

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

June 2025 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Welcome to June Rosarian Friends.

Winter is certainly my least favourite season and I want to hibernate and go into rest mode just like my garden.

It is a great loss to the Australian Bred Rose industry with the death of Alan Read in May. My two favourite Miniflora roses were bred by Alan, Sarah Anne named after his wife and Lilac Festival.

When pruning these roses I will attempt to propagate cuttings so I can share the joy of these roses with interested members.



Sarah Anne

Daniel Webb was such an engaging and educational May guest speaker showing how to use your iphone to photograph.

It was fascinating watching the joy on members faces as they discovered unknown resources on their phones to enhance their photography skills.

Well done Daniel for providing a stimulating hands-on experience to an enthusiastic membership participation.



Lilac Festival

At the June meeting nomination forms will be available for the July AGM. Please consider being a committee member. It is not an arduous task and we must have all positions filled to ensure our club is on-going. All assistance is welcome and appreciated.

Memberships fees are due. Our Treasurer Roz is available at the June meeting to take payment from members who have not already paid.

Our guest speaker this month is Intan Kallus a member from the Illawarra Rose Society. Intan is well known to many members because she has attended several of our meetings and supported the Miniature Rose Show as a calligrapher and exhibitor. Her topic is "Gardening by the Moon"-intriguing!!

I hope you will brave the winter chills attend our June meeting. The room is cosy, the guest speaker motivational and conversation over a cuppa and yummy food. That certainly makes the effort taken worthwhile.

Your Chairperson.

Annette

Maintenance Time

It's winter pruning season and we need to service secateurs and saws.

Wipe the secateurs down with warm, soapy water after each pruning session to keep them nice and clean. Then rub the blades with vegetable oil to prevent them from rusting. If the blade seems blunt, run a sharpening stone over it. Blunt secateurs are not only hard to cut with, they can also damage your plants, leaving them vulnerable to disease.



A bigger maintenance challenge is the pruning saw.

Sharpening can be difficult. An easier option is to take them to a professional.

However, if you are into DIY and have the correct tools it's time.

Best advice is to always use protective gloves when working with pruning saws.



Annette



Members Choice Show Bench

Single Stem



Unknown

1st: Jonquil Temple



Unknown

2nd: Marilyn Dickinson

Floral Bowl



Bright Smiles

1st: Roz Mulligan



Camelia 'Desire'

2nd: Annette Lane



Thank you Rose

3rd: Roz Mulligan

Miniature Roses



Mandarine

1st: Annette Lane



Sarah Ann

2nd: Annette Lane



Unknown

2nd Jonquil Temple

*"Of all Flowers methinks a
Rose is Best."*

William Shakespeare

The Show Bench

Each month at our meetings we encourage you to bring along your beautiful rose blooms to share your joy with fellow members. A single bloom or a vase arrangement featuring the rose (or both) will enhance our meeting discussion.

Members are asked to vote for their favourite presentation.

Tallies are added up at the end of each year with the winners in each category receiving a garden centre voucher.

2025 Advocate Store Deadlines

Winter — Order by 14th April 2025, 8am ACST

Spring — Order by 14th July 2025, 8am ACST

Summer — Order by 13th October 2025, 8am ACST



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