

Rose Society of NSW Inc.

Nepean Blue Mountains Hawkesbury Regional
Newsletter
'Prickles'

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'Joyce Abounding'
Signature Rose of the
Regional



'Imp'
Foundation Rose of
the Regional

Dates for your Diary 2026

7 February

General Meeting

8 February

State Council

28Feb/1 March

Luddenham Show

7 March

General Meeting

April - 11-General Meeting

Royal Easter Show

Saturday 4 - Roses

Wednesday 8 - Roses

Sunday 12 - Roses

24-26 April

Hawkesbury Show

9 May - Note

Date Change Meeting

13 June - Note

Date Change Meeting

4 July

AGM

1 August

Meeting

5 September

Workshop Meeting

18-19 October

National Show

7 November

Meeting, 7 February

commencing at 10 am - Mary Rooms -
Winbourne

Don't forget to bring your budded rootstock
that you did in November

Monthly Show Bench Commences

Volunteers are required for Trial Garden weeding
after meeting. Please bring your garden gloves, hat
and a small trowel if you can assist. Thank you.

Trivia Questions will be based on information
found in Prickles and General knowledge of roses.

Meeting cost is \$5pp which covers tea/coffee and raffle.

Contact: Bro Jeff Regan - 0412 933 248

Glynis Hayne Hon. Sec. - 0427 104 944

Neutrog

We expect delivery within the week so pickup days
and times will be sent out to those who ordered

Membership

Membership for 2026 and 2027 can now be paid directly to
Rose Society of NSW (please include your name and Regional
with payment for easy identification) or at the Regional Meeting.

Please don't forget to inform the Subscription Secretary of
any changes to you address/email etc.

Chairman's Message

Dear Members and Friends

Welcome to 2026. Time passes very quickly and we are already into February. Our meetings are all booked for the first Saturday of each month except for April, May, June and October meetings which clash various events or long weekends. Please note these in your diaries.

Thank you to our new delegates for State Council - Shane Slack and Margaret Grand who will be attending their first meeting on the 15 February.

After reconciling our show finances we had a loss of \$400 which under the circumstances was well within budget projection. Thank you to all NBMH and UNSH members who assisted with the show. Due to the National Show being held in NSW this year there will be no Spring Show in October.

Thank you to members who assisted with our Spring Show. The highlight of the Show was that Antoinette Destro of UNSH won the Grand Champon. We had seventeen entries in the wreath floral class. Overall there were 256 exhibits, despite four regular exhibitors not available due to being at the National Show in Queensland.

Thank you to Kim Hamilton from Hamilton Cattis and Succulants who was our guest at the Christmas lunch. We had a good attendance and thank you members for providing delightful treats.

Welcome to Brian Farrel, Troy and Olivia Craig who are new members. A formal welcome is extended to them and we

hope to meet you in person sometime in the future.

Our monthly show bench is beginning to become quite extensive in the amount of exhibits and this is very pleasing to see the enthusiasm of exhibitors. Our judges insure it is non threatening and more of a learning experience.

Luddenham Agricultural Show will take place on the 28 February. Please support the horticultural section if you are able. The Schedule can be found online.

Each year Colin Hollis president, puts out a call for members to assist at the Royal Easter Show society stand. It's a good way to go and see the show with free tickets and help promote the society. You will receive an email regarding this. Many members took up the offer previously and enjoyed the day.

Neutrog - thank you to all members who have purchased products. We expect delivery within the next week. Glynis will send out days and pick-up times as before. I really must ask that you **please bring someone with you to assist** with placing your products in your car etc. Unfortunately, I can no longer do much heavy lifting.

Once again to all our members experiencing ill health we hope you recover soon.

Jeff

Show Bench Information for 2025/26

If you have any exhibits to bench please arrive by **9.30 am**.
Please ensure you read the requirements below.

Schedule

- Class 1 - Any standard unit of a (HT, Floribunda, Grandiflora, Shrub)
- Class 2 - Any standard unit of a (Miniature/Miniflora)
- Class 3 - A vase of any flowers from your garden in your own container
- Class 4 - A cut of a Rose/Miniature/Floribunda/Miniflora/David Austin/Grandiflora/Shrub
- Class 5 - One Exhibition Bloom - must have pointed centre and be an HT
- Class 6 - Three full bloom roses - HT/Grandiflora/Miniature/Miniflora
- Class 7 - Bud to Full Bloom - HT/Grandiflora/Miniature/Miniflora
- Class 8 - A Bunch of 3 - HT/Grandiflora/Miniature/Miniflora
- Class 9 - A rose from your garden - for first year exhibitors only
- Class 10 - From any Standard Unit of an Australian Bred Rose in classes 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8,

Requirements

- a) Please ensure that your roses DO NOT have prickles on them.
- b) It is expected that all exhibitors of more than two years will stage their own roses in vases supplied and Jeff, Denise or Glynis will tweak them for you if required.
- c) New exhibitors will be assisted as in previous years - Vases and floral foam will be available if required.
- d) All vases to be set up outside.
- e) Please be early if you need a hand as the meeting is expected to commence at 10.00 am.
- f) Exhibitor cards to be marked with your name on the back and other information on the front for the judge.
- g) The score represents your best result in each section. We find this keeps much interest and more of a competitive result for all exhibitors.

Exhibitor and Numbers for 2025/2026 (Please use number on cards)

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Priya Shanmuga | 7 Doug and Glynis Hayne |
| 2 Denise Murphy | 8 Margaret Grand |
| 3 Peter and Patricia Steele | 9 Margaret Muscat |
| 4 Jeff Regan | 10 Muthu Jeganathan |
| 5 Karen Rogan | 11 Chris Serrao |
| 6 Daniel Trevellian | 12 |

Copies of Prickles

"Prickles" was set up as an electronic based newsletter for Regional Members to keep costs down. However, we understand some members do not have email but would still like to receive this newsletter. If you wish to receive a printed copy of "Prickles" please supply Glynis with self addressed and stamped envelopes for six months and she will print a copy and post it to you.

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Cultural Notes and General Information

Your spring and summer flushes are almost over and pruning (dead heading) can now take place to prepare for an Autumn flush. Keep up your spray regime as the weather becomes humid and fungal disease such as black spot will appear. To control the dreaded black spot you have or should have commenced your spray regime. I use the OCP products, (Eco Oil and Eco Fungicide), but remember, do not spray when the temperature gets to over 28 degrees as you will burn your plants particularly using the oils. Check the product labels.

On a personal level my roses have never been so good in many years. I can only put it down to using the new product of Chocoblock and fertilizing more and perhaps the "weather".

Interestingly, we have always promoted watering pots every day or even twice during hot weather. Over the past three years I have had some miniature pots under eaves and don't water them every day. In the very hot weather they received water perhaps every second day or even third. The growth on them improved and I was surprised by this result given that we were told to water so often. I can only glean from my experience, that the roses don't actually like very wet feet regardless of the weather. I did however, do some overhead spray watering early morning for the leaves to take up some moisture for those out in the open. I suppose it is trial and error even after 35 years of growing roses I am still learning from my own experience.

Mulching is essential as it keeps in the moisture, protects the roots from the hot sun and keeps weeds down. Remember to always wear a mask when using any of these products as they do contain spores that can irritate the respiratory tract.

Aphids are on the attack already and there are various methods of removing them. If you have only a few roses squishing them off, water jet spraying or some soapy water will do the trick. If you have many roses you may have to go for the a Eco solution of Natrasoap. Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions and use chemicals registered for that control. The OCP products are good to use as they are environmentally friendly. Yates also has new eco friendly pest and fungal control products available. I also recommend using PPE as a safety measure.

Could you please bring your budding results with you. By this I mean your budded rootstock. This meeting we hope to have had some success from our budding class so look forward to it.

Happy rose growing!!! *Glynis*



Happy Birthday

January

3 Doug Hayne
18 Chris Serrao
19 Bro Jeff

February

1 Margaret Grand
23 Margaret Muscat

March

2 Erica Ward
14 Glynis Hayne
30 Debbie Brown



NBMH 25/26 Showbench – Progressive Scores after December Meeting

Name	Exhibitor Number	No of Entries this Month	1 Standard Unit HT/FI/Gr/Sh	2 SU Mf/Mf	3 Vase Flowers Own Vase	4 Cut Mf/FI/Gr/Mf/DA	5 Exhibition HT	6 3 Full Blooms	7 Bud to Full Bloom	8 Bunch of 3	9 Portrait	10 Best Aussie bred from 1.2.5.6.7.8
Priya Hariharan	1	11	21.5	14.5	15.5	20.5	14	6.5	14.5	13	8	21.5
Denise Murphy	2	8	13			12.5		15.5	8	8.5		14.5
Peter and Patricia Steele	3	1			19.5	7	14.5					
Jeff Regan	4	7	23.5	22.5		22.5	20		25.5	15.5	22.5	24
Karen Rogan	5	2			13.5	6						
Daniel Trevellian	6	0				6						
Glynis Hayne	7	4	22		7	7		6.5			12	22.5
Margaret Grand	8	0			7.5		9			7	15	
Margaret Muscat	9	0										
Muthu Jeganathan	10	7	18.5	6.5	20	19.5	7	15.5	6.5	6	13	19.5
Chris Serrao	11	0										
		40										

'Leaders' in each category are highlighted in yellow. Please check and see if I am correct with scores. 40 vases last month and only one shy of our best for the season. Mostly due to the return of Denise.

Thank you, Jeff



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