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Nepean Blue Mountains Hawkesbury Regional

Newsletter

'Prickles'

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the Regional

Dates for your Diary 2025

2 August 2025
Pruning

6 September
Ken Smith and
Samantha Harper - Floral
Arrangements Workshop

4 October
General Meeting
Show Information

11 October
Combined NBMH
and UNSH Show -
Winbourne

18 October
Macarthur and Sydney
combined Spring Show

1 November
Budding Workshop

6 December
Kim Hamilton
Cacti and Succulents
Christmas Workshop and
Meeting

No Meeting in January

Meeting, Saturday 2 August 2025 commencing at 10 am - Winbourne

No Show Bench until October.

Please note that we have full activity programs
for each meeting until December

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

DD to Rose Society of NSW

BSB 012 429 Acc 2784 41863

Chairman's Message

Dear Members and Friends

As part of my yearly report I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who attended the AGM and put their hands up for some positions. This certainly spreads the load for all. The executive has been returned and is:

Bro Jeff Regan - Chairman; Doug Hayne - Vice-Chairman; Glynis Hayne - Hon. Secretary; Denise Murphy - Hon. Treasurer. Appointees to State Council - Shane Slack and Margaret Grand for which we sincerely thank you.

At this point I would like to thank Denise, Glynis, Doug, Tony Matson, Ken Smith, Samantha Harper, Peter Steele, Angelo Grima, Samson Nolan, Brian Knight, Margaret Grand for their continued work keeping our Regional functioning efficiently and effectively in various duties. To members who attend thank you for your assistances in packing up etc. and to our exhibitors on the monthly show bench each year the exhibits improve.

Thank you too, to Joshua Franks who reviewed our financial statements and attached is a copy of the review for you to peruse. It will be accepted and adopted at the August meeting as it could not be completed in time for our AGM.

We also have visitors Priya and Muthu and hope they continue to support the Regional with their presence and show bench exhibits.

Presentations were made to all the winning

exhibitors on the day. It's been very pleasing to see our vice-chairman Doug attending our meetings again and passing on his knowledge to members regarding cultural notes, ideas and judging.

Tony Matson from CutAboveTools sent Glynis a very nice letter of thanks and specially thanked her for the work she puts into having members at the meeting and taking care of them. It really is a very coersive group and working together makes it very pleasant to attend the meetings. Unfortunately due to an earlier committment, I will not be at the August meeting, though I know and appreciate that some of you will be down with Glynis and Doug doing the pruning demonstration on my roses.

Due to Kim Hamilton not presenting at the August meeting Kim will be at our Christmas meeting where all attending members will be receiving a small gift of either a succulent or cactus as part of a workshop.

Ken and Samantha will be doing a workshop at the September meeting and Glynis has included a photo of the type of activity and item you will make. This should be quite fun and all products will be provided by the Regional for you. We look forward to this activity.

Please put the 21 September into your diaries, as Winbourne will be holding their Spring Festival. See attached flyer.

The show schedule will be out within the next month and as you are aware the Spring

Show will be held on Saturday, 11 October at Winbourne.

The Neutrog product delivery is expected sometime next week so Glynis will once again inform those who purchased

products of the date and pickup times.

Once again to all our members not experiencing ill health we hope you recover soon.

Jeff

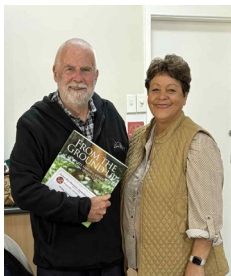
September's Floral Workshop Examples



Winners of the Monthly Show Bench for 2024/2025



Winner Bro Jeff Regan
Classes 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 10



Winner Peter Steele
Class 5



Winner Glynis Hayne
Classes 134

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

By now many of you are itching to get that pruning done but its the first ime in many seasons that we have had so many frosts. I have started to prune as I have just under 450 roses with many in pots and some in the ground. Roses in my garden this year will not be pruned very hard as they have just begun to restore good growth after a disastrous two previous seasons when we had all that rain. I am going to use Neutrog's new product of ChockABlok and Biometri8 to improve the soil.

At the East Coast Rose Trial Garden these two products have been added to Bed 1 for the new planting. This will be interesting to monitor and see how the new plantings go.

I have included a "How to Produce Roses Made from Cuttings" by Kelvin Trimper AM, Former President of the WFRS, NRSA, South Australia, Life Member, respected rosarian. Sadly the rose world lost Kelvin early in 2024. This article was published on FB recently by his wife Melanie and should help with the knowledge you received in the practical workshop recently.

Also included are diagrams of the best areas to prune roses but this will be shown to you on Saturday at our pruning demonstration and for you to practice and ask questions. We will also be pruning some climbers as they have a specific way to prune the canes. The main tip for pruning roses is to remove all dead wood and spindly growth. Then remove 1/3 to half of canes.

Once we get through the formalities of the meeting we will go down to the cottages where Bro Jeff has his roses.

Once pruned the roses will be sprayed with winter dosage of Lime Sulphur and this will kill of black spot spores and other fungal diseases.

Please bring along your secateurs, loppers, prickle proof gloves, hat, sunscreen and water. This will also depend on the weather.

Glynis

Happy Birthday

August

29 Michael Fester (30)

September

2 Angelo

7 Tony Sciberras

8 Shane Slack



"HOW TO PRODUCE ROSES MADE FROM CUTTINGS

By Kelvin Trimper AM

Many varieties of roses can be successfully grown from cuttings, especially Miniatures, Floribunda, Polyantha, Shrub (including Hybrid Musk, Hybrid Rugosa and Ground-cover Roses). I do not use this method for Hybrid Tea roses which usually require grafting.

TIMING - In South Australia, hardwood cuttings are generally taken in late April and during May. In my experience, cuttings taken in early May produce the best results.

CUTTING MATERIAL - Hardwood cuttings come from mature wood – approximately pencil thickness. If you can readily remove the thorns without tearing the bark, the wood is mature enough.

PREPARING CUTTINGS - Cuttings should ideally have 4 buds and I like to make a horizontal cut approximately 1mm below the bottom bud. The cut above the top bud can be less precise (say 3 to 5mm) and does not have to be horizontal. I remove all thorns for easy handling. Generally, I prepare a bundle of 10 to 15 cuttings and bind them tightly with a rubber band. I make sure all of the bottoms of the cuttings form a horizontal plane. I do this by placing the base of the bundle on a flat surface and either gently tapping the bundle or pushing down on each cutting until their bases are all on the same plane. Remember to label your bundles.

CALLUSING CUTTINGS - There are two methods to callus a cutting:

Placing the bundle in a pot of coarse river-washed sand, buried to a depth approximating the second bud from the

bottom of the cutting, watering and then leaving in a warm, sunny spot until callused; or

Wrapping the bundle in a few sheets of damp (not wet) newspaper and placing it in a plastic bag and keeping it in a warm environment (e.g. kitchen) for 2 weeks or until the cuttings are callused.

Using this method, a couple of useful hints are, firstly, to dampen the newspaper 2 days prior to use (one problem experienced is if the paper is too wet/damp) and, secondly, to tap the wrapped bundle of cuttings on a firm surface prior to placing in a plastic bag to ensure the damp paper is in direct contact with the base of the cuttings.

The cuttings are callused when the base of the cutting produces a white callus around the base. It is from this callus that new roots are produced.

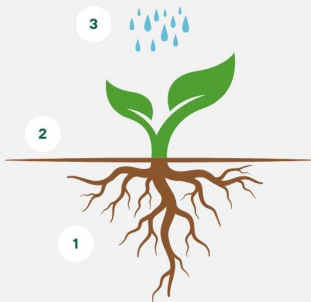
GROWING YOUR CUTTINGS - Once callused (either in sand or paper), transfer the cuttings to a 'base' potting mix, not a 'premium' mix as this often has fertiliser which can 'burn' the callus or baby roots. The base potting mix must have good drainage but also retain moisture (i.e., not dry out too quickly). Plant cuttings to a depth equating to the second bud from the base, water it (preferably with rainwater) and then place it out in the open air in a warm sunny spot. I use pots 10cm in diameter.

Don't over-water these cuttings. In my experience, natural rainfall is sufficient until the weather warms up in September. The baby plants will be ready to plant directly into the garden by the end of October.

Roses grow well from cuttings and it's great to witness their progress – so, give it a try."

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.



Some Pruning Tips and one taken from Treloar Roses

