



*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 March 2026

Loftus Community Hall 119-129 Loftus Av, Loftus

**The hall will be open from 12pm.**

**Please come early and help set up the hall** and then take the time to stage your roses. Braidan will be available to assist & answer your questions about staging. Remember it will take a little longer as we are now using the bikini vases which is the standard for Rose Shows.

**Our guest speaker will be Adele Stephenson, the sales representative for Rocky Point.**

**The presentation will begin at 1pm**

Rocky Point is an Australian company that is based in southeast Queensland and has been in operation since 2003. They cater for home gardeners & landscapers right through to the professional growers. For the home gardener they supply a complete range of growing media, soil improvers, lawn care, fertilisers and mulches. Adele is a very engaging speaker. Bring all your questions with you



## Show Bench Results for February 2026

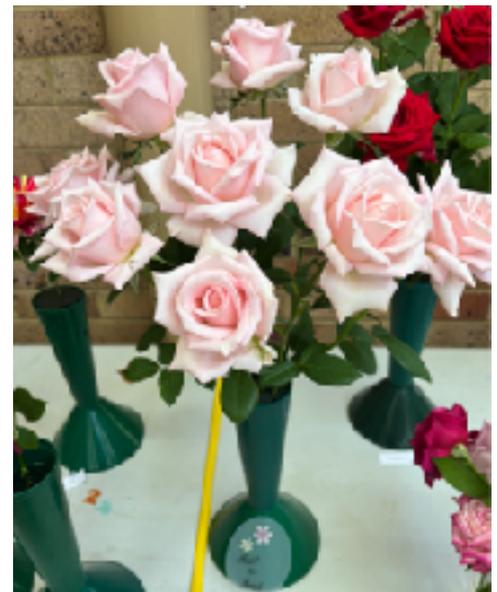
**[E] Exhibition rose (HT):** 1. Wendy Vardy 2. Wendy Vardy 3. Paul Cross  
**[E] One cut of Floribunda Rose:** 1. Denise Butcher 2. Wendy Vardy 3. Denise Butcher  
**[E] 3 cuts/stems Floribunda Rose:** 1. Wendy Vardy 2. Denise Butcher  
**[E] Bud to Full Bloom:** 1. Wendy Vardy 2. Wendy Vardy 3. Wendy Vardy  
**[E] 3 stems Full Bloom Roses:** 1. Paul Cross 2. Wendy Vardy 3. Wendy Vardy  
**[G] One Red Rose:** 1. Carol Kohler 2. Tom & Lynne 3. Joe & Betty  
**[G] One Pink/Purple Rose:** 1. Joe & Betty 2. Joe & Betty 3. Carol Kohler  
**[G] One any other colour:** 1. Robyn Everingham 2. Joe & Betty 3. Sue Wellington  
**[G] 3 cuts/stems Floribunda Rose:** 1. Joe & Betty 2. Carol Kohler 3. Carol Kohler  
**[G] Bud to Full Bloom (same cultivar):** 1. Joe & Betty 2. Joe & Betty  
**One Cut David Austin Rose:** 1. Albert Knorr 2. Wendy Vardy  
**One miniature Rose:** 1. Carol Kohler 2. Wendy Vardy 3. Albert Knorr  
**3 cuts/stems Miniature Rose:** 1. Braidan Swan 2. Braidan Swan 3. Braidan Swan  
**Any Rose from my Garden:** 1. Joe & Betty 2. Denise Butcher 3. Cheryl Varidel  
**Vase of Roses:** 1. Braidan Swan 2. Braidan Swan 3. Carol Kohler  
**Best on the Bench:** Braidan Swan for his Vase of Roses "Fairytale Queen"

### Points for the February meeting

23 points - Wendy Vardy  
19 points - Joe & Betty Piegza  
12 points, Braidan Swan  
11 points Carol Kohler  
8 points - Denise Butcher  
4 points - Paul Cross, Albert Knorr  
3 points - Robyn Everingham  
2 points - Tom & Lynne Rice  
1 point - Sue Wellington, Cheryl Varidel

### Progressive point scores for the season so far

59 points - Wendy Vardy  
39 points - Joe & Betty Piegza  
17 points - Braidan Swan, Albert Knorr, Carol Kohler  
11 points - Denise Butcher  
9 points - Sue Wellington  
7 points - Paul Cross  
6 points - Joy Jhugroo  
3 points - Charlie Summers, Dee Johnson, Robyn Everingham  
2 points - Tom & Lynne Rice  
1 point - Cheryl Varidel



Vase of Roses  
1st: Braidan Swan  
And Best on Bench for  
"Fairytale Queen"



A Grade  
3 stems Full Bloom Roses, same cultivar  
1st: Paul Cross with "Smooth Prince"



B Grade  
One Pink/Purple Rose  
1st: Joe & Betty  
with "Marie Bashir"



A Grade  
3 cuts/stems Floribunda Rose  
1st: Wendy Vardy with "Phoenix"



A Grade  
Bud to Full Bloom  
1st: Wendy Vardy  
with "Kardinal"



A Grade  
Exhibition Rose (HT)  
1st: Wendy Vardy "Kardinal"



David Austin Rose  
1st: Albert Knorr  
with "Charlotte"



B Grade  
One Rose of any other Colour  
1st: Robyn Everingham



B Grade  
Bud to Full Bloom  
1st: Joe & Betty with  
"Mother & Daughter"

## Thank you to Sandra Ross



Sandra was a very passionate and knowledgeable speaker. Pictured here holding her gift. Lyn was aware of Sandra's penchant for interesting tea pots and it was obvious that Lyn made the right choice with this one.



Sandra Ross was delighted with the tea cosy which was hand made by our very clever Lyn Catt

## Braidan Swan has received his Judges Badge

Our Rosarian and Vice President Braidan Swan is pictured here receiving his Judges Badge from Ted Morphett, the Chairman of the NSW Rose Society's Judges Panel on Sunday 8th February at the State Council meeting in Camden. Braidan will be judging the Show Bench at our meeting this month.



## State Council News

The NSW Rose Society's Web Manager Intan Kallus, from the Illawarra Rose Society is working in conjunction with Web Designer Bruce Martin to update the NSW Rose Society's website by the end of April.

This will include the setting up of an online membership renewal system with a credit or debit card payment. Each region will then have access to it's own regional list which will save hours of manual listing of memberships and the associated phone calls and emails to sort out errors. Those who prefer to pay cash can still so at their monthly meeting

## Our Sharing Table

Bring in your excess produce from your veggie patch or clippings from your garden or excess seeds or seedlings. Place your items on the table and you are welcome to take from the table what you can make good use of.

## Pre-loved books

We still have a number of preloved books going for very low prices - take a look and take one home with you

## Neutrog

An email will be coming soon with a list of the remaining product left to sell :-)

# The Australian National Rose Show

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October 2026

The Rose Society of NSW Inc. &  
The National Rose Society of Australia Inc.  
invite you to attend

**THE  
AUSTRALIAN  
ROSE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
2026**

*Australia in Bloom*

**CAMDEN CIVIC CENTRE**  
Cnr Oxley & Mitchell Streets, Camden NSW 2570  
**Saturday 17th October • 10.30AM - 4.30PM**  
**Sunday 18th October • 9AM - 4PM**

**FREE ENTRY • RAFFLES • TALKS & DEMOS • MARKET • PLANT SALES**

For details of schedule please  
contact Show Secretary  
**Rosalie Vine**  
rosalie.vine1950@gmail.com  
or [www.nsw.rose.org.au](http://www.nsw.rose.org.au)

Our October meeting would normally have been held on Saturday 17th October but I have re-scheduled that meeting, so our Southern Sydney members can exhibit at the National Show.

Even if not exhibiting at the Show, everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy the Show, and to consider assisting on either or both days. This National Rose Show only comes around to NSW once every 5 years, which is more frequently than Halley's comet but it will still be sometime before it comes back to NSW again, so don't miss it.

Assistance will be required in a number of areas with more information coming soon. The Show committee will be asking for people to act as stewards or runners and you will receive training on this, and it presents a great opportunity to learn.

The best exhibitors from Victoria, Qld, SA & WA will be attending. They are coming a long way to show their roses, whereas you & I only need to make a one hour trip, very easy by comparison

The Alister Clark Cup, which the Southern Sydney Rose Society is now the custodian of, has been handed over to the National Rose Show co-ordinator Stefica Bikesh for cleaning in preparation for inclusion in the Show.

For our scheduled meeting in May, Rosalie Vine had already been secured as our speaker. Rosalie Vine was the Judge at our Southern Sydney Rose Show last year. She is a long time champion exhibitor and an excellent communicator and she will do a demonstration on staging for a Rose Show. This meeting will now be advertised widely to all the other regional societies for all members of the NSW Rose Society to attend.

Regarding the re-scheduling of our normal October meeting, I have booked a meeting in July. We traditionally held our pruning workshop at the Woronora Memorial Gardens in the July but those arrangements are no longer valid. So we will now hold a normal meeting in July and we will look to organise a pruning day at another location on another day.

Regarding our own Rose Show, we have held it on the 4th Saturday of October for the past 2 years, but in order to give some breathing space between the National Rose Show and our own Show, I have booked the hall for our Show for the Saturday 31 October 2026, giving us a 2 week gap rather than a 1 week gap from the National Rose Show.

## **Dates for your diary**

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

Saturday 18 July meeting - to be advised

Saturday 15 August meeting - Megan Elliot, Seasol NSW Manager - home gardens

