

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

4 October
General Meeting
Show Information

11 October
Combined NBMH
and UNSH Show -
Winbourne

18 October
Macarthur and Sydney
combined Spring Show

25 October
Southern Sydney
Spring Show

1 November
Budding Workshop

1 November
Illawarra Rose Display

6 December
Kim Hamilton
Cacti and Succulents
Christmas Workshop and
Meeting

No Meeting in January

Meeting, 4 October 2025 commencing at 10 am - Winbourne

Show Bench Commences

**Volunteers for Trial Garden for some weeding after meeting.
Please bring your garden gloves and a small trowel.**

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

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**Important Show Information
NBMH and UNSH will hold their combined
Spring Show on Saturday 11 October at
Winbourne (See flyer and attached Schedule)**

**Macarthur and Sydney 18 October
Southern Sydney 28 October
Illawarra Rose Display**

(See attached Schedules and Flyer)

**This is a time to support your Regional Show. See
some of the fantastic display of roses and you too may be
encouraged to become an exhibitor and realise there is an
opportunity to learn from other members. We hope to see
more members supporting all our shows.**

Chairman's Message

Dear Members and Friends

This message is full of thank you messages and I always like to acknowledge those members who assist our Regional in so many ways no matter how small. Volunteers are important and without them an organisation cannot really function effectively.

Thank you to members who assisted with our stand at the Winbourne Spring Show.

I would also like to thank the administration team in the Winbourne office - Lisa, Leanne and Jenny for their assistance over the past couple of years since we have been at Winbourne for our meetings. What a wonderful team to work with. We really appreciate your friendship.

Thanks to Samantha and Ken who presented at our annual September workshop of making wall wreaths. It was a very fun day and I believe all wreaths will make up part of the Class 50. They were all different and beautifully made but since most will be entered only one example is featured on the next page as it won't form part of the exhibit. New techniques were learnt. Our appreciation again to Samantha and Ken.

Our show is coming up next week and we will require volunteers on the day to assist with :- Raffle ticket sellers, membership table, selling roses (we are getting some from Green E Nursery - mainly Australian Bred); Mark Massey from Mother Earth Nursery will have flowering shrubs for

sale; Michelle's Flowers will be available; and ECRTG gifts for sale.

We have volunteers for the bump in day on Friday and thank those who have offered. We will require assistance at the end of the day on Saturday for cleaning up and packing away.

The Show will be opened by our Patron, Rodney Watson OAM at 1.30 and presentations will be made to winners as well as the East Coast Rose Trial Garden winners for 2025.

We have an improved online entering system and would like to thank Priya Shanmuga for her work on this. It will make the manual task of compiling the enteries etc. so much easier for the Show Secretary and I know Glynis is very grateful for this new system. Unless you have issues with it you will receive a reply saying your entries have been received. If you don't please contact Glynis immediately.

We have a couple of new members and as soon as they are registered with the Rose Society of NSW I will extend a formal welcome to them through the newsletter.

A shout out to our Vice-chairman Doug Hayne who is having a stint in hospital. Recover quickly as we need you for judging. 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.

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 |
| 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 first flush of spring is about to burst into flower. The warm weather has hit pretty quickly and during the forthcoming summer months roses will need some protection from the hot sun. Keeping your roses free from disease is a good start as the resultant foliage cover will help prevent sunburn on your roses.

Mulching is essential as it keeps in the moisture, protects the roots from the hot sun and keeps weeds down. There are various mulches on the market and it is recommended that you use "WhoFlungDung". 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.

The most important thing to remember over the next coming months is if you have roses in pots ensure your pots are watered daily and are not allowed to dry out and roses in the gardens get a good soaking at least twice a week.

Check your pots for curl grub and Eco Neem is the recommended product used for this pest. To control the dreaded black spot you should have or commence your spray regime. I use the OCP products but remember do not spray when the temperature gets to over 28 degree as you will burn your plants particularly using the oils. Check the product labels.

Happy rose growing!!!

Glynis

An Important message about use of sprays around your Roses

Recently, in a change to their normal maintenance program of controlling weeds in their garden, Richard and Ruth Walsh used a non glysohate spray as a method of controlling chickweed. The product used, appears to have leached into the soil (their pH dropped to 5.5) or there may have been some drift spray (highly unlikely as each rose was covered).

As a result it may have caused the stunted growth of their roses and an increase in dieback as you can see from the photo on the opposite page. By now these roses should have had talk long stems developing, with red leaf and many stems with buds. This is the first time in all the years of growing roses this has happened.

Some years ago I did the something similar in my garden and roses were stunted and the resultant dieback caused me to prune them so hard it has taken three years to get them to a reasonable standard.

I encourage you to be wise when using these enviromently friendly products. Follow manufacturers instructions include using protective gloves and masks if necessary.

*September's Floral Workshop
Example*



Richard and Ruth's stunted growth



Happy Birthday

October

November

1 Gary Murphy



Planting Guide

Prepare the soil now for success.



Whether you're planting a new garden, restoring tired soil, or prepping for the season ahead, good soil preparation makes all the difference.

1. Enrich your soil and create a nutrient and biologically rich foundation with **CHOCKABLOK** and **Seamungus**.
2. Mulch with **Whoflungdung** to lock in moisture and protect roots.
3. Finish by watering everything in with **GOGO Juice** to boost biological activity.

