

# Newsletter

October 2025

THE ROSE SOCIETY OF NSW UPPER NORTH SHORE & HILLS (UNSH) REGIONAL

## UNSH Signature Roses



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## Upcoming events

### 30<sup>th</sup> November 12 noon

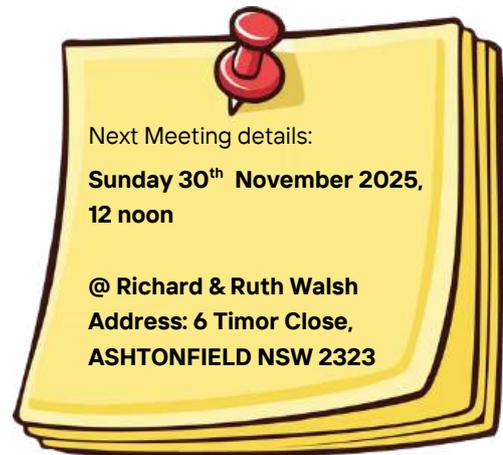
November Meeting @ home of  
Richard & Ruth Walsh  
6 Timor Close, Ashtonfield NSW 2323

### 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.00 am - 4 pm

Mother Earth Plant Fair and Garden Club  
Gathering  
Baden Powell Activity Centre, Ponom  
Street in Pennant Hills

### 14<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon

Christmas Meeting @ Birchgrove  
Paul & Bek's home  
16 Fishburns Rd, Galston NSW 2159



Next Meeting details:

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025,  
12 noon**

**@ Richard & Ruth Walsh  
Address: 6 Timor Close,  
ASHTONFIELD NSW 2323**

## Visit to Richard & Ruth's Garden

Our next meeting will be held at Richard and Ruth's place, about 2.5 hours from Sydney.

Members are welcome to arrive from 10:30 a.m., with a walk around their beautiful garden planned for around 12:00 p.m.

A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided — thank you to Richard and Ruth for hosting and catering!

Please plan your travel accordingly and enjoy a relaxed day surrounded by roses, friends, and country hospitality.

Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday/Sunday of each month



# Message from the chair

David Smith, Chairman - UNSH Regional

Dear Members,

It gives me great pleasure to report on the recent activities and successes of our Society. Most notably, the **NBMH & UNSH Combined Rose Show held in October** was an overwhelming success. The event was a true celebration of our shared passion for roses and a testament to the dedication and spirit of our members.

A heartfelt thank you goes to **Judy Satchell, Sandy Crompton, Cheryle Hobart, and Shanmuga Priya Hariharan** for their invaluable assistance in preparing the venue on Friday and packing up on Saturday afternoon. Your efforts ensured the event ran smoothly and professionally.

We were delighted to see such a strong turnout of exhibitors on the day. Special thanks to the following UNSH members who benched their beautiful blooms: **Richard & Ruth Walsh, Judy Satchell, Sandy Crompton, Shanmuga Priya Hariharan, and Antionetta Destro**. Your contributions brought colour, fragrance, and joy to the show.

Congratulations are in order for the following outstanding achievements:

- **Richard & Ruth Walsh** – Winners of the **Australian Bred Championship** (Aus Rose)
- **Shanmuga Priya Hariharan** – Winner of the **C Grade Rose Championship**
- **Judy Satchell** – Winner of **Champion Vase Floribunda**
- **Sandy Crompton** – Winner of **Champion Vase of Full Bloom Roses**
- And a massive congratulations to **Antionetta Destro**, who took out the **Grand Champion Unit**– truly the bench of the day!

We also extend our deepest gratitude to **Glynis & Doug Hayne** for their tireless preparation leading up to the show and also the work on the day. The success of the Rose Show would not have been possible without your dedication, nor without the support of all the **NBMH** members who helped with setup on Friday and pack-up on Saturday.

Finally, a big thank you to our judges, stewards, and runners. Your professionalism and commitment ensured the event was conducted to the highest standard.

Let us continue to nurture our love for roses and support one another in growing this wonderful community.

P.S. I have started my list of purchases for next year from some of the favourites I saw at the show.

Warm regards,

David

Chairman, UNSH Rose Regional



## *Report of the NBMH and UNSH Regional Spring Rose Show*

**Glynis Hayne JP, Hon. Secretary NBMH Regional**

Although missing some exhibitors who were at the Nationals in Queensland, the Show was well represented by exhibitors from NBMH, UNSH and Southern Sydney Regionals. What was exciting was, that C Grade member from UNSH namely Antoinette Destro won Grand Champion Unit of the Show with Soeur Emmanuelle.

There were over 24 floral designs and at least 40 per cent of the vases being Australian Bred in the various classes. The single vases of the East Coast Rose Trial Garden Championship was popular and this can be attributed to the fact that this class calls for a cut or stem of a rose. Many rosarians do not grow multiple roses of the same cultivar, and this allows them to enter a championship as well.

Congratulations to Richard and Ruth Walsh who won a Gold Medal for the first time in the ECRTG since its inception in 2019. Steve Falcioni – Editor Horticultural Organic Garden Australia and Trial Garden Assessor made the presentation of the medal to them. Other presentations of thanks were also made to many who have assisted over the past few years in the Trial Garden.

Thank you to all who assisted especially members of UNSH who assisted with the bump in (set up on Friday) and bump out (take down on Saturday) of the Show . Thank you to the staff at Winbourne who made the whole process easy. Your assistance has been invaluable.

Thank you to all our judges on the day, Kerry Hurst for the recording of results, Shanmuga Priya Hariharan setting up our online registration system, Mark Massey of Mother Earth Nursery and Green E Nursery, Marellan Ribbons, our Championship sponsors, our donations of refreshments and in particular my right-hand man Samson Nolan.

Attached is the full list of winners and cultivars for your perusal. Please forward to your members if you wish.

Kind regards  
Glynis Hayne JP  
Hon. Secretary NBMH Regional  
M - 0427104944

# Results from the NBMH and UNSH Regional Spring Rose Show



**Champion Vase Decorative Roses**  
**Champion Vase Floribunda Roses**  
**Champion Vase Grandiflora Roses**  
**Champion Vase Bud To Full Bloom Roses**  
**Champion Vase Full Bloom Roses**  
**Champion Vase Miniature Roses**  
**Champion Vase of Miniflora Roses**  
**Champion Vase of Shrub Roses**  
**Champion Australian Bred Unit**  
**Best NBMH Regional Member Exhibit**  
**Best UNSH Regional Member Exhibit**  
**Champion Floral Exhibit**  
**Most Successful Exhibitor**

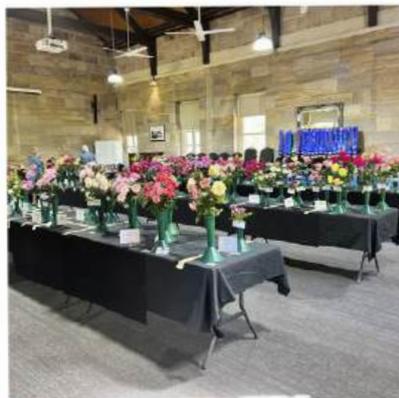
Richard and Ruth Walsh  
 Judy Satchell  
 Doug and Glynis Hayne  
 Stephanie Judges  
 Sandra Crompton  
 Bro Jeff Regan  
 Richard and Ruth Walsh  
 Antonietta Destro  
 Richard and Ruth Walsh  
 Bro Jeff Regan  
 Antonietta Destro  
 Judy Satchell  
 Bro Jeff Regan

Open Mind  
 Bonnie Babes  
 Pink Parfait  
 Black Magic  
 Elina  
 Delicious  
 Diane  
 Soeur Emmanuelle  
 Open Mind  
 Kardinal  
 Soeur Emmanuelle



[Click here to view the full show results](#)

More Photos from the NBMH and UNSH Regional Spring Rose Show





# Market Stall

A monthly UNSHkin fundraiser, to share + enjoy

Our Market stall is where we share or grab a nice bargain! Each month at our meetings the market stall is set up and bountifully laden by our UNSH members. It's the best place to grab a new little plant/seedling/cutting, or yummy local produce.

You can donate: We'd love you to contribute if you have some plants or produce to share. Bring along plants that you have propagated, special cuttings, surplus bulbs, gardening books, vases, or homemade produce like jams, various kinds of honey, eggs, fruit, and veggies.

Please price-mark your goodies before bringing them. Reminder to kindly set prices to what you think is fair for the item. All Great value! All funds raised go to UNSH.



It's not only roses we love - some of the UNSH Gerberas selling for \$12 ea - if you'd like some contact Sandy or leave a comment here. Lots of different colours.





## MOTHER EARTH PLANT FAIR AND GARDEN CLUB GATHERING

**Saturday, 13th December 9.00am-4pm**

We're thrilled to announce our first Garden Club Meet and Fair will be held at the Baden Powell Activity Centre, Ponomo Street in Pennant Hills. It will be a fantastic community day with notable speakers talking all things plants and gardens.

There will be Tropical Plants, Geraniums, Tools both new and vintage, The Rose Society and Roses, Proteas, Hydrangeas, Orchids, Candles and Cut Flower Bunches, Botanical Art, Garden Ornaments, Pottery, Locally grown Mushrooms, Coffee and Ice cream, Sausage Sizzle, Muffins, Live Music, Cactus and Succulents and much more.

And of course, Mother Earth will have a curated display of rare, unusual, and seasonally flowering plants that we are proud to grow and share with you.

### INTRODUCING OUR SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

First off the block - **Mark Massey**, owner of Mother Earth Nursery, will share his love and practical wisdom on All About Hydrangeas – looking at the different varieties, and how to prune, feed, and keep them thriving. There will also be a huge flowering hydrangea display!

**David Fripp**, celebrated plants man, and collector and conservator of rare and unusual plants will present "Hiding in Plain Sight" – an intriguing talk on plant mimicry not to be missed.

**David Mathews**, MD of **Protea flora**, Australia's leading grower of proteas and waratahs will talk about this fascinating genus. How to grow proteas successfully; what they need, where to plant them. He will also deep dive into their history, their use as a cut flower and give a demo on shaping proteas and how to use them in a container garden. David has so much knowledge to share with you. And of course, there will be a fantastic array of proteas to buy on the day.

**Tammy Huynh**, Gardening Australia Presenter will be talking about her new book, The Plant Book - the ultimate guide to thriving houseplants. Tammy will also be book-signing her beautiful book after her talk.

**Doug Purdie, Beevangelist**, of **Backyard Bees** fame will talk about how to encourage bees into our gardens and give a taster on keeping hives. A very pertinent presentation considering our recent decline in bee numbers.

Entry to the fair will be free. Tickets to the Speaker Hall are \$29 so get in early and book here!

LINK TO EVENTBRITE TICKET PURCHASE HERE:

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Alternatively, you can call one of our stores and buy a ticket directly from one of our friendly team members.

Cranebrook:02 4777 4227  
Point Clare:02 4324 1874

**WE REALLY HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**



Paul Hains has produced another book on roses which builds on the information in his book Growing Roses in a SubTropical Climate -

The Rose Society of NSW will soon receive a delivery of a supply of these books from Paul and will be available for sale at \$30 per Rose Society of NSW member and \$35 for non members

For purchase please contact any of the UNSH committee members.

# Birthdays



- Sandy Crompton 12 Oct
- Judy Satchell 12 Oct
- Susan Montgomery 30 Oct

## October Birth Flowers



### Marigold

Marigolds are a delight to have in the garden that can be planted early in spring once the danger of frost has passed.

Incorporate plenty of Seamungus and Rooster Booster or Rapid Raiser throughout your soil prior to planting. Sow the seeds around one inch apart from each other and water in with GOGO Juice and do so every fortnight.

Once your seedlings are six weeks of age, then begin fertilising every eight to ten weeks with Sudden Impact for Roses and sit back and enjoy the golden blooms!



### Callistemon

With its iconic, vibrant red flower spikes, Callistemon, or more commonly known as Bottlebrush, is a nostalgic Australian favourite for many gardeners.

This heat, drought and frost tolerant plant will grow in any type of soil, however by using Bush Tucker pellets and GOGO Juice you can ensure your plants thrive and produce stunning displays of flowers. Apply after signs of new season growth and thereafter every 12 weeks, or as required, throughout the growing season. Apply fertiliser around the drip line of the plant, avoiding contact with foliage and flowers. Water in well with GOGO Juice.

## Spring Fertilising Tips



### Year round fertilising for year round health

Like humans and animals, plants require regular feeding throughout the year - at least once each season.

Happy, healthy, well nourished plants are more resistant to pests, diseases, heat stress and frost.

### Planting and General Garden

Let the change in season be a reminder to **POPUL8** your entire garden, including your lawn. Identify any stressed plants or struggling areas of the garden so that you can treat or remove them. If you plan to plant this season, prepare the soil by incorporating **Seamungus** or **Rapid Raiser** into the soil and water it in well with **GOGO Juice**.

### Lawns and Non-Flowering Plants

Spring signifies the start of new growth for lawns. Feed lawns and non-flowering plants now with a nitrogen boosted fertiliser such as **Sudden Impact for Lawns** for lush and healthy lawn. Now is also a great time to fix any bare patches in your lawn. Rejuvenate with a top dressing of **Seamungus Lawn** and water in with **POPUL8**.

### Flowering Plants

Sprinkle some **Strike Back for Orchids** over any potted colour you have or are planting out this season. You'll be rewarded with cascades of colour over spring and summer. Feed your roses and all other flowering plants (except natives) with **Sudden Impact for Roses** and water in with **GOGO Juice** to encourage faster uptake of the nutrients by the plant.

### Acid Loving

Keep acid loving plants such as Camellias, Rhododendrons and Azaleas well-watered throughout spring, and feed with **Kahoona** to provide a balance of nutrients for strong growth. The high levels of potassium within Kahoona will also strengthen the connection between the stem and flowers, reducing flower drop and giving the appearance of more blooms.

### Vegetables, Fruit and Citrus

Mix in some **Rapid Raiser** or **Rooster Booster** throughout the soil prior to planting spring vegetables and herbs to give your seedlings the best start in life and boost the soil microbiology with **GOGO Juice**. Feed edibles like tomatoes and capsicums with **Gyganic for Veggies, Fruit and Citrus** which contains potassium, calcium and magnesium to help produce large and tasty produce during summer.

### Natives

As natives finish flowering, prune them back by up to one third and feed with **Bush Tucker**. Ensure that plants such as Kangaroo Paws that are budding up with lots of flowers are not allowed to dry out and become water stressed.



## 🌹 UNSH Christmas Lunch 🌲

**Date:** Sunday, 14th December

**Time:** 12 noon

**Venue:** Paul & Bek's place, Birchgrove  
16 Fishburns Rd, Galston NSW 2159

Well, it's almost that time of year again! Join us as we come together to celebrate Christmas with good company, great food & plenty of festive cheer.

We will be running it along the same lines as last year - it was a great and a fun day for everyone.

**What's Provided:** Meat, Soft drinks, Water, Tea & Coffee

**BYO:** Drinks

We'll have plastic plates and cutlery ready for everyone. Feel free to bring your own cutlery and drink glasses for added comfort.

Either a salad or a dessert (please let us know what specific item you'll be bringing so we can plan accordingly)

Let's make it another memorable Christmas gathering.

Contact either Judy on 0414342225 or Sandy on 0438 713861

We will again be having a bench on the day.



# Member Benefits

Check out these discounts for members of UNSH

Organisation	Details	Notes
<b>Rose Society of NSW INC</b> website <a href="http://nsw.rose.org.au">nsw.rose.org.au</a>	To log in simply enter: Username: <b>rmember</b> Password: <b>Seduction</b>	
<b>Wagner's Rose Nursery discount</b> website <a href="http://wagnersrosenursery.com.au">wagnersrosenursery.com.au</a>	USE discount code: <b>100%ROSES!</b> (Remember to include '!')	
<b>Neutrog</b> As members of the NSW Rose Society, we enjoy an ongoing partnership with Neutrog.	Members have access to Neutrog discounts online at <b>shop.neutrog.com.au</b> You can order ANY time - your orders accumulate and are bundled together for dispatch.	Orders for the next delivery are <b>OPEN</b>
<b>Beeman</b>	UNSH members can purchase honey from <b>nswsydneylocalhoney@gmail.com</b> or call <b>0421 945 593</b>	\$10 for a jar of honey \$15 for a rack of assorted small honeys



# Contact Details

Please don't hesitate in reaching out, for questions or a chat!

Please make sure that you have emailed the UNSH secretary's email box to ensure that we have your correct email address for receiving correspondence.

**For questions, feedback, article ideas, or story contributions,**

✉ Email: [unsh.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:unsh.secretary@gmail.com)

☎ Phone: 0419 247 655 (9am–6pm)

Facebook: [Upper North Shore and Hills NSW Rose Society Regional](#)

## 2025–26 UNSH Executive

Position	Name
UNSH Chair	David Smith
Vice Chair	Judy Satchell
Secretary	Shanmuga Priya Hariharan
Treasurer	Sandy Crompton
NSW State UNSH Representatives	Scott and Kimberley Crichton
<b>UNSH Patron</b>	<b>Sandra Ross</b>
<b>UNSH Advisors</b>	<b>Richard and Ruth Walsh Klaus &amp; Brigitte Eckhardt</b>