



THE ROSE SOCIETY of NSW Inc.
Southern Sydney Region



Gemini is the signature rose for
the Southern Sydney Region

MERRY CHRISTMAS
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HAPPY NEW YEAR ❄️



Show Bench Results for November 2025

[E] Exhibition rose (HT): 1. Wendy Vardy 2. Wendy Vardy 3. Wendy Vardy
[E] One cut of Floribunda Rose: 1. Wendy Vardy 2. Wendy Vardy 3. Wendy Vardy
[E] 3 cuts/stems Floribunda Rose (same cultivar): —
[E] Bud to Full Bloom (same cultivar): 1. Wendy Vardy 2. Wendy V 3. Wendy V
[E] 3 stems Full Bloom Roses: 1. Wendy Vardy
[G] One Red Rose: 1. Joe & Betty 2. Paul Cross 3. Carol Kohler
[G] One Pink/Purple Rose: 1. Dee Johnston 2. Carol Kohler 3. Joe & Betty
[G] One other colour/Multicoloured: 1. Sue Wellington 2. Sue W 3. Paul Cross
[G] 3 cuts/stems Floribunda Rose (same cultivar): 1. Joe & Betty
[G] Bud to Full Bloom (same cultivar): —
One Cut David Austin Rose: 1. Albert Knorr 2. Albert Knorr 3. Carol Kohler
One miniature Rose: 1. Wendy Vardy 2. Albert Knorr 3. Joe & Betty
3 cuts/stems Miniature Rose: 1. Joe & Betty 2. Wendy Vardy 3. Albert Knorr
Any Rose from my Garden: —
Vase of Roses: 1. Wendy Vardy 2. Carol Kohler
Best on the Bench: Wendy Vardy for her Bud to Full Bloom, Grande Amore

Southern Sydney Show Bench - Progress Scores

36 points - Wendy Vardy
20 points - Joe & Betty Piegza
13 points - Albert Knorr
8 points - Sue Wellington
6 points - Joy Jhugroo, Carol Kohler
5 points - Braidan Swan
3 points - Charlie Summers, Paul Cross, Dee Johnson,
& Denise Butcher

Thank you to Colin Hollis and Paul Cross for providing the following photos taken of the show bench entries at our November meeting

Best on the Bench

Wendy Vardy
Bud to Full Bloom,
Grande Amore





[E] Exhibition Rose
1st: Wendy Vardy, Grande Amore



[G] One Red Rose
1st: Joe & Betty, Kardinal
2nd: Paul Cross, Smooth Prince



[G] One Rose of any other Colour or
Multi-coloured
3rd: Paul Cross, Gold Medal

Christmas Celebration

A nice little restaurant, great food, a couple of drinks, a Kris Kringle present to take home and put under the tree & a little bag of chocolates from Lyn Catt - what more could you possibly want than to spend a wonderful afternoon with your rose loving friends



Albert and Beverly Knorr also celebrated their wedding anniversary on the day, congratulations

And thank you to Carol Kohler who brought in a vase of her beautiful red roses to adorn the table

The secretary of the NSW Rose Society, Stefica Bikesh joined us in celebrating the end of another great year.





Joe and George having a chin wag,
with Sue Marshall holding fort with
Stefica and Pam Miller

Would you like to start showing your roses in local shows?

Here is a list of shows you might like enter your roses into, or simply go along for a look.

Saturday 17 January - Albion Park Show

Saturday 24 January - Kiama local show

Saturday 31 January - Berry local show

Saturday 7 February - Nowra local show

Saturday 14 February - Kangaroo Valley local show

Our rosarian Braidan Swan is a very experienced exhibitor and can provide you with all the information needed if you are considering entering. He can be contacted on 0487439573

Questions over summer

Do you have a question that can't wait until our first meeting back in February, please send your question to rosesocietynswsouthern@outlook.com or 0407588630 and I'll get an answer for you

January social catch up - Saturday 24th January

With no organised meeting in January it would be nice to have a relaxed social catchup.

There have been a couple of suggestions of where we may meet up for a coffee and/or lunch. We have previously been to Sunrise Nursery at Helensburgh which has a nice cafe on site which could be re-visited. If we go there, we could carpool again.

There is also Altra Nursery at Mortdale which generously donated a rose for our major raffle, so it might be lovely to support them.

If anyone has any alternate suggestions, or has a preference for one over the other please let me know, but in the meantime lock in the date.

Roses over summer when there is no opportunity to show them :-)

Let our members see your roses by taking some photos, whether on the bush or in a vase, and send them to rosesocietynswsouthern@outlook.com or send to 0407588630 and I'll share them so we can all enjoy.

Neutrog Orders for 2026

The closing dates for Neutrog orders will be

Monday 12th January at 8am

Monday 13th April at 8am

Monday 13th July at 8am

Monday 12th October at 8am

The orders will be delivered later that same month or early the following month, with the exact delivery date advised as soon as I know it. Please make a note of the dates on your calendar or in your diary so you can pre-plan your orders throughout the year.

Summary of dates for 2026

Monday 12 January 8am - close of Neutrog orders, delivery January/February
Saturday 17 January - Albion Park Show, consider entering the rose competition
Saturday 25 January - coffee &/or lunch social get together
Meeting Saturday 21 February - 1st meeting of the new year
Meeting Saturday 21 March - Adele Stephenson from Rocky Point, mulches, etc
Thursday 2 April to Monday 13 April - Royal Easter Show
Monday 13 April 8am - close of Neutrog orders, delivery April/May
Meeting Saturday 18 April
Meeting Saturday 16 May - Rosalie Vine, Rose Show Judge, grower & exhibitor
Meeting Saturday 20 June - Helen Lovel from Neutrog

Southern Sydney Rose Society wishes you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year, and hope to see you in 2026. Stay safe

