

The 2021 RSNW Miniature Rose Show

Held at Mittagong RSL Club on 17th & 18th April

Report from Colin Hollis

Three days before the Show I was going to cancel with everyone telling me they had no roses, were too worn out after the Sydney Royal Easter Show, did not want to travel, or it was too far away. That the Show, despite the sceptics, was a success was a relief for me and those who worked so hard to make it happen.

I had always felt that the show should go ahead to keep faith with those who had made plans to travel to Mittagong. The show had received publicity in Sydney. I also strongly felt that as most regional shows had been cancelled over the past twelve months we needed to give those who grow Miniatures an opportunity to show their blooms, especially as some of us had been promoting Miniatures as the emerging trend over the past few years. I also had the strong feeling if this show had to be cancelled it would be hard to regain the enthusiasm for a standalone Miniature/Miniflora rose show in future.

Any show is the result of a lot of hard work by a few people. Let me name those who especially supported this year's Miniature Show. Without the remarkable Parsons – Roslyn and Ralph – there would have been no show, as they looked after the hundreds of details from printing to ribbons and so many other aspects. Bob Stibbard looked after entries and made sure everything connected with this event went without a hitch. Jan Roxby took care of the cards, Jo Babb worked out the rosters, Annette Lane not only helped set up but spent two full days at the show, putting in entries, being a Steward then doing every task from selling raffle tickets to signing our new members. Jim Cunningham produced the schedule and spent two days helping out at the show. Lorrie Zammit also spent two days at the show and packed up on the second afternoon when I could not be there. The wonderful members of Southern Highlands Regional Rose Group looked after the entry, raffle and every other task for the two days.

As we all know, without exhibitors there is no show. Ted and Meryl Morphett as well as Jim and Pat Cunningham filled the hall with their blooms. Kristin Dawson, Jill Millburn and Jack Evans travelled up from the Illawarra. Annette, Ralph & Roslyn and Ray Bradbury from Southern Highlands also exhibited. I do appreciate your efforts.

My thanks to Judges Graham Wright and Maureen Thackeray as well as Floral Design Judge Deidre Hill. My appreciation also to Mittagong RSL Club and Staff.

The contribution of the people mentioned has made it more likely that the Miniature Rose Show will continue to feature on the NSW Rose Calendar.

Entries – like it seems in every show this autumn – were down, but the quality was excellent.

The major winner was Jim Cunningham and the outstanding rose was, as in past years, **Sarah Anne**.

Major Results of the 2021 Miniature Rose Show

NSW Miniflora Championship

Jim & Pat Cunningham – Sarah Anne (MF4-6), Nemesis (MF4-6), Joyce Abounding (MFB5), Joyce Abounding (MFBtoFO4)

Grand Champion Unit

Jim & Pat Cunningham – Sarah Anne 4-6 cuts (MF4-6)

Champion Australian Bred Unit

Jim & Pat Cunningham – Sarah Anne 4-6 cuts (ABMF4-6)

Champion Vase of Miniflora Roses

Jim & Pat Cunningham – Sarah Anne 4-6 cuts (MF4-6)

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Ted & Meryl Morphett – Jean Kenneally (MB5)

Best Unit in Novice Classes

Annette Lane – Baby Jack (Class 56 winner, 1 stem and/or cut of miniature rose)

Champion Floral Design

Ray Bradley “Weathered Wood & Succulents”

Note: There was only one entry in the NSW Miniflora Championship and none in the Miniature Championship



Annette Lane's Best Unit in Novice Classes – **Baby Jack**



Jim & Pat Cunningham's NSW Miniflora Championship – including **Sarah Anne**



Ray Bradley's “Weathered Wood & Succulents” – **Champion Floral Design**



Jim & Pat Cunningham's winning **Portrait of a rose, 1 Miniflora with foliage** – one of several *Miscellaneous Classes* in the show

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