

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

November 2025 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Hello Rosarians,

I cannot believe I am writing the last newsletter of the year.

What a year of achievement for our small society.

Highlights for me has been successfully hosting the only stand-alone Miniature Rose Show in Australia and now developing the only Community Rose Garden in the Southern Highlands.

To top this off we were successful in obtaining a Community Grant of \$5,000 to achieve this.

Welby are giving us 50% discount on all Australian Bred roses for the Renwick Community Rose Garden. We also have 6 roses donated for our project.



Left: Floribunda Werribee Park donated by Annette Lane

Right: Floribunda Dusky Rose donated by Catherine Kyngdon and Gary Wootton



Now we concentrate on our In-house Rose Show.

Room set up will be at 9am - many hands to ensure this happens quickly please. As soon as the room is ready you can prepare your exhibits and table them.

Judging will be at 10.15 am. No entries allowed after this time.

Looking forward to this fun show to end our year.

Your chairperson,

Annette

Tips on cutting your roses

There are a few things you can do to help your roses last longer in a vase:

- ❖ The day before cutting, deeply water the rose bush
- ❖ Cut the flowers preferably in the morning, using sharp, clean tools to make an angled cut just above a leaf or an outward-facing bud.
- ❖ Cut blooms that are in bud form. Make sure the bud is cracked and the sepals are pulled back
- ❖ Once cut, immediately put into a bucket of water and have the water up to the roses neck. Re-cut the stem while submerged to prevent air bubbles, strip off lower leaves
- ❖ Bring the bucket of roses inside and leave in a cool place

Prepare your vase:

- ❖ fill with water and add sugar (1L = 1 tablespoon). Stir well.
- ❖ Change the water every few days and re-trim the stems to keep them fresh.

Annette



Natural Pest Control

An all-round solution for the control of common pests such as whitefly, aphids and caterpillars

- 2L water
- 5ml dishwashing liquid
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 2 hot chillies, chopped

Cover all ingredients with 1L of the (warm) water and let stand overnight.

Pour into 5L Pure Sprayer, ensuring straining filter is in place. Discard solid ingredients and remove filter.

Add remaining 1L of water to sprayer.

Spray the plant's stems, and the tops and undersides of leaves.

Annette



Members Choice Show Bench



Peace

1st: Intan Kallus



Friesia

1st: Jeff Lawrence



Just Joey

1st: Linda Lelliot



Seduction

1st: Marilyn Dickinson



Mary Rose

1st: Roby & Peter Miller

Floral Bowl



Anita's Rose

1st: Annette Lane



Bearded Iris

2nd: Annette Lane

The Show Bench

Each month at our meetings we encourage you to bring along your beautiful rose blooms to share your joy with fellow members. A single bloom or a vase arrangement featuring the rose (or both) will enhance our meeting discussion.

Members are asked to vote for their favourite presentation.

Tallies are added up at the end of each year with the winners in each category receiving a garden centre voucher.

**** Note: No Show Bench at November meeting as this is traditional our In-House Rose Show.**

'What a lovely thing a rose is.'

Arthur Conan Doyle.



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In House Rose Show Schedule – Wednesday 19th November 2025 Renwick Community Centre – Renwick Drive Renwick

Open Class Champion:

- A. Class Exhibition rose
 - 1. One stem exhibition rose.
 - 2. Vase, 3 stems same cultivar
 - 3. 4 stages Bud to Bloom.
- B. Floribunda Roses
 - 4. One cut or stem
 - 5. Vase, 3 cuts or stem same cultivar.

Miniature Champion:

- 6. One stem miniature rose exhibition form
- 7. One vase, 3 miniature roses same cultivar
- 8. One vase, 4 miniature roses same cultivar Bud to Bloom
- 9. One miniflora rose exhibition form.
- 10. One vase, 3 miniflora roses same cultivar
- 11. One vase, 4 miniflora roses same cultivar Bud to Bloom

Novice Champion:

- 12. One Exhibition Rose
- 13. One vase, 3 stems same cultivar hybrid tea or floribunda rose.
- 14. One miniature or miniflora rose
- 15. 3 stems or cuts miniature or miniflora rose same cultivar.

Floral Art Champion

- 1. Christmas Theme Rose bowl at least 6 roses using other foliage or flowers.
- 2. Vertical arrangement.

Floral art can be pre-prepared using own vases and material.