

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 2025

14 June

Propagating Roses from
Cuttings
and Pruning Roses

5 July

AGM

Guest Speaker
Tony Matson - Cut Above
Tools Workshop

2 August 2025

Kim Hamilton
Cacti and Succulents

6 September

Ken Smith and
Samantha Harper - Floral
Arrangements Workshop

4 October

General Meeting
Show Information

11 October

Combined NBMH
and UNSH Show -
Winbourne

November

Budding Workshop

December

Christmas Workshop and
Meeting

**Please note change of date
Meeting, Saturday 14 June 2025 at 10 am**

Winbourne

Please be early at 9.30 if staging roses for the last Show Bench of the year. Vases and Floral Foam will be provided.

Please note that we have full activity programs for each meeting until December

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

Membership Renewal

Now due - \$40 Single \$45 Dual

Fees can be paid at meetings or Direct Debit to RSNSW - however, please in the reference put your Initial/Last Name/regional -NBMH so you can be easily identified. Also send a copy of receipt and Renewal Form to the Subscription Secretary so your details can be checked as well.

Form attached with this email.

DD to Regional -

Westpac BSB 032 278 Acc 472 412

DD to Rose Society of NSW

BSB 012 429 Acc 2784 41863

Chairman's Message

Dear Members and Friends

Firstly, let me thank Doug and Glynis for hosting our May meeting, where members marked the green bikini vases we purchased from Goulburn. Members were able to see the many potted roses in the garden, enjoyed the friendship and shared in a sausage sizzle bbq. Doug judged the show bench and this was won by Priya with People's Choice of Just Joey.

Thank you to Shane and Margaret who indicated they would be willing to take on the duties of delegates to the RSNSW State Council for 2025/2026. I would like to thank Denise for years of attending these meetings.

Congratulations to all who exhibited at the Hawkesbury Show particularly Stephanie Judges who won the Rose Grand Champion Ribbon with a Bud to Full Bloom of Avon.Red is a favourite colour of Steph's and Avon also her favourite rose. So well done. Other areas of wins were floral decorative and flowers for Glynis.

I ask that you please make an effort to attend our Guest Speaker meetings. The workshop with Tony and Karen Matson has become popular, as Tony conducts a workshop where you do hands-on sharpening and cleaning of your pruning tools. This is particularly good as pruning of your roses in the Nepean area usually takes place from end of July through to August. I understand you may have commitments however, we try and let you

know ahead of time so you can diarise the dates. We have quite a varied range of speakers for the next few months.

At our upcoming June meeting, Glynis will show you how to take cuttings of roses and how to propagate them. This is very handy if you would like more roses from some that are no longer available. Remember that at the November meeting you will be given an opportunity to once again practise budding onto rootstock/understock. At Saturday's meeting Glynis will show you as well as how to propagate your understock.

We wish members who have family in the flood affected areas well and hope they can recover quickly.

Please put the 25 September into your diaries as Winbourne will be holding their Spring Festival. See attached flyer.

This month sees the last show bench for the year with the winners receiving certificates and a small gift at the July meeting.

Once again to all our members not experiencing ill health we hope you recover soon.

Jeff

**Congratulations to Bro Jeff
on winning the NSW Third Division
Croquet Championship**

NBMH 24/25 Monthly Show Bench Scores (After May Meeting)

Name	No of Entries May	1 Standard Unit HU/FI/Gr/Sh	2 SU MI/Mf	3 Vase Flowers Own Vase	4 Cut MI/FI/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
1 Patricia & Peter Steele	A			12.5	7	27	8.5	13		18.5	
2 Karen Rogan	1			7	33.5						
3 Margaret Grand	1	14				23	27	25		47	
4 Denise Murphy	2	47	17	7	20.5	15.5	8	14		23	45
5 Glynis Hayne	6	51	29	20.5	38.5	16.5	22	15	9.5	28.5	30.5
6 Jeff Regan	3	52.5	41.5	8	38.5	33	21.5	31.5	23	53	50.5
7 Margaret Muscat	A			7	6.5						
8 Priya Hariharan	9			8	13	8.5				8	7

COMMENTS

- .1. Remember only your best score in any class counts irrespective of number of entries.
- .2. The number of entries benched by each exhibitor on the day is listed in the column next to your name.
- .3. Current leader in each class is **highlighted**. This accumulates each month. Next Month (June) will be the last show bench for this competition. Some classes are still very close
- .4. If you think I have made an error please ask. I keep all the cards for each session and whole season, so can easily go back and check

Jeff



May Show Bench

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

Roses are now going into a semi-dormant period. For roses to go completely dormant you have to have a good many zero degree days and that is why you will find some roses still flower through the winter months. By now you may have already started digging new gardens or making improvements to your soil for your new roses.

I personally have been rejuvenating my old potting soil with the new product of chocoblock and Popul8 and found the roses are doing just as well. It has certainly saved us quite a few dollars as we have over 400 roses in pots and it becomes quite expensive replacing potting mix or topping up each year. Chocoblock is the new Neutrog Product and can be purchased for the August delivery to the regional.

When your new bare rooted roses arrive, carefully remove them from their packaging. Wash off the medium in which they were packed. Trim any damaged roots. We spray with a 1-10 mix of Metho leave for about ten minutes and then wash off with clean water. This kills off any spores that may have attached to the roots or plant. Place roses in a bucket of seaweed solution and let them rehydrate for one to two days at the most. If you are not able to plant within this time you can heel them in. This means you cover them with soil in the bucket or container and keep moist until you plant them. Once you are ready to plant dig your holes or place your potting medium into pots.

Make a mound for your roots and add Seamungus to the soil where the roots will be. We recommend you use Neutrog's Seamungus which will help settle in your new plants. Keep the bud union just about 5 cm above the ground level. Do not under any circumstance put fertilizer in with your new plants. You will burn the roots and lose them. Water in well with a seaweed solution. Do not let your new plants sit in water. They prefer to be moist not wet.

In the Nepean area we prune our roses from the middle of July through to late August. Pruning this late is due to the fact that the Nepean Riverlands gets frost through until late August and the new growth can burn off and put your growing season back. A good tip is to now start removing all dead and spindly growth from your plants. As the plants begin to defoliate you will be able to see where the dead wood is. Cut one to two centimetres below the dieback dead wood or until you get fresh clean growth.

This will leave your bush looking tidy (if you worry about how scraggly they look) and when it is time to prune them you have done a bulk of the work already.

Happy rose growing!!

Glynis

		<h3>Happy Birthday</h3>		
7 May Peter Steele			14 July Muth Jeganathan	
30 May Marjorie Higgins			20 July Alina Thornbury	
13 June Chris Clancy			22 July Colin Higgins	
16 June Denis Gallagher				
22 June Jacqui Woodford				

Show Bench, Marking the Vases and Winners at Hawkesbury Show



Tony, Alina, Shane, Muthu and Margaret making some of the vases



Some of the completed vases - People's Choice Priya's Just Joey - Pink Parfait



Glynis' first in Artificial Decorative and Stephanie's Grand Champion BTFB Avon at the Hawkesbury Show