



UPPER NORTH SHORE & HILLS

# NEWSLETTER

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

## UNSH Signature Roses



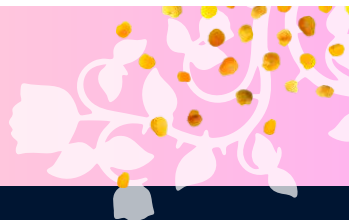
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## What's New

Show me the highlight reel!



hello

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

Next Meeting details:

**Saturday 17th May at 2 PM**

**@ Cut Above Tools**

**35 Power St**

**Seven Hills, 2148**

- The meeting will commence at 2 pm

# A note from the Chair

David Smith presiding



Dear Fellow UNSHKins,

A heart felt thank you to Scott and Kimberley for hosting such a wonderful meeting! Your hospitality and enthusiasm made the gathering truly special.

We also extend our gratitude to the BEE man for his fascinating talk. What an eye opener in to incredible world of pollinators and their crucial role in our gardens.

As autumn settles in it is the perfect time to get out into the garden and tend our beloved roses and catch up on those seasonal tasks. Lets make the most of this beautiful time of year!

Happy gardening,  
David Smith  
Chairman, UNSH

*David*

## State Rose Society News

Highlights from the State Rose Society Meetings



**State Meetings 2025**

**Report from State Representatives - Scott and Kimberley Crichton**

The meetings are held at the Camden Knitters Guild hall.

Scott will give a report after each meeting.

Please note: Colin Hollis email was hacked again so please do not respond to emails about Apple cards.

**Watch out for more State details here each month**



**\*\*\*\*MARKET STALL IS CLOSED FOR MAY, JUNE & JULY MEETINGS \*\*\*\*\***

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.

**Please note: There will not be market stalls over the Winter period - May, June and July**





ORGANISATION	DETAILS	NOTES
Rose Society of NSW INC website <a href="http://nsw.rose.org.au">nsw.rose.org.au</a>	To log in simply enter:  Username: rmember  Password: Seduction.	
Wagner's Rose Nursery discount @ <a href="http://www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au">www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au</a>	USE discount code: 100%ROSES! (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 <a href="http://shop.neutrog.com.au">shop.neutrog.com.au</a> . You can order ANY time - your orders accumulate and are bundled together for dispatch.	The NEXT date for DELIVERY to Birchgrove, Galston will be March 2025. ORDERS FOR the next delivery are OPEN



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# 2025 in our gardens

UNSH members making a plan of attack! Look out bugs - here we come!



# Gardening Hint

check out these hints for members of UNSH!

## Rejuvenation of Rose Gardens

The National Rose Garden in Canberra is under the process of rejuvenation. So, as part of this process, the gardeners accessed information from the National Rose Society of Australia to assist in

the rejuvenation process.

*For those new to rose gardening, aside from recommending hardy, disease-resistant roses, the following advice was given by our experts to the National Rose garden trustees. This information was reported on at the recent State Rose Society meeting. This expert advice will benefit UNSH members greatly as we work to establish healthy roses in our own garden beds. While we have excellent product from Neutrog, I believe the following advice may assist us all to know how to use the tools and products more effectively.*

*"Over many years of observation, it has been seen that where roses have been planted for a long time, the soil develops what is termed 'rose soil sickness' or 'replant disease'. Meaning, new roses planted in the same soil as previous roses do not thrive.*

*The following are two methods are recommended for addressing this issue and to avoid the need to import new soil. . For both methods, start by taking out the old roses and as many roots as possible.*

*Method 1: Remove about a wheel barrow load of soil from each rose site. Replace with compatible soil, mixed with aged cow manure and/or compost. Apply monthly treatments of beneficial bacteria and microbes e.g.GOGO juice or POPUL8.*

*Method 2: Leave old soil in place. Mix in Seamungus and organic matter. Plant a cover crop of white mustard in Autumn. Dig into the soil before flowering to treat nematodes. Apply monthly treatments of beneficial bacteria and microbes e.g.GOGO juice or POPUL8.*

*Method 2 was used successfully by the Adelaide Botanic Gardens over 5 years."*

*Happy Gardening!*

# April Highlights

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### ***April*-East Coast Rose Trial Garden - Richard and Ruth Walsh**

Judy, Scott, Sandy, Priya and Muthu ventured out to see the East Coast Rose Trial garden at Winbourne, 1315 Mulgoa Rd Mulgoa on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Set in a hectare of peaceful bushland, Winbourne function centre sits on lands of the Dharuk peoples. Mulgoa means 'black swan' in Dharuk.

The Winbourne retreat has a history dating back to the pioneering Cox family of 1820's. William Cox was a Lieutenant in the NSW Corps. He was in charge of constructing the road over the Blue



Mountains. In 1958 the Christian Brothers purchased Winbourne where it was used as a training facility. It is now a function centre and home for retired clergy.

Our members were able to talk to the ECRTG assessors about how the roses were chosen and judged and what characteristics judges are looking for.

They discussed with the managers - Richard and Ruth- about how the beds are prepared and how the roses have been cared for over the two year trial period.

Bed 2- was the Public choice of winners. Our members were present when the winning rose of the competition was announced. No names have been given to the roses as yet.







# Benching beauties



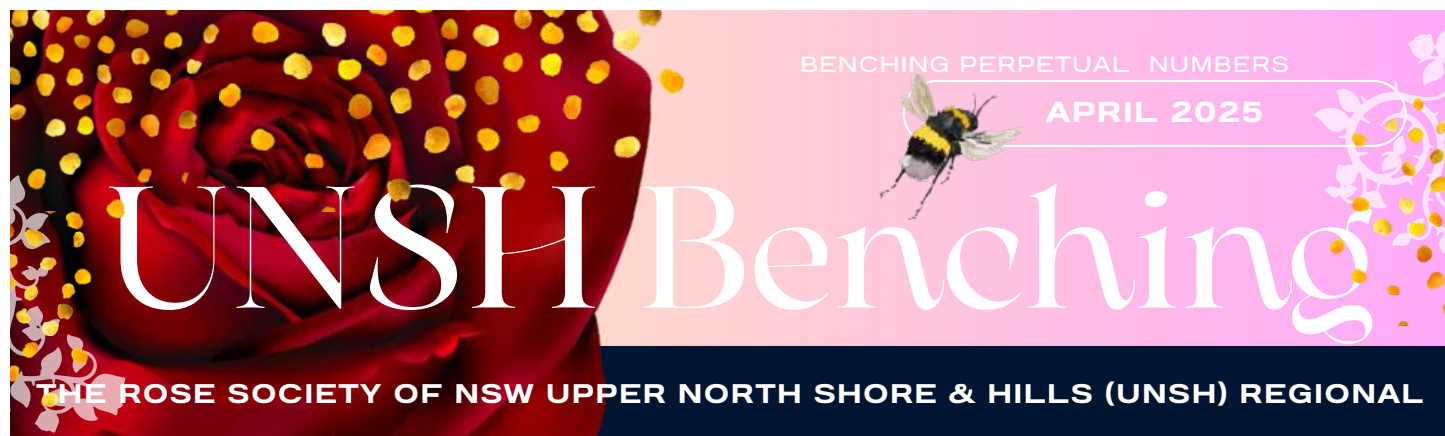
Colour and fragrance bursting out on the bench at our April meeting

Please note:

There will be benching at May ( at CutAbove venue) but not in June meeting ( Engalls nursery venue). Judy has send out the schedule below.







### ***BENCHING SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2025 UNSH MEETING***

***CLASS 1 The most fragrance single rose (any type)***

***CLASS 2 Float Bowl of 3 roses (NND) with fern foliage***

***CLASS 3 1x Vase Exhibition Rose***

***CLASS 4 3 x stems David Austin roses - (NND)***

***CLASS 5 Vase 3 stems Mini or Miniflora (NND)***

***CLASS 6 Tall & Majestic & Simple. (minimum 3 roses)***

***APRIL BENCHING***

***RESULTS PENDING***



# UpComing Important Events in 2025

## *Tentative Calendar Events 2025*

### *May* – **Tony @ CutAbove tool workshop**

Quality brands and innovative garden solutions. Come along to our meeting and learn about tool cleaning and preparation for the upcoming pruning season.

CutAbove Tools has been supplying quality pruning and gardening tools since 2010. We are a specialist distributor of Makita Power Tools, GF Italy Watering Equipment and Vesco Garden Tools. European quality at Aussie prices.

NB -Please bring a couple of your own tools with you to the meeting as we will be practicing sharpening them./

## Fukiyama Rose Convention 2025

### *May* – **Fukuyama Rose Convention - Japan**

During the Convention, you will see how roses are an integral part of the city today by visiting the most attractive rose gardens among more than 400 in the city. The Convention will be held mainly at hotels within walking distance of Fukuyama's main station, Fukuyama Station.

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### *JUNE* – **Engalls Nursery workshop**

Workshop on citrus care and rose pruning. There will not be any benching at this meeting.



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997 OLD NORTHERN ROAD, DURAL

Time: 1PM

# National & East Coast Rose Trial Gardens

2025 – 2027 Rose Breeding Trials.



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- ECRTG - Our website: <http://www.nationalrosetrialgarden.net.au/rules-conditions/>
- Our forum newsletters will keep you updated with rose breeding information from Richard Walsh.



## get in touch

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)

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