

The Rose Society of NSW Inc.



Minutes of 44th Annual General Meeting of the Rose Society of NSW Inc., held: Sunday 14th September 2025 at: Camden CWA Hall 13 Cawdor Street Camden commencing at 10.00 a.m.
Welcome – Meeting opened at 10.00 am

1. The President welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Attendance

President	- Colin Hollis
Vice President	- Braidan Swan
Secretary	- Stefica Bikesh
Treasurer	- Jacqueline Tweedie
Assistant Secretary	- Meryl Morphett
Subscription Secretary	- Maureen Thackeray
Web Manager	-
Historian	- Janet Wright
Chairman of Judges	- Ted Morphett
Returning Officer	- Denise Butcher
Delegates:	
Illawarra	- Judith Oyston, Lorraine Vost,
Macarthur	- Graham Wright,
NBMH	-
Sydney	- Robyn East, Michael Brook
UNSH	- Scott Crighton, Kimberley Crighton
Hunter Valley	-
Southern Sydney	- Denise Butcher,
Southern Highlands	- Annette Lane, Roz Mulligan
Central Coast-Lake Macquarie	-
Northern Sydney	- Kym Swaby, Penny Whipp,

Members: Intan Kallus

3. **Apologies:** Jeff Regan, Jim Cunningham, Judith Williamson, Sue Wellington

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted

Proposed: Penny Whipp Seconded: Jacqueline Tweedie Carried

4. **Awards:** The President presented members Ted and Meryl Morphett with Life Membership Awards. The President thanked both Ted and Meryl for the contributions they have made to the Rose Society of NSW.

5. **Minutes of the Previous AGM:** The Minutes of the previous AGM held on Sunday 17th November 2024 were received.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 17th November 2024 be endorsed.

Proposed: Robyn East Seconded: Annette Lane Carried

No matters arising

6. Reports:

- a. **President's Report:** The President's Report was distributed prior to the meeting. The President thanked Maureen Thackeray for her tireless work as the State Subscription Secretary, adding that it was the most challenging position in the Rose Society of NSW and the society appreciated her efforts. The President added that the newest region, Northern Sydney is an example of what can be achieved in a short time with the region now having 80 members. He thanked the executive.

MOTION: That the President's Report as tabled be accepted:

Proposed: Ted Morphet Seconded: Braidan Swan Carried

b. Treasurer's Report:

i. Consolidated Accounts of The Rose Society of NSW Inc. (2024-2025)

The consolidated accounts of the Rose Society of NSW Inc including all Regional Accounts was distributed prior to the meeting.

MOTION: That the State Council accepts the Consolidated Financial Account from July 1st 2024 to June 30th 2025

Moved: Jacqueline Tweedie Seconded: Scott Crighton Carried

7. Positions of Treasurer and Subscription Secretary: Proposal to combine the positions Honorary Treasurer & Honorary Subscription Secretary on a temporary basis. The President stated the Treasurer would have immediate access to the bank account and members details. If the Society finds the combined role doesn't work, it can be separated at the 2026 AGM.

MOTION: That the Rose Society of NSW combine the positions Honorary Treasurer & Honorary Subscription Secretary on a temporary basis.

Moved: Janet Wright Seconded: Roz Mulligan Carried

General discussion on how regions can best support the new combined role. It was stated that members needed to be put their names or region or member numbers when making a electronic payment.

8. Election of Appointed Positions:

Election of Officers: Nominations closed at 5.00 p.m. on 24th August 2025 for the elected positions. Denise Butcher acted as Returning Officer for the nominations.

All positions were declared vacant. Denise Butcher thanked the outgoing committee.

The following nominations were received and were in order by the required closing date:

President: Nomination received for Colin Hollis. Colin Hollis elected.

Vice President: Nomination received for Braidan Swan. Braidan Swan elected.

Honorary Secretary: Nomination received for Stefica Bikesh. Stefica Bikesh elected.

Honorary Treasurer/Subscription Secretary: Nominations received for Jacqueline Tweedie. Jacqueline Tweedie elected.

Assistant Secretary: Nomination for Meryl Morphet. Meryl Morphet elected.

Honorary Editor: Nomination for Intan Kallus. Intan Kallus elected.

Chairman of Judges: Nomination for Ted Morphet. Ted Morphet elected.

Web Manager:

Historian:

The elected President and Treasurer took their positions, and the President thanked Denise Butcher for the conduct of the election. The President stated that the positions of Web Manager and Historian were not filled.

- i. The President asked if anyone present would take on the position of Historian.

MOTION: That Janet Wright take the position of Historian of the Rose Society of NSW

Moved: Stefica Bikesh Seconded: Braidan Swan Carried.

- ii. The President asked if anyone present would take on the position of Web Manager.

MOTION: That Intan Kallus take the position of Web Manager of the Rose Society of NSW

Moved: Stefica Bikesh Seconded: Annette Lane Carried.

9. Special Appointments

- i. Delegates to the NRSA AGM 2026:** According to custom, the President and Secretary are nominated as delegates.

Moved: Graham Wright Seconded: Braidan Swan Carried

- ii. Alternate Delegates to the NRSA AGM 2026:** Jim Cunningham and Meryl Morphett nominated as alternate delegates.

Moved: Ted Morphett Seconded: Braidan Swan Carried

- iii. Returning Officer 2026:** Deferred to a date closer to the 2026 AGM

- iiii. Nomination of an auditor:** Peter Merry nominated as auditor

Moved: Jacqueline Tweedie Seconded: Stefica Bikesh Carried

10. Business Arising

The meeting closed at 10.33 a.m.