



UPPER NORTH SHORE & HILLS

NEWSLETTER June

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!



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

Next Meeting details:

Friday 18th July, 2025

@ House of Herbs & Roses

745 Old Northern Rd

Dural, 2159

- The meeting will commence at 12pm

hello

A note from the Chair

David Smith presiding



Dear Fellow UNSHKins,

June Meeting at Engall's Nursery

Our visit to Engall's Nursery was both informative and enjoyable. Mark guided us through the entire process of growing a citrus tree—from seedling to maturity—and shared expert tips on how to care for them throughout their life. Following the session, we were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the nursery, which gave us a fascinating look at their operations.

Members were also able to make purchases on the day. In addition to a wide selection of citrus trees, the freshly potted new-season roses were available and proved quite tempting!

Afternoon tea was extra special this month. We celebrated **Emerita Garate-Groves' 80th birthday** (coming up at the end of the month) with a delicious homemade cake, kindly baked by Lisa Bransden. It was also **Muthu's birthday** on the day of the meeting, so our group was in fine voice as we sang and celebrated both occasions with joy.

A warm welcome goes out to **Shi Ping**, who joined us for her very first meeting—we're thrilled to have you with us!

Lastly, our thoughts are with **Scott Crichton**, who was in hospital undergoing tests at the time. Take care, Scott. We're all thinking of you and sending our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Happy gardening,
David Smith
Chairman, UNSH

David



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

HI ALL,

Membership renewals are due again . Just a reminder that forms need to be completed with this year's renewals. See the attached forms.

How do I renew my membership?

Renewing membership annual fees - Membership is for 12 months and must be renewed each year to be valid.

All new memberships- must complete the membership form and return it to the Subscription Secretary with the details of your payment. Under the terms of the NSW Rose Society Constitution, new memberships are not confirmed until your membership has been endorsed at a State Council quarterly meeting.

Subscription fees for Membership year ending 30th June 2026

There are several ways to pay your membership. You can:

Pay directly at a meeting to your regional subscription secretary or

Bring along your money and make the payment to our Subscription Secretary Maureen Thackeray.

Electronic funds transfer:

Make a bank transfer from your bank account directly to the NSW Rose Society bank account. The bank details are:

BSB: 012 429;

Account: 2784 41863.

References: Your Initial, Last Name, Region (UNSH) Membership Number.

Make a direct deposit at an ANZ branch using the above BSB and Account number.

NOTE: If you choose to bank your renewal in person at a branch you will need to use your membership number as a reference, (do not use your name). The NSW Rose Society has over 700 members and your membership number is essential to distinguish your payment.

Membership Fees are:

Single: \$40 | Dual: \$45 (Two per household) | Junior: \$5 (under 18) | Associate: \$40 (e.g., a local business).

We look forward to you continuing your Rose Society membership



******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 nsw.rose.org.au	To log in simply enter: Username: rmember Password: Seduction.	
Wagner's Rose Nursery discount @ www.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	
ENGALLS Nursery	· Engall's Nursery – Specialist Growers of Citrus, Fruit Trees, Olives and Roses Website Link	See Tips on growing citrus



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- AUGUST

Nominations for UNSH Committee positions

- o Please consider how you may be able to assist - perhaps in one of the many small ways on a monthly or longer term basis - e.g. running the raffles, welcoming new members, coordinating afternoon tea.
- o Please note that you need to be a financial member to vote - renewals can be done on line.
- o **The notification of AGM and office bearer nomination forms are attached.**
- o It is acceptable to execute the nomination process by email trail which includes the proposer, the seconder and the nominee acknowledgement using the words from the nomination form.
- o **AGM Date: August meeting**
- o **Nominations due Friday 8 August at 5pm** – (nomination forms & notification attached)



Spring orders close Monday, 14th July 2025 at 8am

A friendly reminder that the Advocate Store spring orders will close this coming Monday. If you've been thinking about placing an order, now's the perfect time!

You'll see the available collection dates and times during checkout.

Please note: Orders placed after **8:00 AM on Monday, 14th July** will roll over to the next collection period.

Already submitted an order but want to add more? No worries—just place another order, and we'll combine it with your existing one for a single, easy pickup.

Need help with your order? Feel free to reach out to our team using the contact details below—we're happy to assist.

Best wishes,

The Neutrog Team

Please contact Monique and our online store team with any questions or concerns via email or phone.

Monique Page

Member Advocate Coordinator

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T: (08) 8538 3500

NB : Any Neutrog products ordered will be delivered in August –

Confirmation & instructions on how to collect your order will be sent out once delivery received



You and your Gardening tools - Episode 2

Well here we are again in the depths of a very cold and WET winter, wishing for the return of the sun. Avid gardeners, are never satisfied for long with staying rugged up inside doing "nothing". There is always something constructive that can be done in preparation for the return of the growing season.

Taking care of your gardening tools might not be the most exciting part of gardening, but it sure pays off! Well-maintained tools last longer, work better, and make your gardening life much easier. After each use at the end of the day, give tools a quick clean to remove soil and sticky sap, then dry them off to prevent rust—especially those metal parts. Sharpen blades (like pruners and shears) now and then to keep them clean-cutting. A word of caution - clean your tool first while the blade is dull to avoid cutting yourself! A wipe with an oily rag (sewing machine oil) keeps rust at bay and moving parts smooth.

Don't forget to check wooden handles too—sanding splinters and rubbing in linseed oil helps them stay strong and comfy. Also, check handle attachment screws for rust so that your favourite spade does not fail in the middle of a job. And every once in a while, give everything a deeper clean and inspection—think of it as a spa day for your spades and blades!

With a little regular TLC, your tools will be ready for action every time you hit the garden. So, back by popular request, the perfect job for a cold and wet day - information on tool care from Cut above tools at Seven Hills.

SHARPENING TOOLS

Solution – 70% methylated spirits & 30% water

- 1. Spray blades with either the home-made solution or WD40 foam cleaner*
- 2. Clean with metal brush and wipe with clean cloth*
- 3. Sharpen blades with sharpening tool*
- 4. Oil with Singer Sewing Machine Oil, WD40 or 3-in-one Multi-Purpose Oil*
- 5. Clean handles with magic sponge and methylated spirits*
- 6. Store in a drawer or in a dry place*

Get ready for pruning your beauties in late July once the frost has passed. Happy Gardening!

June Highlights

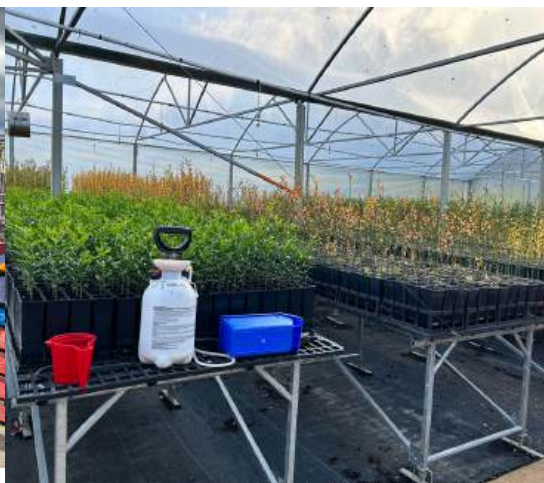
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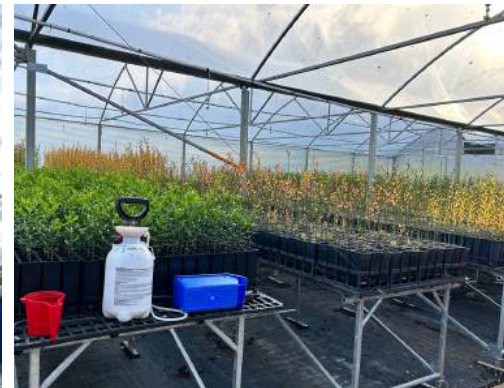
June - Citrus care with MARK @ Engalls Nursery, Dural

We wandered around fascinated by gardening on a grand scale. The potting machine, the mega irrigation, the plant potting and processing, not to mention the water bath for newly potted plants! The new roses are all asleep till spring and Engalls were in the process of potting up new stock. We were trying to be patient- as you can see below, the process takes time and several stages!

For further tips and info - here is a link to Engalls website.

· [Engall's Nursery – Specialist Growers of Citrus, Fruit Trees, Olives and Roses](#)





Benching beauties

The smell of citrus on the bench at our June meeting



NO BENCHING SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2025 UNSH MEETING

Please note:

There will not be any benching at the Christmas in July luncheon meeting (House of Herbs).

UpComing Important Events in 2025

Tentative Calendar Events 2025

Queensland Garden Show: July 11th - July 13th

This three-day event will be held in Nambour. It's considered Queensland's premier garden event. If you are considering visiting sunny QLD, the Toowoomba Festival of Flowers is also having a show

Annual General meeting, August

August- UNSH Annual General Meeting

Annual general meeting and election of office bearers

Venue:

Mal and Judy Satchells home

OLD NORTHERN ROAD, DURAL

Time: PM TBA

September- Floriade in Canberra

Celebrate spring in the nations capital with a diverse range of blooms. While you are there, check out the rejuvenated National Rose Gardens

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

Ph: 0419 246 655 (9am-6pm)

Facebook: [Upper North Shore and Hills NSW Rose Society Regional](#).

2024-25 UNSH Executive

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