Patron from 1949-1959.

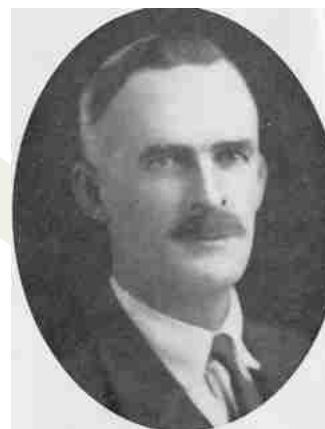
His contribution, 'New Roses for Each Year' to *The Australian Rose Annual*, commenced with the first issue in 1928 and continued up until his passing in 1959. During WWII, when rose importation was interrupted, Harry continued with articles on rose culture and history. Importation of roses into Australia re-commenced in 1948. Members valued his judgment of each year's new varieties and relied on them for their new plantings.

Hazlewood Bros in Ray Rd, Epping was founded in 1908 and had the slogan:

'Grow the Best, Discard the Rest'

Their 1939 catalogue included:

- Comprehensive rose culture notes.
- Judging standards
- Join the rose society and keep-up-to-date
- An article titled 'Every rose has a fault'
- 83 of 176 pages dedicated to roses



Harry Hazlewood



Hazlewood Nursery

- A reminder that: 'The nursery is positively closed each Saturday afternoon and Sunday and all holidays to allow principals and staff the universal opportunity for recreation, social and community life.'

Hazlewood Bros employed three of NSW's well-known rosarians as teenagers - Roy Rumsey, Don Campton and Eric Jordan.

DR HARDINGE C. and MRS OLIVE R. FITZHARDINGE

Dr Fitzhardinge was a dental surgeon. He served the society as a council member before 1929. Mrs Fitzhardinge studied horticulture and bred roses at Warrawee between 1917 and 1939. Eight of her roses were commercially released by Hazlewood Bros. **Warrawee** (HT 1935) made the recommended roses list for NSW in 1938.

Alister Clark wrote of a visit to Dr and Mrs Fitzhardinge's garden at Warrawee in 1928

'...where seedlings of roses and Strelitzias fight for first place, and where the Frangipani and Quisqualis Indica make, I am glad to see, a background for Australian-raised roses. Mrs Fitzhardinge's taste in flower arrangement is well known, and it is also shown in her choice of garden subjects. Her seedling roses show much promise.' [The Australian Rose Annual 1929, p.148]

Mrs Fitzhardinge described her successes in producing new roses in her Sydney suburban garden acre: 'Few of these will ever grace the gardens of the general public, but the crosses may be of interest to those bent on the happy quest of hoping to raise Roses stronger and more suited to our land of sunshine.' [The Australian Rose Annual 1932, p.127]

The same sentiments were also stated by Alister Clark about his crosses.

FRANCIS (FRANK) L. RIETHMULLER

Frank Riethmuller moved to Sydney from Toowoomba in 1918. Full time rose breeding began on his retirement in 1945. He was an active member of the NRS of NSW for 23 years, a committee member from 1942-1943 and Vice-Patron from 1960-1965.

Frank studied Botany at Sydney University later in life, adding language studies to enable him to correspond with many overseas rose breeders such as Kordes, Pedro Dot and Tantau.



Frank and Toowoomba Library staff member with Frank's gold medal bequeathed by the family

His first registered and released hybrid was ***Titian*** (F 1950). Other worthy varieties included ***Spring Song*** (S 1954), ***Esmeralda*** (F 1957), ***Honey Flow*** (F 1957) and ***Snow Spray*** (F 1957).

In 1955 he wrote on how he thought an Australian and New Zealand rose breeding co-operative might work. In 1958 the NRS of NSW awarded him a Gold Medal for ***Titian***.

He wrote: 'Rose breeding is something of a lottery, but big prizes in the shape of good, healthy, floriferous plants are the reward of trial and perseverance.' [*The Australian and New Zealand Rose Annual* 1960, p.119]

MISS MARJORIE WALKER

Marjorie joined the society in 1932. From her first submission in 1941 until her last in 1994 she wrote extensively on a variety of topics. She left a legacy of encouragement, challenge and love of the rose in all the stages of rose growing, soil preparation, documenting suitability and growth of varieties, hybridising and keeping to memory the beauty and fragrance that a life of roses gives. She wrote of being a child in the rose garden at 'Coolringdon', Cooma, learning to name the roses.

In 1939 she established her first rose garden at 'Coolringdon' and expressed it as a dream come true, and all that was needed was enthusiasm for growing the Queen of Flowers. Each garden bed was planted with one variety, her favourite being *Étoile de Hollande*. She trialed the placement of the bud union when planting and discovered that roses planted with the bud union above ground developed more water shoots.

In 1961 Marjorie wrote from her unit in Kirribilli reminiscing about the roses she had grown. She was keen for the society to have a rose garden. In July the society congratulated her for the talk she gave on ABC radio.

Marjorie served as Editor of the *NSW Rose* for 1967 and 1968.

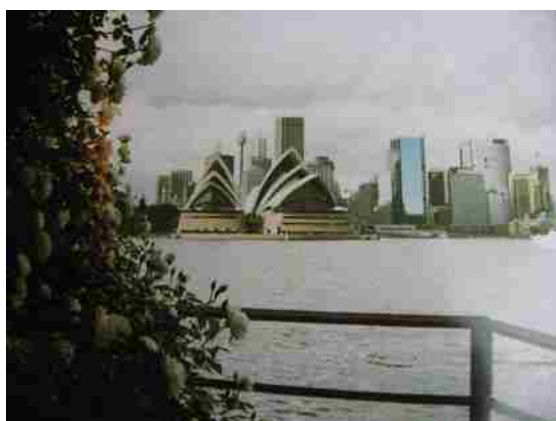
She was honoured with Life Membership in 1979.

Miss Walker served on the committee and sponsored rose show awards.

From an early 1960's schedule - Bowl of Australian Raised Roses, own container, name of hybridiser and name of roses to be supplied - The Marjorie Walker Cup



'Coolringdon', Cooma, Marjorie Walker's first rose garden and below her last on Sydney Harbour at Kirribilli



ROY and HEATHER RUMSEY - Roy H. Rumsey Pty Ltd - Rose Specialist Growers

Roy worked for his father at Rumsey's seed store in Parramatta. In later years it became known as Arthur Yates. Following his apprenticeship at Hazlewood Bros, Roy spent two years studying at Kew Gardens, England before returning to work in his father's business in 1932. In 1945 he became the manager at Andersons Seeds. In 1950 Roy and Heather established a retail nursery in Dural. They joined the NRS of NSW in 1952.

Heather was interested in Miniature roses. They became the agents for Ralph Moore of California following a visit to Australia by Mr and Mrs Moore in 1956. Rumsey's also held the agency for Kordes of Germany.



Roy on his tractor holding court for members at their nursery,

The nursery specialised in roses with an emphasis on Miniatures. Roy pioneered the production and marketing of roses in containers (1965-1970), thus ensuring continuous sales. He developed a virus-free rootstock from white *Multiflora*. This reduced the transmission of disease through rootstock propagating processes.

Heather became interested in old roses, and propagating material was sought from cemeteries and old gardens around Australia and international collections. [NSW Rose, June, September and December 1995]

The Rumseys contributed reviews of new roses for inclusion in *The Australian and New Zealand Rose Annual* (1961-1963) and *The Australian Rose Annual* (1964-1989). Heather and Roy both delivered lectures at Australian conventions held in Melbourne in 1967 and 1975. Heather supported the establishment in 1979 of Heritage Roses in Australia (HRIA). They attended rose society meetings in the city and enhanced many shows throughout NSW with displays of roses. The nursery was always made available to the society as a fundraising venue. New roses from amateur rose breeders were trialled and assessed at the nursery.

Heather liaised with the local government for the establishment of Roxborough Park Rose Garden. She was a delegate for NSW at NRSA meetings from 1973 to 1983.



The Rose Hill Bowling Green, 1911, with the Macquarie Street Gatehouse in the background.

RUMSEY ROSE GARDEN

Site of a convict lumber yard and later the Rosehill Bowling Club

For generations this site was part of the home territory of the Burrumatta clan of the Darug Aboriginal people. With the establishment of the colonial settlement of Rose Hill it became the site of a busy government lumberyard. In 1790 Lieutenant Watkin Tench recorded that 24 convict carpenters and 16 convict sawyers were employed here.

When the lumber yard was relocated by Governor Macquarie in 1815, this area became part of the entry to the Governor's private Domain, with a guard house built at the gate.

In the 1880s the Macquarie Street Gatehouse was built to replace the guard house, and the Rose Hill Bowling Club established a club house and bowling greens, croquet lawns and tennis courts. The buildings were demolished in the 1980s.

The Rumsey Rose Garden was established when Heather and Roy Rumsey donated their collection of heritage rose species to the City of Parramatta and was opened in 1995.

In 1976 Roy was awarded Life Membership followed by Heather in 1980. Heather received the SMA in 1981 and ARA in 1985.

Heather's book, *'Old-fashioned Roses for Australian Gardens'* was published in 1990 by Mitchell Publishing Pty Ltd. She donated a copy of the book to the society.

In 1995 Roy and Heather were posthumously awarded the Deane Ross Memorial Award from HRIA.

In honour of their contribution, the Heather and Roy Rumsey Memorial Award is presented to the winner of the best vase of Miniature roses at the Sydney regional spring show.

Before the close of their nursery in 1992, Roy and Heather donated two of all the old roses they had grown to HRIA and Sydney Regional. The object was to promote old roses and to grow them in a public garden where they would be available for budwood and general enjoyment by the public.

The Rumsey Rose Garden, Parramatta Park

The National Trust first proposed land for the establishment of the garden at either Harper's Mansion in Berrima or the Cumberland Psychiatric Hospital. Parramatta Council was then approached, and they approved an area in Parramatta Park, originally a convict-operated lumber yard. The garden was opened on 26 August 1995.



Heather Rumsey

MR A.G. (BERT) MULLEY

Bert and Daphne Mulley joined the NRS of NSW in 1956. Their first rose bushes had been planted in the late 1940s. By 1950 they began exhibiting at local shows, progressed to the Royal Easter Show and became very successful exhibitors. The Mulleys won the Royal Horticultural Society's prestigious Banksian Medal on three occasions.

The Mulley rose garden in Camden was a welcoming place to many local and overseas visitors, was made available to the society for fundraising events and was a popular 'drive by' destination on the itinerary of some bus company tours.



A.G. (Bert) Mulley. S.M.A.

Bert was appointed a judge in 1962. He exhibited and judged interstate. As the chairman of judges from 1979 he conducted matters of judging procedures and standards and held an annual seminar to which judges, exhibitors and interested members were all welcomed.

His vast knowledge of cultivating, propagating miniatures and judging was generously shared, giving encouragement to all rose enthusiasts.

On December 11, 1983 (9am-5pm), Bert held a judging seminar at Parramatta and included all members of the rose society with the following agenda:

- To stage a small but restricted show
- To improve exhibition and judging standards
- To coach new members on exhibiting roses

- To explain the finer points of judging
- To enable all members to evaluate their roses
- To provide a forum for discussion.

When Bert retired from business he made a decision to direct his activities to other areas of the society's affairs. He believed he had a duty to put something back into the society.

Bert stated in 1988, as printed in his entry in the Bicentenary *Rosa Australis* official publication, 'Judging is not a Health Hazard' - 'It is important that a man must have a reason to get up every morning, even if it is only to make a cup of tea. With a garden full of roses, how is it possible to sleep in?'

In 2002 the society marketed a rose discovered by Bert, a sport of **Gold Medal** which he had named **Daphne Jean** after his wife.

Camden Municipal Council set aside a portion of land in Macarthur Park for the establishment of the Bert Mulley Memorial Rose Garden by the RS of NSW. The garden was planted with two of each of eight of his favourite roses and was officially opened by the Mayor of Camden, Dr Liz Kernohan on November 24, 1990. These roses were **Gold Medal**, **Kardinal**, **Red Gold**, **Bridal Pink**, **Peter Frankenfeld**, **Princesse de Monaco**, **Lady Rose** and **Pink Parfait**.

The society held public rose pruning demonstrations in the memorial garden in July from 1991-1993. In 1993 the rose society was supported by Camden Lions, Camden Council and Camden Garden Club.

Bert was a RS of NSW delegate to the NRSA from 1984 to 1989 and Chairman of Judges from 1979 to 1989. He was awarded Life Membership in 1984, received the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 1986 and was elected Vice-President of the society in 1988



Bert and Daphne Mulley



MR. AND MRS. MULLEY with a favorite "Peace," which they planted beside the road



Daphne Mulley and Dr Liz Kernohan

ERIC WELSH

Eric Welsh joined the society in 1956 following a chance happening upon a rose show being held in the Motor Show Rooms, Elizabeth Street, Sydney and won prizes at his first rose show in that same year. He went on to exhibit with much success at local and interstate shows winning several Australian Rose Championships. From 1980 he was a member of the judges' panel and judged at interstate and international rose shows. Eric was a delegate to the inaugural meeting of the NRSA in 1972, a position he held until 1998.

He was an Australian delegate to the 6th and 7th WFRS Conventions, lecturing on hybridising in Toronto, Canada in 1985. He was Vice-President of the WFRS South Pacific region from 1986 to 1988 and, in 1982 and 1988, President of the NRSA. He was also a member of the Australian Rose Awards committee.

The Welsh garden contained 900 rose bushes. Eric and Ira generously shared their garden in order to support the society. An open day raised \$3200 in 1987 to assist with preparations for the 1988 World Convention in Sydney.

In 1979 the NRSA accepted the gift of a seedling rose bred by Eric. Rumsey's trialled and then released ***Megan Louise*** in 1984.

At the 1984 NRSA AGM it was decided that royalties from sales of ***Megan Louise*** be invested, and that these monies be known as the 'Megan Louise Fund' to be held in reserve to support the 1988 WFRS Convention. In 2011 the 'Megan Louise Fund' had a credit of \$38 416.97.

The Australian Rose Championships schedule honours Eric with: The Australian Miniature Rose Championship - The Eric Welsh Memorial Trophy.

In 1982 he was honoured with Life Membership, received the ARA in 1985 and the SMA in 1989.



Eric Welsh



DOUG GRANT BEM

Doug was awarded the BEM in 1968 to acknowledge his contribution to the Department of Navy.

He joined Sydney Regional after attending a pruning demonstration at Swanes in 1977.

Doug served as State Treasurer for 20 years and was honoured with Life Membership in 1997.



Doug Grant

DON CAMPTON

From age 15 Don was employed by Hazlewood Bros for 30 years. He recalls that in one year during the depression 6000 plants of *Radiance* were sold.

In time he was responsible for the annual list of roses submitted for the nursery's catalogue.

Harry Hazlewood paid Don's membership to the NRS of NSW. He attended meetings to represent Hazlewood Bros. A motor bike was Don's mode of transport into the city.

He was a keen exhibitor and served on the committee in the early '60s.

Don remembers well the autumn shows and a special display bowl of *Scarlet Queen Elizabeth*. He holds the honour of budding the first *Mme A. Meilland (Peace)* in Australia.

Don is still called upon to give budding demonstrations.



Don Campton



Scarlet Queen Elizabeth

ROGER MANN - Fifty years ago: memories of a teenage rosarian

'Was I the NSW Rose Society's youngest-ever member? I don't know, but I was fourteen when I joined in 1963. I had learned to love the rose at boarding school in Brisbane when one of the Brothers had invited me to spend Saturday afternoons with him as he tended the flowers he grew for the chapel. Roses were his great love; and soon they were mine too. So when I left boarding school in 1961 and discovered roses in my parents' big new garden in Sydney I at once claimed them for myself and enthusiastically more. Joining the Rose Society inevitably followed.

Everyone at my first meeting that Tuesday evening at the Society's rooms in Clarence St was three times my age; but our senior judge Ted Rothery put me at my ease with a big handshake and "Congratulations, young man! You are now a Rosarian." Fifty years later I am still.

He introduced me around, and for the first time in my life I met grown-ups who didn't ask me about my schoolwork. They asked me about my roses!

Our meetings followed the still-universal format of a bit of formal business (always mercifully brief at the Rose Society) followed by a talk or demonstration, sometimes given by a visiting expert, equally often by one of our own people. I remember the charming Swedish plant pathologist who spoke about "viruses"; meeting those great rose men, Harry Wheatcroft and Sam McGredy, in 1964; Heather Rumsey's contagious love for the Old Roses, then widely unappreciated; Roy Rumsey and Bill Knight's banter over the brand-new varieties they showed us each May ...

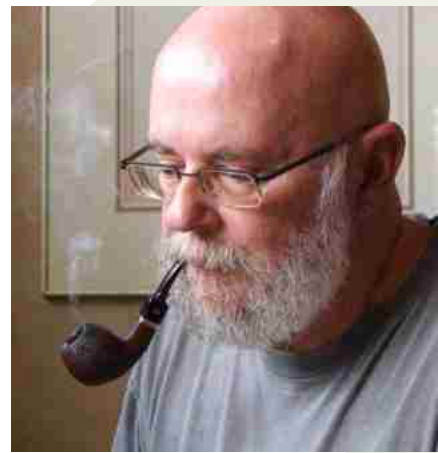
The Society's big Shows, the spring show in October in Strathfield and the autumn one at Easter at the Blaxland Gallery in the city, were beyond my scope; but I loved the "little flower shows" at our meetings. Any member could bring in his or her roses and stage them for the judges to assess and award points according to the show standards. They taught us aspiring exhibitors our craft; but more than that they allowed us to share their beauty. How proud I was when I first won top points, for a vase of decorative HTs! 'Pink Parfait' - and it was the last time that lovely rose was shown in NSW as a HT, for at that very meeting the Society elected to follow the British and class it and other "grandifloras" as Floribundas.

Then there was the Rose Society Library, in reality a big cupboard crammed with wonderful rose books which President Harry Murray put me in charge of in 1965, so giving me unlimited access to its treasures.

Alas, by 1968 university studies had robbed me of time for all this, and since then I have had only very small gardens; but once a Rosarian, always a Rosarian! Happy hundredth birthday, Rose Society. Long may you flourish.'

LUCY GROVES

'The anticipation of a champion bloom and the wonder of a new rose was a delight. Always striving for perfection, I kept on going. I remember the joy of friendship, humour and comradeship ever present. If you have a Saturday afternoon spare, join the rose society and have fun. When we were all novices at the



Roger Mann



Lucy Groves

Royal Easter Show we helped each other, rather than competed against each other. It was my late husband, Ron who was the main grower and exhibitor. Ron, Max Wrighter and Stan Tuckwell were top exhibitors, always striving to beat Bert Mulley. In 1991 I had to go to the state championships in Wollongong without Ron and came second in the rose championship to one of the top exhibitors of which I was very proud.'

Lucy enjoyed forty-four years of growing and showing roses.

JOANNE FISHER and THELMA SEATH

In 1990 Illawarra Regional member, Ollie Fischer introduced Joanne Fisher to Thelma Seath with the view to their undertaking non-competitive floral displays for the planned 1991 Rose Championships to be held at the University of Wollongong Union Hall. Joanne joined the society and, together with Thelma, prepared spectacular displays which graced the stage, foyer, corridor and walls of the hall.

Joanne and Thelma's partnership spanned 20 years. They became known as 'Thelma and Louise'. Their creativity in enhancing a show venue was sought for local regional shows, displays at BHP's Port Kembla Visitors Centre, into which they incorporated discarded pieces of steel in the designs, and Florawarra at Wollongong Botanic Garden. During their friendship they travelled with NSW members to the Rose Championships in Adelaide in 1993 where Joanne gained a 2nd placing in the pedestal arrangement class.

Their highlights included floral decorations at the Australian Rose Championships in 1994 at Chatswood Town Hall and the Ramada Inn function centre. Garth Guyett presented each of them with one of the pedestals he had made for 1988. They received a letter of appreciation from Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, Governor of New South Wales for their contribution to this event. They also decorated Novotel Wollongong Northbeach for the 1997 National AGM.

In 2009, with many willing helpers, Joanne created backdrop displays for the Australian Rose



Joanne, State Championships 1992, Floral Art Trophy



Joanne and Thelma with their pedestals, gifts from Garth after 1988



'Thelma and Louise' - Joanne Fisher and Thelma Seath, floral artists

Championships at Kiama Showground Pavilion and table decorations for the Saturday night banquet at Kiama Leagues Club. She continues her display work at spring shows for Illawarra Regional. The Alister Clark Cup is featured, filled with named rose varieties from Swanes.

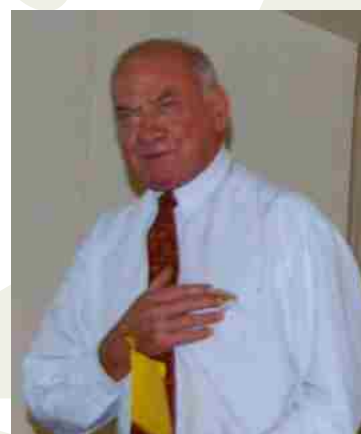
Thelma recalls: 'Illawarra Regional members were a dedicated, hardworking, happy group of people with a love of the rose their common bond. My love was the floral art side of our shows and being involved in the rose displays. My late husband, Albert co-ordinated working bees to make show equipment and he also made the props I required to enhance my floral art exhibits. My proudest moment was winning the Australian Floral Art Championship at Wollongong in 1997. I won a timber pedestal turned by Garth Guyett. I am no longer a member but still grow roses and have fond memories and lasting friendships.'



The stage at Chatswood 1994

COLIN HOLLIS - My Rose Journey from Political Activist to Rose Man

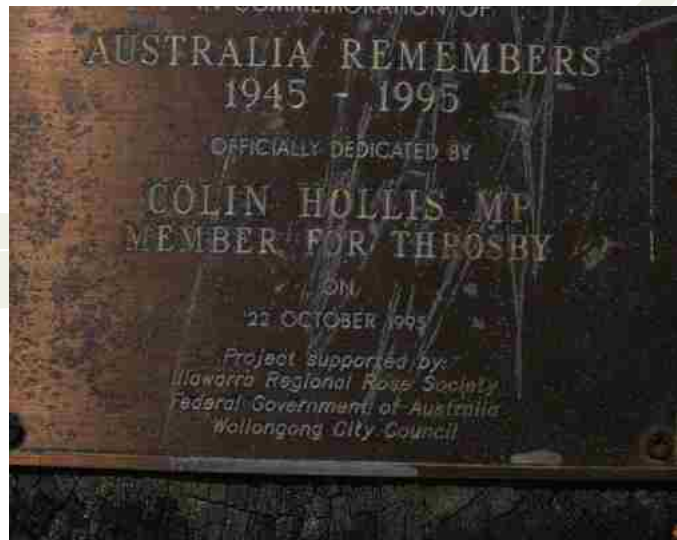
'For anyone interested in politics, to be elected a Member of Parliament is a dream fulfilled. It is not achieved without a struggle, often over many years, and, once achieved, involves many sacrifices such as the inability to be involved with many things you would like. After almost twenty years as a federal politician I was ready to take up some of the challenges I could not while in that position. I had, for many years, a vague interest in roses and horticulture in general. I grew a few bushes, later



Colin Hollis

realising in the wrong position, but a vase of my own roses often graced my Canberra office. A neighbour was Sue Kingsford who at some time in the '80s asked me to sponsor a section of the

Illawarra rose show, which I did each year. In 1995, as part of the 'Australia Remembers' celebration, each Member of Parliament received funds to sponsor projects in their electorate, so I decided I should sponsor a bed of roses - my version of a Peace Rose Park. I approached Illawarra Regional President, Rose Hough with the offer to provide the money for a bed of roses outside Heininger House, Dapto where Illawarra Regional staged their spring show. Such was my knowledge of roses that I thought **Peace** was a white rose. I had envisaged a bed of white **Peace** roses. I dedicated the garden on 22 October 1995. I joined the society in 2002. I suppose, coming from the most competitive of professions, it was inevitable I would be drawn to the competitive side of rose growing that is the show bench. I quickly became the show bench co-ordinator, and the president remarked that we really needed someone in the job that knew something about roses. I served briefly as Vice-Chairman before being elected Illawarra Chairman in 2004.



My aims on becoming Chairman were:

- 1) Everyone should be made feel welcome - all new members receive a letter from me
- 2) Fun to be involved with roses
- 3) Increase membership
- 4) Quick dispute resolution
- 5) A social program to hold the interest of members with meetings in members' gardens and bus tours (included in this were tours to the North and South Islands of New Zealand).

Our regional is actively involved with supporting local agricultural shows with sponsorship.

We have provided roses for Peace Park in Kiama where we hold our pruning demonstrations as well as stalls in local shopping centres. My eventual aim: fewer rose bushes producing better quality roses. My occasional rose awards have been played up in the media indicating my time as an MP. I no longer wanted to be judged on my former life, more for the quality of roses I produced. So I now have accepted my life is in a new phase. Things have changed - no longer Colin Hollis, the political and social activist, as was demonstrated recently while in a Medicare Office. When I passed my form over the counter, the assistant looked up and loudly said, "Oh, Colin Hollis - The Rose Man".

SUE KINGSFORD

When Sue was five years old her grandmother gave her a section of garden for her own use along with a rose to plant with her chosen annuals. She remembers *Cecile Brunner* and *Souv de la Malmaison* growing in her grandmother's garden. Sue was twenty years old when she moved to work for CSR in Fiji during the 1950s and recalls a rose similar to *R. bracteata* growing in her living area.



Suzanne Kingsford

In 1962 she returned to Australia with a family and found established rose gardens in the homes purchased in Melbourne prior to moving to the Illawarra in 1965.

Sue became aware of the Illawarra regional at a display of roses at Warrawong shopping centre and, in later years, was also encouraged to appreciate Heritage roses by member, Shirley Stevenson. In 1984 she joined the society.

Sue served the regional with terms as Publicity Officer, Show Manager, Social Director and Delegate to State Council. Over the years her rose garden and home in Jamberoo were a welcoming place to all state members.

She has served as Honorary Secretary of both the RS of NSW and NRSA and has been honoured with the Bert Mulley Memorial Award in 1996, the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 2004 and Life Membership in 2007.

Sue now has a nursery, 'Roses and Friends', at Fitzroy Falls in the Southern Highlands.

Awards

The Bert Mulley Memorial Award

Regulations for the award were approved by State Council in February 1990.

The award shall be made from time to time by the Rose Society of NSW Inc. but not more than once in any financial year to a member of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. whom the society shall deem to have given outstanding service in any way whatsoever to the rose. Nominations are to be forwarded to the secretary no later than June 30.

RECIPIENTS

1990	Shirley Layton	Hunter Valley
1991	Doug Grant	Sydney
1992	Stan Tuckwell	Macarthur
1993	Joyce and Noel McCann	Sydney
1994	Fred Asser	Hunter Valley
1995	Don Campton	Sydney
1996	Suzanne Kingsford	Illawarra
1997	Rose Hough	Illawarra
1998	Robert Stibbard	Macarthur
1999	Peter Eisenhuth	Sydney
2000	Don Tredinnick	Hunter Valley
2001	Judith and Richard Walsh	Macarthur
2002	Jacqueline Tweedie	Sydney
2003	Marguerite Parkes	Hunter Valley
2004	Max Ryan	Goulburn
2006	Kerry Hurst	Sydney
2007	Deidre Swan	Illawarra
2008	Jill and John East	Illawarra
2009	Max Wrighter	
2010	Janet and Graham Wright	Macarthur
2011	Pat and Harry Williams	Hunter Valley
2012	Mark McGuire	Sydney

THE AUSTRALIAN ROSE AWARD (ARA) - NSW Recipients

The National Rose Society of Australia introduced this award in 1978.

'This award shall be made by the National Rose Society of Australia (hereinafter known as the Society) from time to time to any person or persons whom the Society shall deem to have given outstanding service in any way whatsoever to the rose. In particular, any service which promotes knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of the rose by the public shall be regarded as highly meritorious.' [*Rules and Regulations of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. - Appendix 'A' to By-Laws*]

1985	Heather Rumsey
1985	Eric Welsh
1996	Garth Guyett
2002	Richard Walsh



THE T.A. STEWART MEMORIAL AWARD (SMA) - NSW Recipients

This award is in memory of T.A. Stewart, an outstanding rose personality and former editor of *The Australian Rose Annual*. The National Rose Societies of Australia and New Zealand sponsor a memorial which takes the form of a plaque. This is to be awarded annually by a vote of the sponsoring societies to one who has rendered outstanding service in the interest of the rose in Australia or New Zealand.

1949	Harry Hazlewood
1959	Frank Riethmuller
1967	Clifford (Bill) Knight
1977	Alex Taylor
1981	Heather Rumsey
1986	A.G. (Bert) Mulley
1988	Garth Guyett
1989	Eric Welsh
1996	Richard Walsh
2004	Sue Kingsford
2009	Trevor Grant



Trophies

THE NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY OF NSW

THE GEORGE KNIGHT CUP

FOR SIX EXHIBITION ROSES ANNUAL
AGGREGATE POINTS FROM
AUTUMN AND SPRING SHOWS



The trophy has been restored for the centenary celebrations.

Winners

1940-1941	R.D. Cunynghame	1941-1942	W.B. Thomas
1942-1943	W.B. Thomas	1943-1944	J.R. Williamson
1944-1945	W.B. Thomas	1945-1946	W.B. Thomas
1946-1947	H. Williamson	1947-1948	W.B. Thomas
1948-1949	E.L. Malone	1949-1950	R.E. Nixon
1950-1951	W.B. Thomas	1951-1952	F. Platt
1952-1953	F. Platt	1953 (S)	E.L. Malone
1954 (A)	F. Platt	1954 (S)	D. Meehan
1955 (A)	E. Rothery	1955 (S)	D. Meehan
1956 (A)	E. Rothery	1956 (S)	E. Frost
1957 (A)	E. Rothery	1957 (S)	E. Frost
1958 (A)	E. Annabel	1958 (S)	E. Frost
1959 (A)	L. Boyce	1959 (S)	E. Annabel
1960 (A)	E. Rothery	1960 (S)	E. Rothery
1961 (A)	A.G. Mulley	1961 (S)	A.G. Mulley
1962 (A)	E. Annabel	1962 (S)	A.G. Mulley
1963 (S)	E. Best	1964 (S)	A.G. Mulley
1965 (S)	A.G. Mulley	1966 (S)	A.G. Mulley
1967 (S)	E. Frost	1969 (S)	A.G. Mulley
1971 (S)	B.R. Roe		

(A) Autumn

(S) Spring

THE HARRY HAZLEWOOD CUP

FOR SIX VASES OF GARDEN
OR DECORATIVE ROSES

The cup is held by Camden Historical Society at
Camden Museum.



Winners

1940	A.E. Steward	1957 (S)	E. Annabel
1941	W.B. Thomas	1958 (A)	E. Annabel
1942	W.B. Thomas	1958 (S)	J.A. Donald
1943	W.B. Thomas	1959 (A)	R.C. Ling
1944	H.D. Pye	1959 (S)	Mrs J. Kelleher
1945	H.D. Pye	1960 (A)	R.C. Ling
1946	W.B. Thomas	1960 (S)	A.G. Mulley
1947	W.B. Thomas	1961 (A)	A.G. Mulley
1948	W.B. Thomas	1961 (S)	A.G. Mulley
1949	H.D. Pye	1962 (A)	Mrs E. Best
1950	W.B. Thomas	1962 (S)	A.G. Mulley
1951	W.B. Thomas	1963 (S)	Mrs E. Best
1952	E.W. Goff	1964	A.G. Mulley
1953 (A)	F. Platt	1965	E. Welsh
1953 (S)	E.L. Malone	1966	A.G. Mulley
1954 (A)	J. Griffiths	1967	A.G. Mulley
1955 (S)	D. Meehan	1969	A.G. Mulley
1956 (S)	Mrs T. Hoare	1970	A.G. Mulley
1957 (A)	E. Annabel		

THE NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY OF NSW

THE PATRICK GRANT CUP

FOR THE CHAMPION EXHIBITION ROSE
The trophy has been restored for the
centenary celebrations.



Winners

1940	R.D. Cunynghame	1957	E. Rothery
1941	W.B. Thomas	1958	E. Frost
1942	R.D. Cunynghame	1959 (A)	E. Annabel
1943	G.W. Cole	1959 (S)	E. Annabel
1944	W.B. Thomas	1960 (A)	E. Rothery
1945	W.B. Thomas	1960 (S)	A.G. Mulley
1947	H. Williamson	1961	A.G. Mulley
1946	H. Williamson	1962 (A)	A.G. Mulley
1948	E.L. Malone	1962 (S)	E. Rothery
1949	W.B. Thomas	1963	E. Rothery
1950	E.S. Denye	1964	E. Rothery
1951	E.L. Malone	1965	A.G. Mulley
1952	E.L. Malone	1966	E. Welsh
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1954 (A)	F. Platt	1968	A.G. Mulley
1954 (S)	D. Meehan	1969	A.G. Mulley
1955 (S)	D. Meehan	1971	B.R. Roe
1955 (A)	E. Annabel		
1956	E. Frost		

THE ALISTER CLARK CUP

In 1932 a fine silver bowl was presented by the NRS of NSW to Mr and Mrs Clark.

In 1952 it was gifted back to the society by his niece, Miss J.M. Johnson from the late Mr and Mrs Clark's estate. Miss Johnson's offer was sent in a letter to Founding President W.H. Ifould OBE.

Named by the NRS of NSW, the Alister Clark Cup had its first year of perpetuity in 1953 for:

Section D - Best Container of Roses, grown by the exhibitor for both Garden and Decorative roses, open to lady members or wives of members, work to be made up in the hall, exhibitor to supply their own container.

The society took the cup out of competition and gave it to Isa Strachan who had been the final winner. It was later bequeathed back to the society in 1987.



Winners

1953 (S)	Mrs S. Strachan	1961 (A)	Mrs A.G. Mulley
1954 (A)	Mrs J. Bieman	1961 (S)	Mrs E. Best
1954 (S)	Mrs J. Bieman	1962	Mrs A.G. Mulley
1955 (A)	Mrs S. Strachan	1963	Mrs A.M. Richard
1955 (S)	Miss E. Bischof	1964	Mrs A.G. Mulley
1956 (A)	Mrs T. Hoare	1965	Mrs A.G. Mulley
1956 (S)	Mrs G. Appleton	1966	Mrs R.H. Rumsey
1957 (A)	Miss E. Bischof	1967	Mrs A.G. Mulley
1957 (S)	Mrs J. Kelleher	1968	Mrs A.G. Mulley
1958 (A)	Mrs T. Hoare	1969	Mrs A.G. Mulley
1958 (S)	Mrs J. Kelleher	1970	Mrs A.G. Mulley
1959 (A)	Mrs G. Appleton	1971	Mrs M. Wilson
1959 (S)	Mrs S. Strachan	1972	Mrs M.H. Parkes
1960 (S)	Mrs A.G. Mulley	1973	Mrs S. Strachan



THE PAN AMERICAN CUP

PRESENTED BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS FOR THE ANNUAL ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners

The trophy has been restored for the centenary celebrations.

1962	A.G. Mulley
1962	A.G. Mulley
1963	Mrs E. Best
1964	A.G. Mulley
1965	A.G. Mulley
1966	A.G. Mulley
1967	A.G. Mulley
1968	E. Welsh
1969	A.G. Mulley

THE EVA LOUISE TROPHY - Sydney Regional

Val Johnson was the regional magazine editor from 1990 to 1992.

She donated a pewter plate engraved with a rose, in memory of her mother, Eva Louise.

It is awarded annually for points achieved for: Class 9 - Own container of roses, no oasis, from the monthly meeting show bench.

Winners

1991	Joyce McCann
1992, 1993	Teresa Brachman
1994, 1995	Alfred Fester
1996	Dave Barnett
1997-2006	Jim Cunningham
2007	Doug and Glynis Hayne
2008	Ted Morphett
2009, 2010	Not Awarded
2011, 2012	Ailsa Wareham



100 Not Out

It was a fairly unassuming seedling at first and lived in a pot for years. It took off when it eventually got its feet into soil. Our initial working name for it was "Little Girl Pink", because it seemed to be a feminine rose in the kind of colour you would see a small girl dressed in. By the time it went to trial, it had been registered as "Amelia" after one of my granddaughters.

It did unexpectedly well in South Australia and in many ways did not really hit its straps until after it was budded and sent to trial, where its clustering habit became more obvious. I sent it originally as a Hybrid Tea, but it soon became clear this needed to be changed to Floribunda to keep the assessors happy. It is now registered as Grandiflora, which was not an option in the trial garden. That seems logical since it was bred from **Pink Parfait** (Gr) and **Harmonie** (HT).

Late in its final period of assessment, we noticed a soil deficiency evident in the leaves and in some of the surrounding varieties resulting in a late black spot infection, which meant its final mark was not as high as earlier ones. It was an honour to receive the award and have the rose selected for the signature rose for the centenary of the Rose Society of NSW Inc.

Richard Walsh



100 Not Out



L-R Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Stephen Yarwood, Legh Davis (sponsor of the Davis Trophy), Richard Walsh winner of the Davis Trophy for **100 Not Out** Best Australian Bred Rose 2011

Hybridists

This is a list of some NSW hybridists and a selection of registered seedlings covering the last 100 years, with some added comment.

C.H. Halstead - *Vanity* (T 1911) deep yellow, a charming buttonhole rose

G. Kerlake - *Austral Queen* (CI HT 1907) pink, scented, ***Australie*** (HT 1907) deep pink, sweetly scented, ***Australian Beauty*** (CI HP 1907) rich crimson, deliciously perfumed and ***Mrs J.H. Beatson*** (CI HT 1931) red

G.W. Kershaw - *E.N. Ward* (Pol) warm pink

Patrick Grant - *Midnight Sun* (HT 1921) deep glowing crimson, flushed with velvety black - Award of Merit NRS of NSW, ***Salmon Spray*** (F 1923) rich salmon pink, scented, ***Golden Dawn*** (HT 1929) [*Elegante x Ethel Somerset*] sunflower yellow, special prize - Best Seedling Rose raised in NSW Certificate of Merit, RNRS England

Mr Alister Clark wrote this tribute: 'Mr Patrick Grant has scored a triumph with his H.T. Rose, ***Golden Dawn***, and I found it growing splendidly in New Zealand and greatly admired. In England it not only acquired an award, but earned a coloured plate in the English "Rose Annual," and in America it got nothing but praise. That this fine Rose has become so quickly known and liked must be pleasing to all Australians, and reflects great credit on the raiser and on the judgment of Messrs. Hazlewood Bros. who sent it out to the world.' [*The Australian Rose Annual*, 1931, p.143]



Golden Dawn

Mrs R.M. Finch - *Mrs R.M. Finch*

(Pol 1927) large trusses of rose pink blooms



Mrs R.M. Finch

George Knight - Dainty Dawn (Pol 1931) cerise pink, young buds purple, perfume, **Beauty of New South Wales** (Pol 1931) bright crimson with white eye, **Miss Australia** (HT 1933) shell pink, **Nigger Boy** (HT 1933) dark velvety maroon and **Mother's Day** (HT 1937) white shaded pink.

Mrs Olive R. Fitzhardinge - Warrawee (HT 1935) awarded the Silver Medal of the NRS of NSW and £10 for the Best Seedling Rose, **Lady Gowrie** (CI HT 1938), **Lubra** (HT 1938), **Prudence** (CI HT 1938), **Captain Bligh** (HT 1939), **Governor Phillip** (CI HT 1939), **Lady Edgeworth David** (HT 1939) and **Sirius** (CI HT 1939)



Warrawee

Charles W. Heyde - Captain Watkins (Pol) small double, scentless with rose pink cupped flowers in clusters.



Captain Watkins

Frank Riethmuller - Titian (F 1950)
Roy H. Rumsey Pty Ltd, Dural trialled seedlings for amateur hybridists being assisted by employees, Don Campton and David Clark. Recommendations following the trial period were then forwarded to the registrar for Australia, Dr Thomas.

In 1997 an Australian rose trial ground was established within the Adelaide Botanic Garden with the first roses planted in the same year.



Titian

Miss Marjorie Walker detailed her interest in hybridizing. Her seedlings worthy of trial were budded by Hazlewood Bros with one being registered.

Gem (HT 1960) [*Ena Harkness x Mme Butterfly*] deep soft pink, semi-dbl, fragrant, vigorous upright growth

Marjorie wrote about **Gem** in part..... 'It has won a first prize as a seedling at one of the N.R.S. Shows and has given me a lot of fun and happiness as anyone who grows seedling roses will discover. Perhaps, one day I, or you, will raise a champion. There are many excellent Australian raised roses.' [NSW Rose, Spring 1967]

Marguerite Parkes - Sharon Louise (HT 1968), named after her eldest grand-daughter the 50 year old original plant remains very floriferous in Marguerite's garden, **Jenny Brown** (HT 1976), **Lisa Colfax** (F 1976) a rose show championship winner for Marguerite. She has a preference for single blooms and considers **Pink Angel** (HT 1974) her best rose - a sister of **Jenny Brown**. **William's Rose** (HT 2011) red blend

Marguerite continues with her interest in hybridizing and says, "Another 15 years would be good".



Marguerite Parkes



Sharon Louise

Myrtle Robertson - Miss Rita (F 1986) [*Queen Elizabeth x Woburn Abbey*] and **Cousin Essie** (S 1996) a seedling of **Honeyflow**. Myrtle's cousin, Essie, was a matron of a Presbyterian home for the aged in Oxley, Brisbane.



Cousin Essie

Eric Welsh - From Eric's reflections on hybridising written for the ' *Rosa Australis*' publication in 1988:

'In 1980 from [*Red Lion x Silver Lining*] came my first good (HT) a two toned pink with 50-60 petals. It proved to do well in warm conditions, in fact, the warmer the weather the better the form and colour of its blooms. This rose **Megan Louise** I presented to the Australian Rose Society to bolster their finances. Hope! if hope was food, most hybridisers would be overweight.'



Megan Louise

Megan Louise (HT 1981) received the NSW Rose of the Year Award in 1984, the first occasion an Australian Bred rose had received such an honour. The Megan Louise Fund commenced in 1984 and in that year the fund totalled \$5110.60.

Eric gifted **Ida Elizabeth** (HT 1987) to the Cancer Research Foundation.

Victoria Gold (F 1999) was selected by the RS of Victoria as their centenary rose and was awarded a special medal from The Royal National Rose Society.

When Eric was attending the 1983 conference he visited the German Rose Society headquarters garden at Dortmund and found, in the Australian garden section, plants of Australian Bred roses **Sunlit**, **Golden Dawn** and **Titian**.

Richard Walsh - [*Samourai x Old Master*] produced a number of seedlings in 1983. One of those seedlings went into the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Inc. in 1997 where it was awarded the Best Australian Bred Rose for 1999.

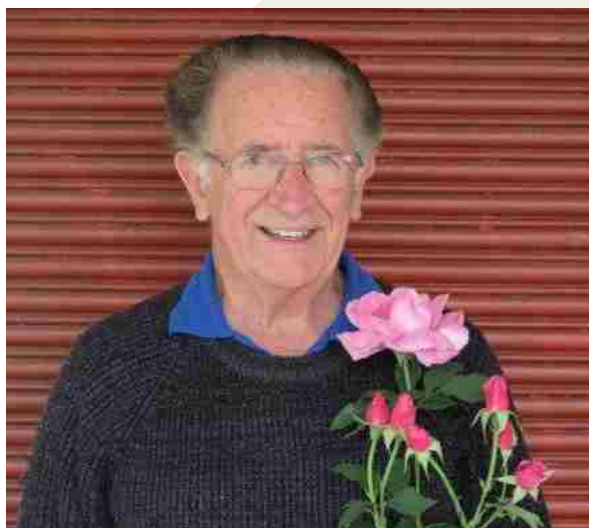
Margaret Appleby OAM, a Macarthur Regional member and a Director of Lifeline Macarthur, on invitation selected that seedling to raise funds for Lifeline.

The Lifeline Rose (F 1999) was launched in 2000. Margaret held an open day in her rose garden and the launch was performed by Linda Ross. Margaret edited the *NSW Rose* from 1998-2003.



L-R Christine Stewart, Margaret Appleby, Richard Walsh and Laurie Stewart seated Linda Ross holding *The Lifeline Rose*

Bob Stibbard- Hilton Edward (HT 1994)
[*Sweet Afton x News*] medium lilac pink with a strong perfume was named after his father and released by Golden Vale Nursery, **Lake Tabourie Rose** (F 1996)



Bob Stibbard and **Hilton Edward**

Max Ryan - Beslan (HT 2004) [*Virgo x Signature*]

Prior to registration of the rose, a terrible atrocity occurred in the Russian province of Beslan, causing the loss of 344 civilians, of whom 186 were schoolchildren.

Mrs Marmont, of Russian descent now residing in Goulburn, planned fundraising events for the province.

The Russian Ambassador to Australia, Mr Leonid Moiseev came to Goulburn for the presentation of the funds raised. Max took this opportunity to ask Mr Moiseev for permission to name his new hybrid rose Mrs Marmont also accepted a plant of **Beslan**.



Max Ryan and Ambassador Moiseev planting **Beslan** in the garden of the Russian Embassy, Canberra

Max, with his wife, Jean and a delegation of Goulburn residents, attended the Russian Embassy in Canberra for a planting ceremony of **Beslan** at the embassy. Max, Jean and Mrs Marmont continue to accept an annual invitation to the Russian National Day celebrations held at the embassy in Canberra on 12 June.

Trevor Grant - *Let's Celebrate* (HT 2006) was a Bronze Medal winner and Best Australian Bred Rose at the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Inc. In 2008 it was selected and named by the South Australian Rose Society as their centenary rose. ***Governor Macquarie*** (HT 2009) was launched on 14 April 2010 by Hawkesbury City Council as part of the Macquarie Towns Bicentenary celebrations. ***Our Golden Son*** is another of Trevor's roses.



Trevor Grant and *Governor Macquarie*, *Let's Celebrate* and *Our Golden Son*

Allan Read - *Sarah Anne* (MF 1996) named for Allan's late wife, Anne

Four Mini-Flora roses registered in 2008 - ***Ablaze***, ***Lilac Festival***, ***Moonlit*** and ***Penny Girl***.



Sarah Anne

Charles Smart - *Norma's Love* (LCL 2008) [*Sparrieshoop* x Unknown] named for his wife of sixty years.



Norma's Love

The Australian Rose Breeders Association

The Australian Rose Breeders Association (ARBA) was formed in April 1992 through the efforts of the late Ron Bell. \$7.50 subscription covered the cost of a quarterly newsletter, *The Rose Breeder*. Each participating state has a representative to liaise with local members.

The association's objectives are:

To promote the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the breeding of roses.

To understand any activity incidental to the breeding and promotion of Australian Bred roses.

To hold an annual workshop in the autumn.

The NSW membership currently stands at a little over 20.

Displays to promote Australian Bred roses and seedlings are incorporated into rose shows as opportunities arise.



Heritage Roses in Australia

With the founding of the Heritage Rose Society in Australia in 1979, the autumn rose festivals at Farmers featured a display of Heritage roses following the increased interest in Old Garden roses promoted by Heather Rumsey.

Regional shows and championship shows have continued to include a display table of Heritage roses.

In 1992 Illawarra Regional added competitive classes to their spring show schedule to include Old Garden roses (OGR).

From President Garth Guyett's report [*NSW Rose*, September 1993, p.4]:

'How good it was to attend a general meeting of judges and members at Cox's Rose Nursery in December last where standards and rules for showing and judging were formulated for Heritage roses. I am aware that some of our members are exhibitors and growers of modern roses only, however, we must never overlook the fact that as a Rose Society we should embrace the gamut of rose cultivars. I think that George Paul, an English Nurseryman put it correctly when he wrote in 1884: "The Rose Society does not exist only to make rose exhibitions at which members exhibit. One of its objects is to encourage the growing of roses in all forms and in all places and in all seasons and garden roses are as much a part of its work as exhibition roses." It is pleasing to note that all rose show schedules now have classes for Heritage Roses as well as modern roses.'

Heritage roses are included in the Australian Rose Championships show schedule.

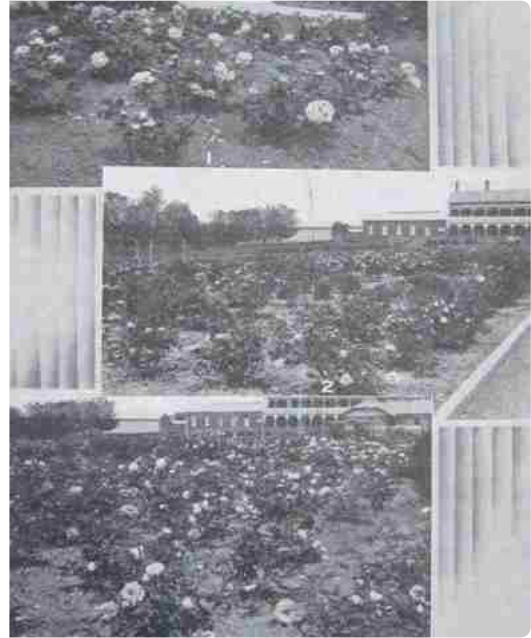


Rosette Delizy (T 1922)

Rose Gardens

State Nursery, Campbelltown

The early 1880s saw the establishment of the nursery under the direction of Alexander Moore. An area of 20 acres was established in Badgally Road, Campbelltown. In 1882 a bush house and superintendent's cottage were built. For four years, in the mid-1920s, the rose society had roses on trial. The experimental plot was being treated with potash as a preventative for mildew, but the government closed the facility before this experiment was completed. The land is now mostly an industrial area. The superintendent's cottage, known as Badgally House, still exists as part of the offices at St Gregory's College.



Rose Test Garden, Ballarat *Golden Dawn* at the garden entrance

Rose Test Garden, Ballarat 1929-1966

The first establishment of a trial garden in Australia was at Ballarat, Victoria. The primary idea was to test the suitability of rose root stocks, flower growth, disease resistance and perfume. Four hundred roses were planted on 3 acres in the winter of 1929 within the grounds of the orphanage. Hazlewood Bros of Epping contributed three plants each of 100 varieties of the latest novelties. Alister Clark contributed 100 plants of his own seedlings, and the NRS of NSW donated £5.



The National Rose Garden Canberra *Australian Rose Annual 1934* Miss Davenport planting on behalf of the Horticultural Society of NSW

National Rose Gardens, Canberra

In 1926 NRS of NSW Past President William Ifould and Secretary Jack Berrie met with the Hon. C.W. Marr MHR, Minister for Home Affairs, during their visit to the federal capital. It was suggested, and later confirmed in correspondence, that the NRS of NSW should plant and maintain a large bed of Australian Raised roses which should initiate a national experimental rose garden for Australian Roses, this being a contribution from rose lovers of NSW. Rex Hazlewood of Hazlewood Bros met with Robert Broinowski, Secretary of the Joint House Department. The garden was designed then planted with 200 rose trees given by the NRS of NSW in the winter of 1932. Several of the varieties planted were **Talisman**, **Feu Joseph Looymans**, **Lady Helen Maglona**, **Étoile de Hollande** and **Mevrouw G.A. van Rossem**.

Miss Rosa Sibella Macarthur Onslow, great-granddaughter of John and Elizabeth Macarthur, donated 100 red **Étoile de Hollande** roses for The Macarthur Rose Garden.

On Sunday 12 September 1993 representatives of the RS of NSW Inc. attended an official planting ceremony to mark the 60th anniversary of the first rose planting. **Dame Edith Helen** was the rose chosen. In 2000 a reconstruction of the Old Parliament House Gardens commenced. Rose patronage was once again sought. A contribution of \$100 was asked for each rose plant to cover ten years' maintenance and the placement of a plaque in recognition of the donor. The RS of NSW Inc. sponsored **Margaret Merrill**, and State Council, **Daydream**. On 2 December 2004 Patrons of the garden, Tammie Fraser and Richard Broinowski, grandson of Robert Broinowski, opened the new garden.



The garden opening - Tammie Fraser



NSW rosarians at the Old Parliament House Garden

Wilga Abrahams Memorial Rose Garden, Maitland

Grossman House was built in 1860. The Department of Education purchased the property in 1894. Miss Janette Grossman was the principal until 1913. The National Trust purchased the property in 1963, and restoration was completed in 1978. It became a 'Period Museum of the 1860s'. The trust was approached by Hunter Valley Regional to establish a Heritage rose garden. This garden was designed by Kay Stanistreet, Mrs Keevers, Marguerite Parkes and Wilga Abrahams in 1972. Roses were chosen and purchased from Ross Roses, South Australia. **Zéphirine Drouhin**, **Felicia**, **Penelope** and **R. banksiae lutea** were some of the cultivars planted in June 1973.

It was initially called 'The Grossman House Rose Garden' but, in 1976, was renamed 'The Wilga Abrahams Memorial Rose Garden' in memory of Dr Wilga Abrahams, a founding member of the society. The Grossman House auxiliary welcomed the regional to a morning tea and a plaque-laying ceremony at which the regional presented a plan of the rose garden with all the roses named.



Penelope in the Wilga Abrahams Memorial Garden

Rose Garden, Khancoban

In 1959 it was decided that Khancoban be established as a permanent township. Landscaping was planned to be different from other townships - fruiting trees to be planted in one of the main streets, and a public rose garden.

In 1993 President Garth Guyett and his wife, Anita were invited by the Khancoban Garden Club to a weekend workshop pertaining to the Khancoban rose garden. Garth presented lectures and a pruning demonstration in the garden.

Three **Woman's Day** rose bushes were presented to the garden club from the RS of NSW.

Pruning

In 1964 the society applied to the Royal Botanic Gardens for permission to hold weekend public pruning demonstrations in the gardens.

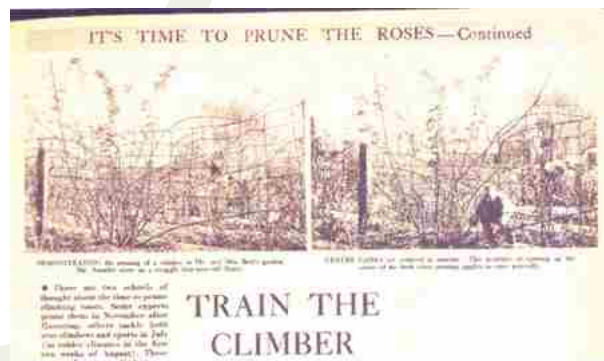
The society was offered mid-week days and limited to lunchtime hours.

This offer had to be refused as members had work commitments.

In July 1964 *The Australian Women's Weekly* featured the society's pruning day in the garden of Mr and Mrs E. Best at North Ryde.



Ted Annabel pruning



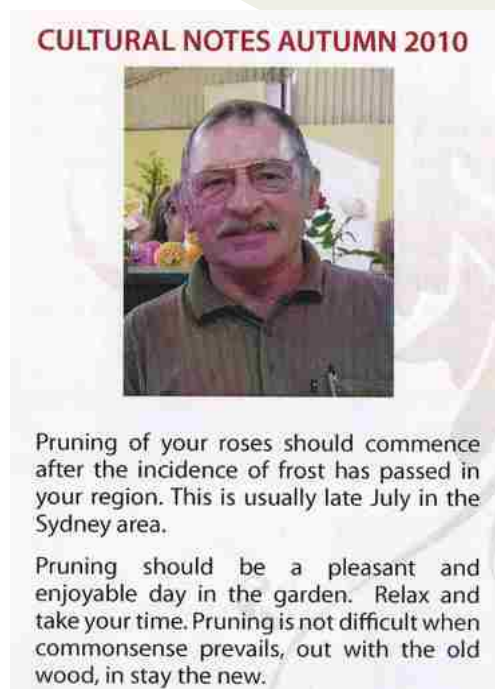
[NSW Rose, June 1977]



Lunch break pruning at Camden Park 1992



Parramatta and Hills Regional



Anecdotes

Fred and Amy Gwynne recalled in 1998

"At the Nambucca Heads Championships there was a bit of a panic when Harry Murray - I think he was President at the time - discovered about an hour before the opening that his white shirt was still in his home. Mrs Murray made a mad dash to the shops. I think it was the time Alex Taylor had forgotten his tie. The local shops did a bit of extra trade that day." [from Garth Guyett]

Fred and Amy Gwynne recalled in 1972

"At the Maitland Championships Don Campton came in very late on the first night and made so much noise waking most of the folk, that, next morning, bright and early, the ladies of the party threw or attempted to throw Don into the swimming pool. Their effort caused quite a stir." [from Garth Guyett and with Don's permission]

Fred and Amy Gwynne recalled in 1973

Sir Lesley Herron opened the Spring Show at Farmers.

"There was quite a crowd for the opening and all Farmers' top men were there. Sir Lesley started his speech and went on for ages covering every topic imaginable, and at last he sat down amidst great thunderous clapping, maybe because he was finished. I don't know. Lady Herron whispered to him. He rose to his feet again and said, 'I forgot to open the show', and then proceeded to do so. There was no embarrassment as everyone laughed 'with' Sir Lesley." [from Garth Guyett]

Roger Mann recalls

In those days the society used to get Wilhelm Kordes' catalogues (I believe Frank Riethmuller passed them on) magnificently extravagant productions with hundreds of colour pictures and lengthy descriptions, and I brought one home. But I didn't know a word of German, so an Austrian friend of my mother's kindly agreed to do some translating for me. He was reciting that 'Garden Party' "reminds us of an elegantly gowned woman at a ball, whose beauty draws all eyes and makes all men desire her" when mum walked in looking horrified and promptly confiscated the catalogue as obviously unsuitable reading material for fifteen-year-old boys! But she generously gave me a bush of 'Garden Party' for my birthday. It's getting hard to find now; but IMHO it remains one of the all-time great classics.

100 Years of Life Members



Alistair Clark
George Knight
William H. Ifould OBE
Charles Heyde
Hugh Wright OBE
W.M. Richardson
Harry Hazlewood SMA
Sir John Northcott KCMG, CB, MVO
R.E. Nixon
Stan Strachan
Edna Best
John K. Keogh, President Emeritus
Ted Annabel
Harry Murray
Clifford 'Bill' Knight SMA
Edward Rothery
Roy Rumsey
Heather Rumsey SMA, ARA
Marjorie Walker

Jim Gibson
Eric Welsh ARA, SMA
Shirley Layton
Bert Mulley SMA
Garth Guyett SMA, ARA
Noel McCann
Hazel Boyle OAM
Joyce McCann
Judith Oyston
Doug Grant BEM
Sue Kingsford SMA
Bob Stibbard
Don Campton
Peter Eisenhuth
Richard Walsh SMA, ARA
Allan Read
Alan Strachan
Graham Wright

Long-Serving Members

The Inaugural Presentation of 25 Year Badges in 1984

To celebrate the 25th year of autumn rose shows at Farmers/Myer in the Blaxland Gallery, members of 25 or more years were invited to a special morning tea. These were: Mr and Mrs E. Annabel, Mr and Mrs P. Cornwall, Mr and Mrs S. Duff, Mr C. Knight, Mr and Mrs A. Mulley, Mr and Mrs G. Nowland, Mrs J. Rothery, Mr and Mrs R. Rumsey, Miss I. Ross, Mr and Mrs H. Stanton, Mrs I. Strachan, Mr and Mrs S. Tuckwell, Miss M. Walker and Mr and Mrs E. Welsh. [NSW Rose, June 1984]



Written into our history are many others no longer with us who have been honoured with a 25 year badge.

Current members who have achieved 25 years of continuous membership

Ted Annabel	Margaret Haynes	Judith Oyston
Ivy and Harry Batten	Rose Hough	Jean Saddington
Maureen and Ron Bertram	Elizabeth Ireland	Pat Sly
Neil Brooker	John Kegel	Harold Stanton
Gwenda and Darrell Brown	Rosemary King	Jan and Bruce Stevens
Grosvenor Burfitt-Williams	Sue Kingsford	Christine and Laurie Stewart
Myrna Burke	Dianne and Walter Knight	Jan and Bob Stibbard
Catherine Callister	Shirley Layton	Margaret and Peter Turner
Don Campton	Janice and Ray McDonald	Jacqueline and Doug Tweedie
Jill and John East	Meryl and Ted Morphett	Richard Walsh
Marie and Peter Eisenhuth	Shirley and Bob Morrow	Gay Want
Don Ford	Daphne Mulley	Ailsa Wareham
Roland Glover	Jennifer Munsie	Val West
Elaine Goodwin	Patricia and Harry Murray	Colleen Whaler
Anita and Garth Guyett	Judy and Donald Newman	Pat Williams
Lorna Hamilton	Rachel and Geoffrey O'Connor	Betty Wrighter

In Recognition of Long Service

The longest-serving memberships of the society were invited to a special afternoon tea at the Ingleburn/Macarthur spring show in 2010. Six members who had achieved this goal were able to attend. WFRS President, Mrs Sheenagh Harris presented, on behalf of the society, a forty year badge and certificate of appreciation to: Ted Annabel, Lucy Groves, Daphne Mulley, Harold Stanton and Laurie and Christine Stewart. Other members who qualified, Garth and Anita Guyett, Shirley Layton, Harry and Patricia Murray, Judith Oyston, Harry and Pat Williams and Max and Betty Wrighter received theirs at a later date.

In our centenary year we especially salute: Ted Annabel for 61 years of continuous membership, Daphne Mulley, 57 years and Harold Stanton, 55 years.



Laurie and Christine Stewart, Lucy Groves, Harold Stanton, Daphne Mulley, Ted Annabel

State Council



State Council 1980 1st AGM of the RS of NSW

Back: Stan Strachan (Treasurer), Garth Guyett, Daphne Mulley, Noel McCann (Secretary), Heather Rumsey, Bert Mulley, Aileen Coyle, Judith Oyston, Chris Lucas, Joyce McCann, Harry Williams.

Centre: Isa Strachan, Stan Parkes, Stan Tuckwell, Jim Boyle, Shirley Layton (President), Betty Wrighter.

Front: Arthur Watkins, Doug Grant (Vice-President), Max Wrighter, Richard Walsh



State Council 2004 100th meeting

Back: Stephen Astill, Graham Wright (Vice-President), Ruth Griffiths, Gary McLean, Phil Moran, Pat Williams, Ross Quinn.

Centre: Max Ryan, Jim Cunningham, Peter Eisenhuth, Sue Kingsford (Secretary), Mark McGuire, Colin Hollis, Harry Williams

Front: Doug Hayne, Alan Strachan (Treasurer), Richard Walsh (President), Deidre Swan, Ken Swan

State Council 2012 - 2013

Patron - Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO, Governor of NSW

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Vice-President - Colin Hollis

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Historian - Judith Oyston

Chairman of Judges - Mark McGuire

NRSA Delegates - Glynis Hayne JP, Doug Hayne

Alternate NRSA Delegates - Colin Hollis, Jim Cunningham

Regional Appointees

Goulburn: Steve Maher, Trish Maher

Hunter Valley: Brenda Peterson, Barbara Stonewall

Illawarra: Helen Curll, Robert Curll, Sue Kingsford

Macarthur: Bob Stibbard, Ian Thackeray, Chris Vine

NBMH: Brian Knight, Brian Quinn, Realeen Quinn

Sydney: Jim Cunningham, Greg East, Jacqueline Tweedie

Memberships total 460



Back: Brenda Peterson, Colin Hollis (Vice-President), Realeen Quinn, Brian Quinn, Judith Oyston, Robert Curll

Centre: Jeff Regan (Hon. Treasurer), Steve Maher, Maureen Thackeray, Chris Vine, Cheryl Moore, Bob Stibbard, Jim Cunningham, Trish Maher

Front: Ian Thackeray, Doug Hayne (Hon. Secretary), Brian Knight, Ted Morphett, Glynis Hayne (President), Greg East, Barbara Snowball, Mark McGuire

Chairman of Judges

Since being appointed Chairman of Judges in 2007, and up until the present, we have, in NSW, some 14 senior, 1 junior and 2 probationary judges. Our longest serving judge is Allan Read, having been appointed in 1992. All other appointments have taken place since.

We do have a rather rigorous education program in which nearly all probationary judges graduate to become junior judges, and, if they meet the most stringent criteria, then have a senior judge's badge bestowed upon them. This process can take up to six years.

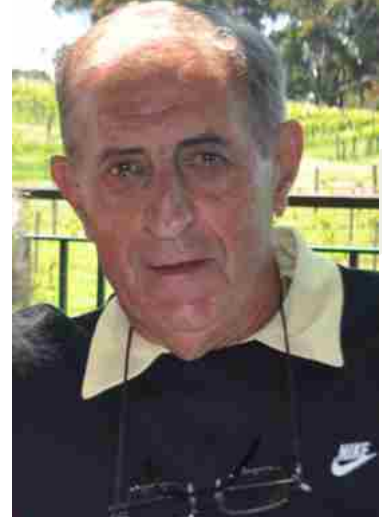
I believe our Judges Panel is second to none in Australia and I have come to this conclusion after visiting all states in the last few years. Our real problem is that we are not getting rosarians to put their hands up to become judges of the future.

The new National Judges Handbook, still to be reprinted, hopefully will be adopted by all states and not deviate from what has generally been agreed upon. Thus, when judging interstate, the same rules apply for the Championships as well as all the other classes. We here in NSW have agreed to adopt the American publication, *Modern Roses 12*, as our reference book, so whatever it classifies a cultivar as, we have to show that variety as stated and not what we have chosen to classify it as in the past.

Since my initial membership in 1970-71, classes have evolved whilst there has been a significant reduction of specific vases throughout the various rose schedules.

Miniature roses were adopted in the early 1960s due to the perseverance of Roy and Heather Rumsey and now prove to be one of the most popular varieties on display at any show. Around 1973, NSW introduced 'up to 25 blooms, same cultivar' for the floribunda class. This makes a most spectacular display if presented correctly. Until a short time ago this class had provided 85% of all Grand Champions in the past 3-4 years. A special judges meeting called on all judges to look further and not be swayed by the magnificent display that this class can provide. Now we have a more balanced approach by our judges.

Around 1996 the Mini-Flora class appeared on the show bench and was readily adopted by most exhibitors. As quickly as it was introduced it faded away. Since becoming a Standard Unit in NSW, the Mini-Flora's popularity has soared again.



Mark McGuire

Since a vase of Full Bloom roses, 3 stems, same cultivar, was made a Standard Unit, some outstanding vases have been exhibited. Our largest rose nursery once told me that the open bloom was what the public liked most when viewing a rose. I believe that states also need to become uniform in the number of stages used in the Bud to Full Bloom classes, but this may take some time to work on.

I'd like to acknowledge the contribution of exhibitors. Since the early days of the society, members have proudly promoted the rose at monthly meetings and regional, state and interstate shows. Without exhibitors there wouldn't be shows.

As for me it has been an honour to act as Chairman of Judges in NSW. All our judges do apply themselves in a most professional and diligent manner. I take this opportunity to thank them for their confidence in re-electing me over the past six years.

Mark McGuire, Chairman of Judges, 2013



Judges 2013

Back - Doug Hayne, Colin Hollis, Mark McGuire (Chairman), Graham Wright, Ted Morphett

Front, Alex Ross, Glynis Hayne, Judith Oyston, Meryl Morphett, Jim Cunningham

Judges not in photo - Rose Hough, Steve Maher, Ray McDonald, Phil Moran, Allan Read, Max Ryan and Andrew Williams

Governor's Reception for the RS



The Governor's welcome



President's response



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Presentation



Members at the reception



The back garden

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