

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

NEW ZEALAND REGISTER OF HERITAGE ROSES

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As I write this report I feel troubled, with wars raging in Ukraine and Wellington confronted by protest.

Being an historian and lover of history, I feel bewildered by both events.

The war in Ukraine has been on the cards since the world permitted Russia to invade Crimea in 2014. It

is difficult not to draw parallels with events leading up to World War II and the appeasement of Hitler. I can't help wondering what the situation will be when this report goes to print and how many people will have died.

The Wellington protest is more difficult to comprehend. A mishmash of ideas, agendas, values and ideologies fuelled by misinformation, promulgated and partially funded by the extreme right, has descended onto our Parliament grounds without respect for the public, our democracy or the police. They bleat about freedom and their human rights in a country that is one of the least corrupt and most democratic in the world.

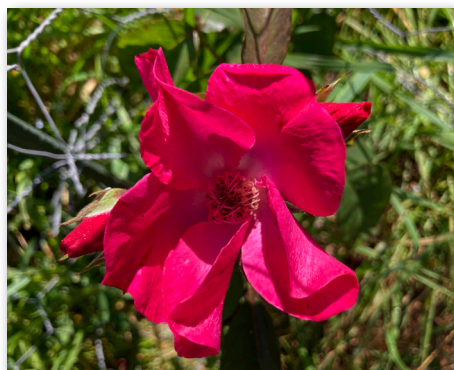
This is the easiest time in history for the human race. Our lifespan

Above: *Rosa roxburghii* 'Rosa Adair'

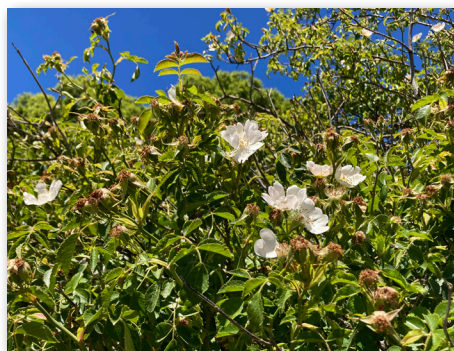
is longer, our human rights more protected, our health better, our way of life more comfortable than at any other time in history. This is, no doubt, related to advances in science, agriculture, technology and health over years of experiments and sharing of knowledge. Although we have major challenges, and there is appalling inequality in many societies, these developments along with the creation of governmental inclusiveness have allowed vast numbers of us to live healthy and rich lives.

It both shocks and frustrates me to discover that, within this gem of a country, where our leaders, scientists, doctors and officials have delivered the best result in the world for keeping us safe, a minority is determined to ignore science and common sense and return us to the ignorance and superstition of the Middle Ages.

In the face of such suffering and division does it really matter if heritage roses are saved or not? I have decided that it does. My escape from so many negative events is found in the garden. Spending time with beauty is



Will Scarlet (1950)



***Rosa rubiginosa alba* (White Briar)**

sometimes the only answer to sorrow. I know from history as well that every period has had its challenges and that good times usually follow the bad. I have to trust that this will hold true in these times.

It is ironic that in Russia and similar regimes, protesters are arrested, tortured and shot. Our Speaker turned the sprinklers and annoying music on our "freedom seekers". Our police, confronted with bricks, faeces, javelins and fire, responded with restraint and minimal force. How I love this country!

The past year has been a time of reflection for the Register Team as we contemplate the loss of most commercial rose supply. Tasman Bay Roses, after a difficult year, has limited its supply to Garden Centres. The public has lost its last major supplier, at least for this year, and once very common varieties are no longer available commercially.

We send our best wishes to Ben and Ruth Pratt and sincerely hope that things will improve for them over the next months.

Releases - 2021

The following roses were released from our 2020 propagation to meet requests from people and public

gardens in Northland, Auckland, Wellington, South Canterbury, Dunedin, Central Otago and Southland.

Anne-Marie Côte	Golden Moss	Amelia
Baxter Beauty	Henri Fouquier	Mrs Bosanquet
Bon Silène	Isabella Sprunt	Mrs Dudley Cross
Christopher Stone	Mystery Gallica 1	Nan's Rose
Convict Rose	Mystery Gallica 2	Ohl
D'Aggesseau	Mystery Rambler	Otaki Rose
Donna Maria	Fairy look alike	Rose à Parfum de Bulgarie
Duke of Wellington	Mystery Polyantha	Peggy's Mystery Rose
Eddie's Crimson	Mystery Pink Climber	Petite Orléanaise
Eddie's Jewel	Madame Moser	Reine de Saxe
English Wedding Day	Madame Wagram	Reine des Centfeuilles
Frau Karl Druschki	Marie Bugnet	Scorcher
Gabrielle Noyelle	Marinette	Souvenir de Mme Auguste Charles
<i>Rosa henryi</i>	Triomphe de l'Exposition	Thiona
Sparkler		

Cutting vs Budded Roses

The Register Team has a 'no cuttings' policy to avoid wastage. There has been some questioning and criticism for this. We do have one professional outlet with state-of-the-art facilities to propagate some cuttings for us. Last year thirty-nine varieties were sent to this outlet; sixteen failed. Our budders failed with just one variety from forty-three.

Orders

We received seventy-nine orders for roses through roserequests@gmail.com.

[com](mailto:roserequests@gmail.com) last year. This does not take into account the roses requested by the public gardens to maintain their collections.

We are limited by our propagators to the amount of rootstock they have allowed for us and have to prioritise new finds, endangered varieties, mother plant gardens, public gardens and member requests.

2022 BUDWOOD

In January the following varieties were sent for propagation:

Lady Mary Fitzwilliam	Mrs Aaron Ward	<i>Rosa webbiana</i> minor
Françoise Foucard	Mystery Gallica (JC Garden)	Cerise Bouquet
Eugenie's Rose	Le Vésuve	Burbank
Karl Förster	Everest	Santa Rosa
Trish's Rose	Vesuvius	Ménage
Moje Hammarburg	Souvenir de Mme Auguste Charles	Ormiston Roy
<i>Rosa banksiae lutescens</i>	Candeur Lyonnaise	La Noblesse
<i>Rosa damascena bifera</i>	Mystery double pink Rugosa (JC Garden)	Mrs Bosanquet
Dainty Maid	Max Graf	Peace 1902
Madame Bravy	Mystery China species	<i>Rosa micrugosa</i>
Tricolore de Flandres	Juno	Hamburger Phoenix
Wickwar	Conrad F Meyer	Mystery Tea (Ferrymead)
Fabvier	Dean Hole	Lady Alice Stanley
Donna Maria	De Meaux (white)	Pompon Blanc Parfait

Finds

Andenken an Alma de l'Aigle (1948) – A rare pink Hybrid Musk that is not in any public collection.

Annie Vibert (before 1860) – A pink sister to Aimée Vibert (1828). Some have doubted her existence.

Nanette (before 1824) – This almost lost Gallica flowered well enough this year to confirm its identity.

Paradise – A red Rambler.

Rosa reversa – A red hybrid of the Scots rose.

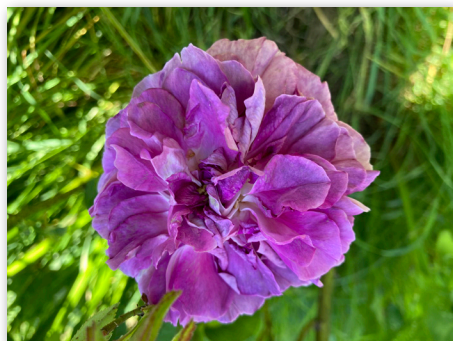
***Rosa roxburghii* 'Rosa Adair'** – A beautiful form of the Chestnut rose. Flowers one month earlier and is pale-pink.

***Rosa rubiginosa alba* (White Briar)** - For years I have been on the lookout for this rare variety and was rewarded in December when I spied a plant on the roadside while travelling to a garden in Happy Valley.

Rosa webbiana microphylla – The rare dwarf form of *Rosa webbiana* imported as seed.

Souvenir de Madame Bruel (1889) – A lovely deep-pink Bourbon that has been difficult to track down.

Will Scarlet (1950) – This rose is a scarlet sport of **Wilhelm**, a dark-red, semi-double Hybrid Musk. My clone appears to be the rarer, single, San Jose form.



Nanette (before 1824)

Request

Betty is seeking the old Hybrid Tea **Betty Uprichard** which was her maiden name. Please, can someone help her?

The Register (by Inger Gledhill)

The Register spreadsheet is now 2617 lines long. Many new names have been added. In the last year I have added eight new rose lists. These range from the 1871 the Thomas Allan sale catalogue (thank you to Salila Bryant and Claire Bibby) to the 1998 Bay Bloom list (thank you to Olga Yuretich). Thomas Allan is one of the early New Zealand nurserymen featured in the February 2022 *Heritage Roses New Zealand Journal*.

With travel and meeting restrictions, updated garden lists have come in more slowly, but I have processed Northland and some Auckland members' garden lists. Weather variations have meant some locations have been removed. Having multiple locations for roses becomes even more important with postal delays for propagation material.

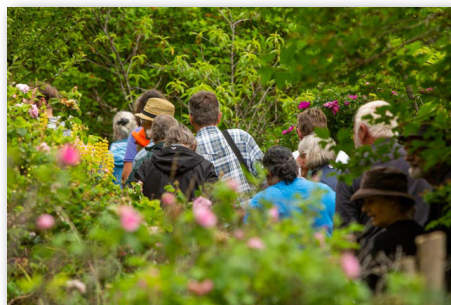
A recent check of the nursery/supplier websites reveals some uncertainty about future supplies of new/old roses. Contact and sharing among members becomes even more important when the nurseries are not able to supply all the varieties of heritage roses that we would like.

In this restricted travel time I have so enjoyed contact with HR members around the country—telephone conversations with Olga Yuretich in Northland, and emails from Auckland members sending me their garden lists.

The Register is updated on the website just once a year, but I am happy to receive email queries and will answer them as best I can.

Activities

We limited our meetings this year for various reasons but responded to a list of questions from the Executive with an invitation to spend a weekend with us in Central Otago in December. This meant we could meet face to face to dispel some of the misunderstandings fuelled by misinformation, and spend a day on Brandy Hill to become acquainted with the collection.



Brandy Hill Visit by National Executive in December 2021

Many Register roses have come from Brandy Hill so it seemed important to us that the Executive become acquainted with this collection. It is not easy to view it in one day, but we managed to see all but the Rambler Fences, the Early Settler Collection and The Cider Hill Rose Garden.

No doubt members will receive a full report from the Executive of their visit to Brandy Hill and our meeting in due course, once they have deliberated and decided on the course of action they wish to take.

Rose distribution was expressed as their greatest concern, and it is likely that they will take responsibility for the roserequests@gmail.com site in the future, leaving the Team to get back to its knitting and deal with endangered roses and public collections.

Annual Reports

At the request of the President all of the annual reports are to be uploaded on the website. A perusal of these reports quickly makes a mockery of

claims that we have not made the roses available.

Conclusion

It has become clear that, until Tasman Bay Roses is able to serve the public once more, we members of HRNZI are the only protectors and suppliers of our roses. I began by questioning the point of what we are trying to do and finish by thanking the many people who have, this year, encouraged and supported our team to continue.

I was very moved by the response to the article in the *New Zealand Gardener* with emails, phone calls and letters received from around the country providing news of roses and offers of cuttings. Recent visitors to the garden have shown their appreciation in many ways which have both moved and supported me personally and helped convince me that our work is of value and should continue.

Murray Radka

(For the Rose Register Team)

National Executive of HRNZ requests photographs to be submitted for the 2023 calendar **before 30 June 2022**. If you have quality photographs of heritage roses and NZ gardens featuring heritage roses please send them to the Editor

via editor@heritageroses.org.nz

The best thirteen photographs will be selected by a panel of judges for the 2023 calendar.