

Newsletter

August 2025

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

UNSH Signature Roses



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Upcoming events

13th Aug - 16th Aug

Neutrog Pickup

14th September 10 am

State Council AGM & Meeting
CWA Hall 136 Cawdor St, Camden

11th October

Combined NBMH and UNSH Show -
Winbourne @Mulgoa

13th October 8 am

Closing date for Neutrog orders

7th November 12:30 pm

Jacaranda Cruise

30th November

November Meeting @ home of
Richard & Ruth Walsh

Next Meeting details:

Sunday 21st September 2025

@ Chris & Lynn Jones

**Address: 132 Pitt Town Road,
Kenthurst, NSW 2156**

Membership Renewal Due

\$40 - Single

\$45 - Dual

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



Message from the chair

August's meeting included our Annual General Meeting, where all Committee positions were declared vacant and nominations were made for the roles of Chair, Assistant Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. I'm pleased to announce that all positions have been filled.

I will continue as Chair for 2025–2026, with Judy Satchell as Assistant Chair, Sandy as Treasurer, and Priya taking on the role of Secretary. Our previous Secretary, Kimberley Crichton, did not nominate for re-election as she is focusing on caring for Scott as he continues his treatment. I would like to sincerely thank Kimberley for her dedication in managing our correspondence, publishing the Newsletters, and preparing the Monthly Meeting Minutes. Her commitment has been a great asset to both the Committee and UNSH, and her contributions have been deeply appreciated.

I warmly welcome Priya to the Committee and am confident she will do an amazing job. I'm also pleased to share that Scott and Kimberley Crichton have agreed to continue as our State Council Representatives, and I thank them for their ongoing commitment and support.

A special thanks also goes to Judy and Sandy for their tireless efforts in ensuring UNSH runs smoothly and our meetings are successful.

With spring just around the corner, I'm sure we're all looking forward to some dry, beautiful days to spend in our gardens doing what we love most—tending to our plants. On the home front, the building is progressing well, with the windows and doors being installed today.

Enjoy the rest of winter, and don't forget to get those bagged roses planted that many of us purchased over the season.

Happy gardening to all!

David



Market Stall

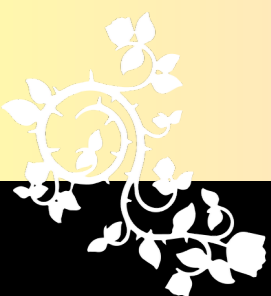
A monthly UNSHkin fundraiser, to share + enjoy

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.





Judy's garden

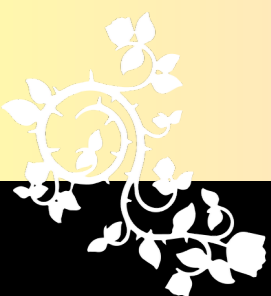
A showcase of care, structure, and inspiration

This month's UNSH Rose Society meeting was hosted at the beautiful home of our Vice Chairman, Judy.

Although the wet weather kept us indoors more than usual, Judy's garden could still be admired from sheltered spots and windows – a true picture of dedication and care. The lush green beds, neatly tended pathways, and well-structured plantings stood out beautifully against the gentle tones of winter.

From the inviting pergola draped in greenery to the perfectly edged borders, her garden offered inspiration in its form, health, and thoughtful design. Judy's passion for roses and plants is clear in every detail – a wonderful reminder of why we gather as a society: to share, learn, and grow together.





At the bench

Colour and Fragrance Bursting out on the bench



Benching Results for August 2025

First Name	Surname	10/08/2025
Anne	Buttigieg	16
Sandy	Crompton	10
Antonietta	Destro	23
Priya	Hariharan	39
Trish	Piper	23
Judy	Satchell	38





Gardening Masterclass

With Sandy and Judy...

Highlights from the UNSH Meeting – Sunday 10th



🌱 Sandy's Tips – Prepping Soils in Pots

- Underplanting magic – Layer up with small, pretty plants under your main feature.
- Bottom fillers – Save soil by filling the base with eco-friendly fillers.
- Shadecloth pieces – Great for drainage and root protection.
- Right pot, right plant – Match pot size and type to your plant's needs.
- Think big for shrubs – Larger pots keep bushes thriving longer.

💡 *Pro tip: Place composting material at the bottom of your pots, then add Osmocote and top with good quality potting mix for lush results.*

✂️ Judy's Pruning Pointers

- Shrubs – Especially DA's (David Austins)
- Climbers – Train and tame for beautiful displays
- Standards – Keep them neat and shapely
- Watch for troublemakers – Remove water shoots and suckers promptly.

🍷 Judy's Spraying Regime

- Winter care – Lime sulphur spray (second spray at half strength possible)
- Scale control – Toothbrush off white scale or spray with oil
- Soil boost – Add rock minerals
- Happy pots – Use water wetting agents
- Extra nutrition – Water with Seamungus
- Mulch matters – Sugarcane, lucerne, or compost (Chockablock)

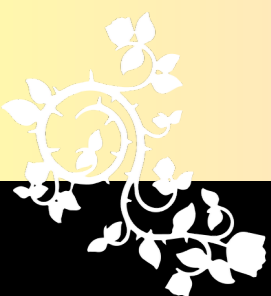
🦋 Bug patrol:

Mix up sprays like Trifonene, Trifend, Mancozeb Plus, Mavenick, Baythoid (for Spring Thrips & Hibiscus Beetles), on Advance.

🌿 *Natural option: Neem oil – or make your own!*

💧 Sandy's Water Wisdom

- Never let them dry out – Consistency is key.
- Overhead watering – Fine in extreme heat, but never in summer sun – you'll scorch the leaves! (Kate Stanley's golden rule ☀️)



Pick of the Month

And the Winners Are...



Judge's Pick



Member's Pick



Raffle Winners

And the Winners Are...



Dino Destro - AminoGrow Oil



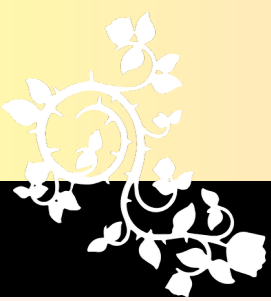
Chris Lau - Pot



Peter Buttigieg - Rose



Anne Buttigieg - Vase



Birthdays

August Birth Flowers



GLADIOLUS

Gladiolus is a genus of perennial cormous flowering plants in the iris family and is amongst the most wonderful corms available for the summer garden. There is an assortment of bold colours available from late winter onwards including red, pink, orange, yellow, and white.

When planting, place your corms approximately 10 to 15cm deep, depending on its size, and space approximately 15cm apart. Once they are flowering, fertilise fortnightly with **Sudden Impact for Roses** Advanced Biological Formula.



BROWN BORONIA

Native to the south-west of Western Australia, Boronia is a spring flowering shrub that produces flowers with rich plum-coloured petals and yellow centres, and provides a beautiful aroma perfectly fit for the new season.

Enjoy plenty of springtime blooms by planting in an area with dappled shade and moist, well-drained soil. Feed regularly with **Bush Tucker** to supply essential nutrients and allow your boronia to thrive. A fortnightly application of **GOGO Juice** is also recommended, and mulch with **Whoflungdung** to keep the soil moist.

- Anne Buttigieg 2nd
- Sarina Ippolito 8th
- Trish Piper 10th
- Esther Ranco



Jacaranda Cruises

All Aboard!

See Jacarandas in bloom where they are most concentrated, along the shores of the Lane Cove River.



EVENT INFORMATION:

Date: Friday, 7th November 2025

Check-In: 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start / back onshore at around 2.30pm

Meeting Point: At the two anchors outside the main entrance of the Australian National Maritime Museum.

Price: Harman vessel: \$40 per person (max. 24 passengers)

It is a BYO cruise for food and drinks.

Please note the Harman vessel has no toilets onboard and is not wheelchair accessible.

You will need to make your own way to and from the Australian National Maritime Museum.



For a short time every spring, our heritage motor launches voyages across Sydney.

Harbour to cruise the lower Lane Cove River so that you can view the purple tide of Jacaranda trees blooming in the gardens of Hunters Hill and the North Shore. These gardens seen from the water give you an uninterrupted view of the shoreline as it was envisaged by some of the founding fathers of Hunters Hill, the Joubert's, who handed out trees in the 1860's for the early inhabitants to plant in their gardens to enhance the new suburb.

Highlights:

- Discover the hidden winding entrance to the Lane Cove River and the Humbug.
- We pass Northwood Bay, a favourite subject of Lloyd Rees paintings.
- Hear about Mary Reiby's Figtree house still standing on the bank of the river.
- See where ongoing conflict between convict sawmillers and farmers and the Aboriginal resistance fighters occurred.
- We visit Woolwich where the change from a heavily industrialised harbour shoreline to public parks and premier residential areas has left sites such as Mort's Dock cut into the sandstone cliffs.

About the Harman Vessel:

Compared to the Sydney Heritage Fleet's 100-year-old grand old ladies, **Harman** is a spring chicken in her seventies! **Harman** is a Royal Australian Navy motor launch built in 1944 by the firm Storey and Keers. She has been an unobtrusive workhorse representative of many other working craft around Sydney Harbour; she has never worked in any other location.

Thank you

Stefica Bikesh

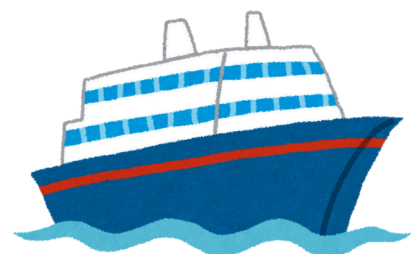
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Spring Collections

A big thank you to all our Advocates who placed an order for the spring collections. Collections are now underway and will continue over the coming weeks, depending on your location. Please double-check your preselected collection date and location. If you are collecting from a private site, please wait for confirmation from your group coordinator before attending. At the collection locations, please follow all signage and staff instructions to help ensure a safe and efficient process. With so many orders going out, your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Summer orders now open!

If you would like to place an order for summer collections, please do so before the closing date on the 13th October 2025 at 8am. If you need assistance to place your order, please contact our Advocate Store team using the details below. Collection dates and instructions will be available when you place your order, and will be communicated to you via an email confirmation once your order has been placed.

Member Benefits

Check out these discounts for members of UNSH

Organisation	Details	Notes
Rose Society of NSW INC website nsw.rose.org.au	To log in simply enter: Username: rmember Password: Seduction	
Wagner's Rose Nursery discount website wagnersrosenursery.com.au	USE discount code: 100%ROSES! (Remember to include '!')	
Neutrog As members of the NSW Rose Society, we enjoy an ongoing partnership with Neutrog.	Members have access to Neutrog discounts online at shop.neutrog.com.au You can order ANY time - your orders accumulate and are bundled together for dispatch.	The next date for delivery to Birchgrove, Galston will be August 2025 . Orders for the next delivery are OPEN
Beeman	UNSH members can purchase honey from nswsydneylocalhoney@gmail.com or call 0421 945 593	\$10 for a jar of honey \$15 for a rack of assorted small honeys





The Rose Society of NSW Inc.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the 45th Annual General Meeting of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. to take place on **Sunday 14th September 2025** commencing at **10.00 a.m.**

At: The Camden Country Women's Association Hall, 13 Cawdor Road, Camden NSW

All financial members are invited to attend and to vote at the AGM.

The purpose of the AGM is to confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th November 2024; to receive and consider the President's report; elect the Office Bearers and Committee of Management, and to approve the consolidated financial report of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. for the financial year 2024-2025.

Nominations are called for:

President	Honorary Editor
Vice President	Honorary Web Manager
Honorary Secretary	Historian
Honorary Treasurer	Chairman of Judges
Assistant Secretary	Returning Officer
Honorary Subscription Secretary	

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary

Notice and nomination form also will be available on the website: nsw.rose.org.au

Nominations for the above elected positions to be with the

Returning Officer – Denise Butcher M: 0407 588 630

37 Beaconsfield Street BEXLEY NSW 2207 or email: d butcher6@hotmail.com

By no later than close of business 5pm Sunday 24th August 2025

Colin Hollis
President of the Rose Society of NSW Inc.

Stefica Bikesh
Secretary of the Rose Society of NSW Inc.

18 July 2025

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

☎ Phone: 0419 246 655 (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
UNSH Patron	Sandra Ross
UNSH Advisors	Richard and Ruth Walsh Klaus & Brigitte Eckhardt