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## Nepean Blue Mountains Hawkesbury Regional

Newsletter

# 'Prickles'

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### Dates for your Diary 2025

5 April  
General Meeting

11- 21 April  
Royal Easter Show  
Rose Days can be found  
[www.rasnsww.com.au](http://www.rasnsww.com.au)

3 May  
Change of Venue for  
this meeting - 25 Forbes  
Street, Emu Plains

7 June  
Back to Winbourne

5 July  
AGM  
Guest Speaker TBA

2 August 2025  
Kim Hamilton  
Cacti and Succulents

6 September  
Ken Smith and  
Samantha Harper - Floral  
Arrangements Workshop

4 October  
General Meeting

11 October  
Combined NBMH  
and UNSH Show -  
Winbourne

## Meeting, Saturday 5 April 2025 at 10 am

### Winbourne

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

Full discussion on the two letters further in the newsletter on  
publishing and printing of State and National Journals.

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

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BSB 012 429 Acc 2784 41863

## Chairman's Message

Dear Members and Friends

Thank you to members who exhibited at the Luddenham Show last month. Although not many exhibitors the show went off well.

The monthly show bench is going well with more members taking the opportunity to learn and show their roses. Some photos further in the magazine for your enjoyment as well as updated results. It is interesting to note Australian Bred roses are very popular on the bench.

After discussion at the last meeting and Glynis has been able to negotiate two deliveries for our Regional - these being August 2025 and then Autumn and Spring next year.

We would like to wish Margaret Grand a very happy belated 70th for February. Another milestone reached and we are sure you have much to tell us about your trip to see the Panthers win in Las Vegas.

While on milestone birthdays we wish Brian Knight - Hon. Treasurer NBMH from 2009 - 2022 a very Happy 80th on 24 April. Hope you have a very blessed and happy day.

Please note that the May meeting will be held at the home of Doug and Glynis - 25 Forbes Street, Emu Plains. We will be marking our green vases that we were able to purchase from another garden club who has since closed. I believe we will have a BBQ - Sausage Sizzle for lunch. You

will be able to peruse the Hayne's multiple roses in pots. (Note too that it is the day of the Federal Election.)

The East Coast Rose Trial Garden is having an Open Day on Saturday, 5 April. Once we have completed our meeting I hope that you will attend this event as it is an opportunity to see some of the new Australian varieties that will be coming available over the next few years. Some of these roses will be made available when dug up. At the Open Day there will be roses for sale, raffles and a Members' Choice for the best rose in the garden ( a prize for the winner).

We are negotiating guest speakers for our meetings and hope that you will attend. It can be quite embarrassing if we have fewer than ten attending which has been the case in the past. So could I ask that you please make an effort to attend our Guest Speaker meetings in particular. I understand you may have commitments however, we try and let you know ahead of time so you can diarise the dates.

I wish all exhibitors to the Royal the very best and also thank Tony and Karen (who I know at this stage) have taken up the offer to represent NBMH at the stand of the RSNSW at the show.

Recently at the State Council meetings discussions took place regarding producing and printing of State and National journals. Here is correspondence regarding both issues and since it impacts all members

and is important a decision will be made by members at the meeting on Saturday.,

**From Stefica Bieksh - Hon. Secretary  
RSNSW**

***Dear State Council, Chairs, Secretaries  
and delegates,***

At the February State Council meeting we discussed if any region or member would want printed copies of the NSW Rose journal and for delegates to take the question back to their regions.

So far we have only heard from Macarthur, Southern Highlands and a handful of members as to how many printed copies they would want to purchase. To print at a reasonable cost we need to reach atleast 100 copies.

Please let myself and Judith Carrl know within the week if any region is interested in having hardcopy journals and how many you would want to purchase?

Thank you

Stefica

***Dear State Council, Chairs, Secretaries  
and delegates,***

At our February State Council meeting we

discussed the proposal by SA President Gavin Woods of each State no longer having a journal and rather having the Australian Rose Annual serve as the State Journal/Annual. This would mean the NSW Rose Journal would cease. We had asked those attending to go back to their regions and come back to the May meeting with an answer as to what their members wanted.

Since then we have been asked to provide an answer sooner, so that if the proposal is agreed to by the States, Gavin can proceed with getting costings prepared for the AGM in October.

I have heard from one region as to what they want. Could the Chair or Secretary from each region please get back to me within the next week with how they would want to proceed with this. Thank you and best regards

Stefica

As you can see a decision needs to be made. Hope to see you at the meeting.

*Jeff*

### **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*

The Royal Easter Show is nearly upon us and those who are entering have already pruned their roses so that pivot days may be attained for blooms. This would have been done sometime in February. So wishing all well.

You can continue to dead head and remove spindly stems and growth from you plants. This will assist when it comes to pruning tiem. With all the rain around disease e.g. blackspot will spawn and to keep your roses in good condition a spray program 10 to 14 days should keep them clean.

If you go down to the East Coast Rose Trial Garden in front of the Brother's cottages at Winbourne you can see how WhoFlungDung has kept the gardens reasonably weed free and the nutrients enabling the plants to grow well and produce many blooms. WhoFlungDung is used as a mulch and the soil in the gardens have been improving

Fertilizer can be applied so that the roses can produce blooms for later in Autumn or a particular date in your garden. As the nights get cooler, the blooms take longer to develop thus larger flowers.

The new product of Neutrog - Chocablock is now available for purchase on the website. I am planning to use it in the trial gardens as it has soil improvement bacteria and micro-organisms

The nurseries now have their online catalogues out and you are able to purchase some bareroot roses for a winter delivery. You can also prepare your new beds for planting. Good soil preparation helps to grow roses well over many years.

If you have any other cultural questions send them to me prior to the meeting and we will endeavour to help you with your questions. [nbmhregional@gmail.com](mailto:nbmhregional@gmail.com)

Chocoblock is the new Neutrog Product and can be purchased for the August delivery to the regional.

Happy rose growing!!

*Glynis*

## *Happy Birthday*

**March** - 2 Erica Ward; 14 Glynis Hayne; 30 Debbie Brown

**April** 1 Robyn Doyle and Beth Kojo; 24 Brian 80th; 30 Patricia Steele

**May** 7 Peter Steele

**June** 14 Muthu

## Some Monthly Show Bench Photos



### NBMH 24/25 Showbench Scores (After Oct/Nov/Dec/Feb/Mar. Meetings)

Name	1 Standard Unit Ht/Ft/Gr/Sh	2 SU Mi/Mf	3 Vase Flowers Own Container	4 Cut Mi/Ft/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			12.5	7	27	8.5	6.5		12.5	
2 Karen Rogan			7	20.5						
3 Margaret Grand	14				23	21	19		30	
4 Denise Murphy	31.5	17	7	13.5	15.5		6		23	31
5 Glynis Hayne	37	21	20.5	24.5		6.5	6.5		13.5	22
6 Jeff Regan	38.5	26.5		32.5	25	12.5	31.5	23	37	34.5
7 Margaret Muscat			7	6.5						
8 Priya Hariharan				6						

#### COMMENTS

- Remember only your best score in any class counts irrespective of number of entries.
- Current leader in each class is **highlighted**. This accumulates each month. We will probably have at least 2 more benches before winter.
- Once again several lead changes since last month with many sections close. Just shows you have to keep putting entries up each month if possible. This chart is a bit misleading as Denise & Margaret were away last meeting and lost their lead in a couple of categories. Sure they will rush back. I will probably miss a meeting and that will even things out a bit. Great to see new exhibitors Karen and the Steeles accumulating points.
- Have a go at class 4. Simply a cut of Mi/Mf/Ft/DA. Or Class 3 – a vase of any flowers(not necessarily roses) from your garden. Class 9 – the Portrait is fairly easy too. Have a go.
- If you think I have made an error please ask. I keep all the cards for each season so can easily go back and check

Jeff