



The Rose Society of New South Wales Inc

Northern Sydney Region

February 2026

Dear members,

A warm welcome to 2026 and our second year of operation. We trust that the new year has brought with it health and happiness for you and your family.

Our first meeting in 2026 will be at **2pm on Saturday, 14 February** in Meeting Room One, adjacent to Gordon Library, 799 Pacific Highway Gordon. Our guest speaker will be Rick, one of the owners of Quality Products who will speak to us about selecting the right gardening glove for the job! Quality Products is the premier destination for premium gardening tools, gifts, and accessories in Australia supplying to both nurseries and home gardeners direct through their website www.qualityproducts.com.au. If you were a regular customer of Parkers Nursery at Turramurra before its demise you may be familiar with some of the product ranges they represent including Gold Leaf Gardening Gloves, Burgon and Ball gardening tools and Haws watering cans. Rick will bring a selection of their products, including gardening gloves which will be available for sale.

As it will be Valentine's Day, we will take the opportunity to celebrate all things rose through the creation of a display table championing the red rose, universally acknowledged as the symbol of all things love and romance!

Rose Display

Following the success of our first rose display table at our November meeting last year, members are invited, once again, to contribute roses to this our first themed display in February. Perhaps the red rose you bring will be your favourite, best performing, most fragrant, most disease resistant or simply the rose that means something significant to you. As with our November meeting we ask that you bring one cut of up to three different red or red toned roses that you grow in your garden to contribute to our display. Each cut of rose should be in its own vase or bottle. There is no need for anything fancy. Just choose a vase or bottle that is suited to displaying one cut of your chosen rose to best advantage.

In addition, to cater for those among us who have an interest in flower arranging we invite you to bring along a St Valentine's Day themed arrangement no larger than 40 centimetres wide and 40 centimetres high celebrating the red rose and all things romance. You may use roses you have grown yourself or you may buy roses to create your arrangement. You may add in other flowers and greenery but they must compliment the roses used and red or red toned roses must be the predominant flower in your display. Inanimate objects that assist in conveying the theme of your arrangement are also permitted to be included. Each member may contribute one arrangement to our display.

As was the case in November, we will have tables set up at the front of the meeting room for you to place your roses when you arrive. We ask for each cut of rose you contribute to our

display that a piece of paper or card about the size of a standard business card (9cm x 5.5cm) accompanies it. This piece of paper or card should be placed in front of each of your roses on the display table. On the **front of the card or piece of paper** write the name of the rose. If the name of the rose is unknown, write "Unknown." On the **back of the card or piece of paper** write your name. When placing your roses on the display table, place the card or slip of paper with the name of the rose in front of the vase or bottle facing up.

For each floral arrangement displayed a piece of paper or card about the size of a standard business card (9cm x 5.5cm) should accompany it. Leave the **front of the card or piece of paper** blank. On the **back of the card or piece of paper** write your name. When placing your arrangement on the display table, place the card or slip of paper in front of it with the blank side facing up.

You are welcome to contribute both cuts of roses and an arrangement. Let's make the display table a real talking point by having a large number of items on display.

February meeting RSVP

As you are aware each month we meet we ask you to confirm your attendance prior to the meeting. You may think this a little strange as registering attendance is not the usual practice for most garden clubs. Knowing in advance the number of members attending any given meeting assists us when setting up the room. Each Meeting Room is allocated a certain number of chairs and if we are to be a large group we need to advise the council so additional chairs may be brought into the room. Sometimes speakers enquire how many people will be in attendance and this information is useful to pass on to them prior to our meeting.

If you had not planned to attend a meeting but find at the last minute or event the day before that you are now able to attend please do come along despite not having registered. You will always be welcome and we will always find a seat for you!

Confirm your attendance at our February meeting **no later than Wednesday, 11 February** by email to northersydneyrose@gmail.com or phone 0409 548 561 and leave a message.

Register early and don't wait for the reminder email to prompt you to register as from this meeting forward **we will no longer send reminder emails a few days before our meeting.**

Meeting Roster

Our meeting roster will once more be operational at our February meeting. Thank you to Jennifer Draper, Maureen Duthie and Anne O'Neill, all of whom have already volunteered to assist with setting up and Elle Wyatt-Spratt and Jan Bartlett who have volunteered to assist with cleaning up at this meeting. For those assisting with setting up we look forward to seeing you a little earlier than usual at 1pm on the day of the meeting.

The sign-in sheet for member volunteers for future meetings will be available at our February meeting so why not consider registering when you sign in and collect your badge?

Afternoon Tea

At the conclusion of the presentation please join us for afternoon tea. This will be an opportunity to speak with Rick from Quality Products and catch up with your fellow Northern Sydney members.

Please **bring a mug with you** if you would like to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. If you happen to forget there is no panic as we have a small number of paper cups available.

Please bring a **small** plate to share, with no more than six to eight sweet or savoury items, that may easily be picked up and enjoyed in your fingers with your tea or coffee. If you are attending the meeting with a friend, one small plate between the two of you will be ample.

As this is not meant to be a cooking competition, only cook something yourself if this suits you. Bought items including packet biscuits are absolutely fine.

Don't forget to collect your plate, the plastic that covered it and any leftover items and take them home with you at the conclusion of the meeting.

Neutrog

The ordering deadline for Winter orders is 8am Monday, 13 April. Orders may be placed

anytime from now on with delivery of orders anticipated in early to mid May.

We look forward to welcoming you back to a new year of activities and hope to see as many of you as possible at our February meeting.

Regards

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If you have never attended one of our meetings you are assured of a warm welcome so do come along and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow rose enthusiasts. Below are some details to help make getting to our meeting easier.

Parking

Free parking is available in the Wade Lane car park which may be accessed from St John's Avenue or Park Avenue or in the Gordon Centre, 802 - 808 Pacific Highway which may be accessed from Dumaresq Street. Both of these car parks are an easy walk to our meeting room.

Public Transport

The meeting room is located an easy walk from Gordon Station and bus interchange. Exit the station on the west (Pacific Highway) side. The bus interchange will be on your left. St Johns Avenue will be straight ahead.

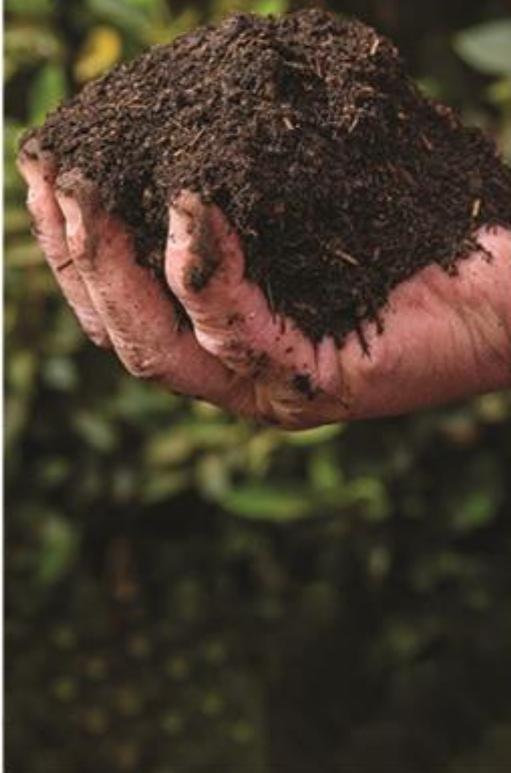
Turn right and head north along Wade Lane which runs between the rear of the shops facing Pacific Highway and the multi storey car park. Walk all the way along the lane to the end where you will reach Park Avenue. Turn to your left and walk towards Pacific Highway. Once at the intersection, cross Park Avenue with the lights and Gordon Library will be directly in front of you.

Accessing the meeting room

To assist with room set up prior to the meeting, we ask if you arrive early you wait in the foyer outside the library, in the library itself, or if the weather is fine, in the Secret Garden adjacent to the kitchen at the end of the hall where we meet. There is ample seating in all of these locations.

Entry to the meeting room for sign in and name badge collection will be available no earlier than 2pm with a view to commencing the meeting proper promptly at 2.15pm.

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