

# Newsletter

December 2025



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

## UNSH Signature Roses



*Kardinal*



*Sambreuil*

### Upcoming events

**28<sup>th</sup> February 3 pm**

Muthu's home  
4 Victor Close, Baulkham Hills,  
NSW 2153

**4<sup>th</sup> April**

Second session  
Royal Easter Show

**8<sup>th</sup> April**

Fourth session  
Royal Easter Show

**8<sup>th</sup> April**

Sixth session  
Royal Easter Show

**24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> April**

Hawkesbury Show



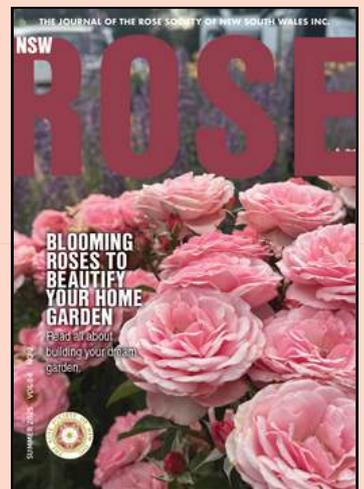
Next Meeting details:

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026,  
3 pm**

**@ Muthu's home  
4 Victor Close,  
Baulkham Hills,  
NSW 2153**

The latest edition of the **NSW Rose Journal** was issued on 7 January 2026

Members who prefer a hard copy journal may receive one by paying a small additional fee.



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



# Message from the chair

David Smith, Chairman - UNSH Regional

Dear Members,

As we wrap up another wonderful year at the UNSH Rose Regional, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who joined us for our December meeting and Christmas lunch on 14 December. It was truly a joy to celebrate together.

A special thank you to **Bek & Paul** for graciously hosting the December meeting at Birchgrove – your hospitality made the day even more memorable.

The trivia was great fun, and the excitement of the many raffle prizes added to the festive spirit. It was fantastic to see every member walk away with a prize! I do hope you enjoyed the gifts provided by UNSH – a small token of appreciation for your continued support and enthusiasm.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the UNSH leadership team for their dedication and support throughout the year.

- **Judy Satchell:** Thank you for your tireless work, commitment, and guidance as Assistant Chair. Your steady support and willingness to step in wherever needed have been invaluable to the committee and to me personally.
- **Sandy Crompton:** Sincere appreciation for your diligence and reliability as Treasurer. Your attention to detail and readiness to assist have ensured our finances are always in good hands.
- **Priya and Kimberley:** Thank you both for your efforts as Secretariat. Kimberley, your hard work and organization over the past year have been greatly appreciated by all. Priya, thank you for stepping into the role and for your enthusiasm and willingness to contribute—your support is already making a difference.

It's a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated and supportive team. Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to UNSH.

Above all, thank you to every member for your generous support throughout the year—pitching in to host and set up meetings and events, selling raffle tickets, providing afternoon teas, attending regularly, participating wholeheartedly, and making UNSH such a fun society to be part of. Your efforts on the rosters (raffles, afternoon tea, benching support, meeting setup and more) truly keep the Club thriving.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you all a **Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**. May the holiday season bring you joy, peace, and time to relax.

I look forward to catching up with everyone in February, (no meeting is scheduled in January.) as we start another year of sharing our love for roses.

Until then, stay safe and remember to keep the water up to your roses, especially during those hotter days.

Warm regards,

*David*

# Treasurer's report

## UNSH Region of NSW Rose Society Reconciliation

<b>Cash At Start October 2025</b>		<b>\$8,063.32</b>
Add Income July 2025	\$0	
Less Expenses November 2025 -\$76.13		<u>\$ - 76.13</u>
<b>Closing Balance as at 30 November 2025</b>		<b><u>\$7,987.19</u></b>

## UNSH Region of NSW Rose Society Reconciliation

<b>Cash At Start November 2025</b>		<b>\$7,987.19</b>
Add Income December 2025	\$357.00	
Less Expenses December 2025 -\$945.68		<u>\$ -588.68</u>
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 December 2025</b>		<b><u>\$7,398.51</u></b>



# 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.



It's not only roses we love - some of the UNSH Gerberas selling for \$12 ea - if you'd like some contact Sandy or leave a comment here. Lots of different colours.



# Mother Earth Plant Fair & Garden Club Gathering – Event Report

The Mother Earth Plant Fair and Garden Club Gathering, held on Saturday 13 December at the Baden Powell Activity Centre, Pennant Hills, was a resounding success and a wonderful celebration of plants, gardens, and community.

The event attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd throughout the day, with visitors enjoying an impressive range of stalls featuring tropical plants, roses, natives, orchids, succulents, tools, botanical art, garden ornaments, locally grown produce, and much more. Live music, food stalls, and coffee added to the relaxed and festive atmosphere.



The speaker program was a major highlight, with engaging and informative presentations from an outstanding lineup of experts, including Mark Massey on hydrangeas, David Fripp on plant mimicry, David Mathews on proteas, Tammy Huynh discussing her new book *The Plant Book*, and Doug Purdie sharing insights into backyard beekeeping. The Speaker Hall sessions were very well attended and warmly received.

The UNSH Rose Society was proud to participate in the event with a dedicated stall showcasing and selling roses. A huge thank you to our members - Judy, Sandy, Paul, Muthu, Trish, Lisa, Emerita, Rod, Lynn & Chris and myself that came to the Mother Earth plant fair today to help. It was a fabulous day. Their enthusiasm and teamwork contributed greatly to the positive presence of the Rose Society at the fair and helped promote roses to a wider gardening audience.

Overall, the Mother Earth Plant Fair was a vibrant and successful community event, and it was wonderful to see the Rose Society so actively involved. A sincere thank you to all members who volunteered and supported the day — your efforts were truly appreciated.



# Christmas Party - 2025



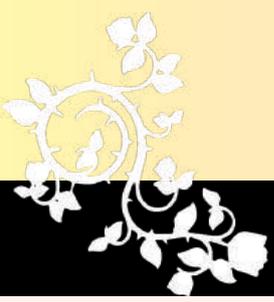
## A heartfelt thank you to our volunteers and supporters

All of our wonderful volunteers were acknowledged with a small token of appreciation in recognition of their time, commitment, and invaluable contribution throughout the year. We sincerely thank each of them for their continued support.



All members attending the Christmas party were delighted to receive a beautiful Australian native plant, sourced from Mother Earth Nursery — **Prostanthera** (NSW Mint Bush) or **Xanthostemon** 'Golden Penda'.





# Raffle Prizes

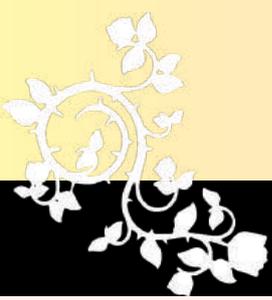
Kindly donated by our members



Santa's little helpers hard at work.



We're so grateful to our members for their generous and lovely raffle donations.



# At the bench

A Celebration of Christmas Roses

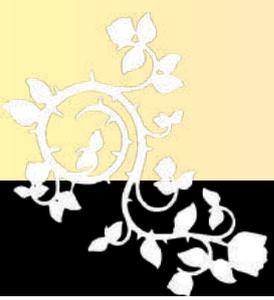


## Benching Final scores for 2025

Title	First Name	Surname	Benching Totals
Mrs S.P.	Shanmuga Priya	Hariharan	252
Mrs J & Mr M	Judy	Satchell	247
Mrs A & Mr D	Antonietta	Destro	191
Ms S	Sandy	Crompton	140
Mrs	Muthu	Jeganathan	73
Mrs T & Dr G	Trish	Piper	70
Mr C & Mrs L	Chris & Lynn	Jones	42
Mr P & Mrs A	Anne	Buttigieg	28
Mr S & Mrs K	Scott	Crichton	20
Mr	Paul	McKenzie	19
Mrs	Lisa	Brandsen	17
Mrs	Kimberley	Crichton	12
Mr G & Mrs C	Cheryle	Hobart	11
Mrs J	Julie-Anne	Barlow	7



For all benching enquiries or assistance, please reach out to Judy directly for guidance.



# Pick of the Month

And the Winners Are...



Judge's Pick



Member's Pick

# Birthdays



Mal Satchell 29 Dec

Chris Jones 7 Jan

Mark Massey 12 Jan

Richard Walsh 18 Jan

Pamela Dunn 31 Jan

## December Birth Flowers



### Poinsettia

There really isn't a plant that would be more fitting for December's birth flower than Poinsettia!

Poinsettia is actually a succulent, and enjoys a warm temperate, sub-tropical or tropical climate. They can be planted in the garden but are mostly seen in pots as part of festive displays throughout December. The bright red blooms of these festive flowers are a true Christmas favourite.

Feed with Strike Back for Orchids Advanced Biological Formula throughout the flowering season for the best results.



### Christmas Bells

Flowering during the festive period, the native flower of the month could be none other than Blandfordia, better known as Christmas Bells.

Christmas Bells are endemic to eastern Australia, primarily on the coast and nearby ranges between Sydney NSW and Fraser Island QLD.

They require light shade to full sun conditions and grow best in moist sandy soils that are free draining. They benefit greatly from regular feeds with a native fertiliser like Bush Tucker to aid in strong root development and plenty of healthy blooms.

## January Birth Flowers



### Carnation

Carnations, available in a stunning array of colors and patterns, are the perfect flower to celebrate January birthdays.

These versatile blooms can be grown in various locations, including pots, as long as the soil is well-drained and enriched with Seamungus before planting.

Once established, ensure healthy growth and vibrant blooms by feeding them every eight weeks with Sudden Impact for Roses pellets or Advanced Biological Formula.



### Hibbertia

Hibbertia, a genus of Australian native flowering shrubs and groundcovers, offers a stunning addition to any garden.

To help these plants settle in, incorporate Seamungus into the soil at planting time. With a wide range of varieties to choose from, Hibbertia will reward you with a spectacular floral display.

Plant them in a sunny, well-drained position, and once established, feed them with Bush Tucker pellets or Advanced Biological Formula to ensure healthy growth and abundant blooms.

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# Member Benefits

Check out these discounts for members of UNSH

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



# 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](mailto:unsh.secretary@gmail.com)

☎ Phone: 0401 059 839 (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
<b>UNSH Patron</b>	<b>Sandra Ross</b>
<b>UNSH Advisors</b>	<b>Richard and Ruth Walsh Klaus &amp; Brigitte Eckhardt</b>