

The 2021 Sydney Royal Easter Show

Report from Jim Cunningham

The 2021 RAS Royal Easter Show is over for another year. Where is the time going these days?

To compare one show with another is rather difficult. This year we had strong winds and serious flooding that caused much damage to gardens, but the show still went on. The entries were down in numbers compared to previous years, however it was encouraging to see two new exhibitors. Most Exhibition blooms were nice without being brilliant. Some multiple stem exhibits were outstanding, especially the Bunch exhibits.

Many favourable comments came from the general public. Numerous comments on the fragrance and some “OOHS” and “AAHS” could also be heard. A huge thank you to the exhibitors. From the novice to the experienced, you made a spectacle promoting the “ROSE”, well done.

Thank you judges (Jim Cunningham and Judith Oyston) and steward (Michael Brook) for your time and dedication to the Rose.

Now for the major results in the Rose Section.

Rose competitions were held over three days. Below are the Championships and Champions results, only. The full list of results may be found on the 2021 Sydney Royal Flower & Garden Show website – follow the links to schedule and results. Ed. www.rasns.com.au/sydney-royal-competitions/competitions/flower--garden/

Results for the 2021 Sydney Royal Show – Rose Day 1, Saturday 3rd April

Second Session of the Show: Classes 262 and S2810 - 2821

(For Classes 264 - 281 refer to the Sydney Royal website)

Abbreviations for standard units as adopted by Rose Society of New South Wales Inc.

Appendix F – Show Regulations November 2019 – www.nsw.rose.org.au/rules-regulations
(found in the members’ area of the RSNSW website)

Class	Winner(s)	Roses Cultivar(s)
Rose Championship	Ted & Meryl Morphett	St Patrick (E), Madame Teresa Estaban (E), Moonstone (E), Bride’s Dream (B5) *, White Spray (F25)
Champion Exhibition Rose	Ted & Meryl Morphett	St Patrick (E)
Champion Vase of Bunch Roses	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Bride’s Dream (B5) *
Champion Vase of Modern Decorative Roses	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Duet (D3)
Champion Vase of Roses, Bud To Fully Open Bloom	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Elina (BtoFO4)
Champion Vase of Roses, Fully Open Blooms	Doug & Glynis Hayne	Kardinal (FO3)

Champion Vase of Miniature Roses	Doug & Glynis Hayne	Irresistible (MBtoFO4)
Champion Vase of Australian Bred Roses	Jeff Regan	Imp (ABF25)
Champion Vase of Floribunda Roses 25 Blooms	Ted & Meryl Morphett	White Spray (F25)
Champion Vase of Floribunda Roses 1-6 stems and/or cuts	Ian & Maureen Thackeray	Black Forest (F1-6)
Champion Vase of Miniflora Roses	Greg & Robyn East	Troy (MF4-6)
Supreme Champion Rose Unit	Ted & Meryl Morphett	White Spray (F25)

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*Below left: Ted & Meryl Morphett's Supreme Champion Rose Unit & Champion Vase of Floribunda Roses up to 25 Blooms – **White Spray** (F25)*

*Below right: Jeff Regan's Champion Vase of Australian Bred Roses – **Imp** (ABF25)*



Photos: Pat Cunningham



Results for the 2021 Sydney Royal Show – Rose Day 2, Wednesday 7th April

Fourth Session of the Show: Classes 463 and S4820 - 4831

(For Classes 464 – 482 refer to the Sydney Royal website)

Class	Winner(s)	Roses Cultivar(s)
Autumn Rose Championship	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Fabulous (F25), Apricot Nectar (F25), White Spray (F25), Princesse de Monaco (B3), Gold Medal (GBtoFO4), Queen Elizabeth (G1-6)

Champion Exhibition Rose	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Diana, Princess of Wales (E)
Champion Vase of Bunch Roses	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Bride's Dream (B5)*
Champion Vase of Modern Decorative Roses	Jim & Helen O'Hearn	Mother's Love (D3)
Champion Vase of Roses, Bud To Fully Open Bloom	Ian & Maureen Thackeray	Elina (BtoFO4)
Champion Vase of Fully Open Blooms	Doug & Glynis Hayne	Our Golden Son (FO3)
Champion Vase of Shrub Roses	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Paris 2000 (S1-6)
Champion Vase of Miniature Roses	Doug & Glynis Hayne	Ellie (MB5)
Champion Vase of Australian Bred Roses	Greg & Robyn East	Our Amanda (ABF1-6)
Champion Vase of Floribunda Roses 25 Blooms	Ted & Meryl Morphett	White Spray (F25)
Champion Vase of Floribunda Roses 1-6 Stems and/or Cuts	Greg & Robyn East	Our Amanda (F1-6)
Champion Vase of Miniflora Roses	Ian & Maureen Thackeray	Red Gem (MF4-6)
Supreme Champion Rose Unit	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Bride's Dream (B5)*

* **Bride's Dream** is the Approved Exhibition Name (AEN) for 'Märchenkönigin'. **Ed.**

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Below left: Ted & Meryl Morphett's Supreme Champion Rose Unit and Champion Vase of Bunch Roses – **Bride's Dream** (B5)

Below right: Jim & Helen O'Hearn's Champion Vase of Modern Decorative Roses – **Mother's Love** (D3)

Photos: Janet Wright





Photo: Sally Oyston

Judith Oyston and Jim Cunningham after their final morning of judging at the Sydney Royal on 11th April – “Two very happy judges at the end of their task” (quoting Judith).

Results for the 2021 Sydney Royal Show – Rose Day 3, Sunday 11th April

Sixth Session of the Show: Classes 693-695 & S60141 - S60151

(For Classes 696 – 699 and 6000 – 6014 refer to the Sydney Royal website)

Class	Winner(s)	Roses Cultivar(s)
NSW Rose Championship	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Riverview Centennial (E), Diana, Princess of Wales (E), Mainauperle (E), City of Goulburn (F25), Kardinal (B5)
NSW Miniature Rose Championship – No entries		
NSW Autumn Rose Championship.	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Apricot Nectar (F25), City of Goulburn (F25), Moonstone (E), Bride’s Dream (B5), Pope John Paul II (B3), Peter Frankenfeld (D3)
NSW Champion Exhibition Rose	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Signature (E)
NSW Champion Vase of Bunch Roses	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Bride’s Dream (B5)*
NSW Champion Vase of Modern Decorative Roses	Jim & Helen O’Hearn	Unknown (D3)
NSW Champion Vase of Roses, Bud to Fully Open Bloom	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Elina (BtoFO4)
NSW Champion Vase of Roses, Fully Open Blooms	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Francis Meilland (FO3)
NSW Champion Vase of Shrub Roses	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Paris 2000 (S1-6)
NSW Champion Vase of Miniature Roses	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Irresistible (MB5)
NSW Champion Vase of Australian Bred Roses	Ted & Meryl Morphett	Seedling x Kardinal (AB)
NSW Champion Vase of Floribunda Roses 25 Blooms	Ted & Meryl Morphett	City of Goulburn (F25)

NSW Champion Vase of Floribunda Roses 1-6 Stems and/or Cuts	Jim & Helen O'Hearn	Flemington Racecourse (F1-6)
NSW Champion Vase of Miniflora Roses	Doug & Glynis Hayne	Joyce Abounding (MFBtoFO4)
NSW Supreme Champion Rose Unit	Ted & Meryl Morphett	City of Goulburn (F25)

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The table pictured below includes some NSW Champion exhibits

L. to R.: Jim & Helen O'Hearn's Vase of Floribunda Roses – **Flemington Racecourse (F1-6)**, Ted & Meryl Morphett's Vase of Roses Fully Open Blooms – **Francis Meiland (FO3)** and Ted & Meryl Morphett's Vase of Roses Bud to Fully Open Bloom – **Elina**



Ted & Meryl Morphett's Supreme Champion Rose Unit & Champion Vase of Floribunda Roses up to 25 Blooms – **City of Goulburn (F25)**



Doug & Glynis Hayne's Champion Vase of Miniflora Roses – **Joyce Abounding (MFBtoFO4)**

Photos: Susan Wade