



THE ROSE SOCIETY of NSW Inc.
Southern Sydney Region



Gemini is the signature rose for the Southern Sydney Region

Our next meeting is on Saturday 21st February at 1pm

Loftus Community Hall 119-129 Loftus Av, Loftus

Showing your roses? Please arrive from 12.15pm

Hall set up: You can help by arriving anytime from 12.15pm

Note: Our meeting will start promptly at 1pm

Our guest speaker will be Sandra Ross

A horticulturist, garden writer, broadcaster, teacher and popular tour leader for the Ross Garden tours. Sandra has worked on Better Homes & Gardens and the Garden Clinic on 2GB for over 40 years along with her husband Graham.

Most importantly she is a rose lover and her favourite place to be is her rose garden and the old fashioned rose varieties are her favourite. Her talk is titled "Power of the Flower" So come along and listen to her speak and bring your questions with you.



Roses from your garden



The Children's Rose - grown by Wendy Vardy



A vase of roses all grown by Joe & Betty Piegza - ask Joe for their names at our next meeting



A variety of roses all grown by Albert Knorr - ask Albert for their names

Gemini, our signature rose, grown by Joe & Betty Piegza



Our January coffee catchup



Having a coffee and a chat - clockwise Beverley Knorr, Denise Butcher, Carol Kohler, Lynne Howlett, Jeanette Peters, Wendy Vardy, Lyn Catt, & Albert Knorr



Carol brought some pink roses from her garden - to prove to everyone that she can grow more than just red roses :-)



Corralynn Organ & Graham Hamblin arrived a little later in the morning. Also new member, joining at our last Rose Show, Cheryl Varidel arrived later still but I neglected to whip out my phone for the photo. It was lovely to meet her.



A reminder - our Show Bench categories

For our new members please bring in your roses for the show bench, even if you are not sure what type of rose it is or what it's name is - someone is sure to know. Our friendly members love helping the new members and enjoy seeing what roses they grow - there is definitely a category for your rose on the show bench.

Southern Sydney Rose Society - Show Bench Categories			
Exhibitor Section	1	Exhibition Rose (Hybrid Tea)	Open to all If you exhibit in these classes you cannot exhibit in the General Section
	2	One cut Floribunda Rose	
	3	3 cuts or stems Floribunda Rose, same cultivar	
	4	Bud to Full Bloom, 4 stages, same cultivar	
	5	3 stems Full Bloom Roses, same cultivar	
General Section	6	One Red Rose	Open to all EXCEPT Braidan Swan & Albert Knorr & Wendy Vardy
	7	One Pink/Purple Rose	
	8	One Rose of any Other Colour, including multi-coloured	
	9	3 cuts or stems Floribunda Rose, same cultivar	
	10	Bud to Full Bloom, 4 stages, same cultivar	
David Austin Rose	11	One cut of David Austin Rose of any colour	Open to all
Miniature Section	12	One Miniature Rose, exhibition form	Open to all
	13	Three cuts or stems Miniature Rose, same cultivar	
Any Rose from my Garden	14	One cut or stem of any Rose	Open to all
Vase of Roses	15	Can be mixed cultivars & colours	Open to all

1st place in each category receives 3 pts, 2nd place receives 2 pts, and 3rd place receives 1 pt. The overall 'Best on the Bench' for the day receives an extra point.

The Show Bench winner for the season finishing in June 2026, will be the member with the most points. There are equal points on offer in both the Exhibitor section and in the General section, so our Show Bench winner is equally likely to come from the General section.

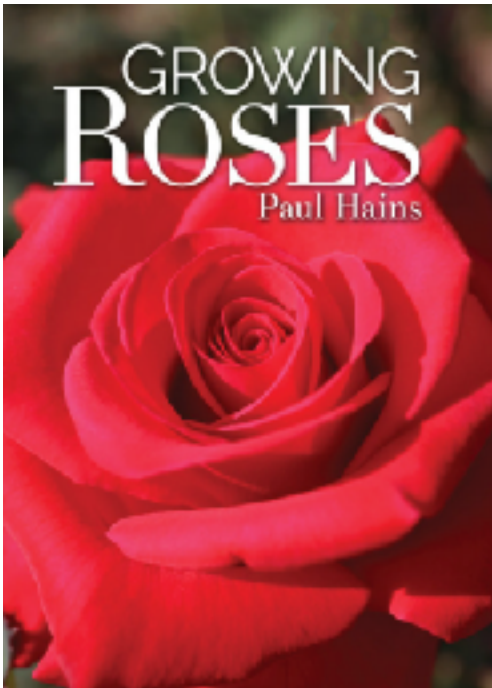
We have been lucky enough to acquire a quantity of the vases used at most of the Rose Shows. We plan to use them for our monthly Show Bench as they display our roses at their best. Don't worry if you have never used them before - help will be on hand & you will be shown how. There will be oasis at the meeting ready to use.



Don't forget we have a Sharing Table

Bring in your excess produce from your veggie patch or clippings from your garden that can be easily grown, or excess seeds or seedlings that are surplus to your needs. The idea is to share with one another but it is also to reduce waste. Place your items on the table and you are welcome to take from the table what you can make good use of.

Growing Roses, by Paul Haines



This book is endorsed and sold by Rose Societies across Australia, and is now available from the Southern Sydney Rose Society for \$30

Paul Haines is a well known rose grower in Australia and a breeder of new rose varieties. He is an expert exhibitor and has won National Championships with roses he has bred.

If you only want one book on the growing of roses - this is the one to get. Written in simple English for the every day gardener to understand. This will make growing roses easier from beginner to expert. Understand rose types, pests & diseases and how to manage them, propagation and breeding new rose varieties.

Pre-loved book sale, priced to clear

We have a large number of pre-loved books about roses and general gardening, with a few on floral arranging etc. We would love them to walk out the door at a price you are happy to pay. They are better off being read and enjoyed by our members than sitting in the cupboard at the hall. Make an offer on the book you would like. There is in excess of 3 crates - bring your loose change with you as we don't have any card facility



The Firefighter roses



I'm looking forward to seeing and hoping that the Firefighter roses have thrived after the loving care given to them at our working bee last year. We will give them another soaking of water, and give them a quick dead heading, and guided by our more experienced rose growers perhaps a little bit of Seamungus & a small amount of fertiliser to see them through to the end of summer



Dates for your diary

Saturday 21 March meeting - our speaker will be Adele from Rocky Point mulches

Saturday 18 April meeting - Jim Cunningham on propagating roses

Saturday 16 May meeting - Rosalie Vine, champion exhibitor & accredited judge

Saturday 20 June meeting - Helen Lovell, Neutrog marketing representative

See you in 2 weeks at our meeting



Hybrid Tea - Pope John Paul II
grown by Sue Wellington



Floribunda - Jane McGrath
grown by Lynne Howlett

