

Rose Society of NSW Inc.

Nepean Blue Mountains Hawkesbury Regional  
Newsletter

# “Prickles”

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'Joyce Abounding'  
Signature Rose of the  
Regional



'Imp'  
Foundation Rose of  
the Regional

## Dates for your Diary 2022

3 September  
Meeting  
Guest Speakers  
Samantha Harper and  
Ken Smith  
Floral Art Workshop

1 October  
Meeting  
Glynis Hayne  
How to run a Show

13 NBMH Spring Show  
Leonay Golf Club

21-24 WFRS Convention  
Adelaide

5 November  
Budding Roses

3 December  
Christmas Meeting

January 2023  
No Meeting

February  
Budding Update

### General Meeting Saturday,

**3 September commencing at 9.30 am at Leonay Golf Club**

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW STARTING TIME OF THE MEETING**

**Please follow COVID-19 protocols as set by the Club**

There is no Show Bench until October

Meeting cost \$5 pp covers tea/coffee raffle

## Guest Speakers for September

As in previous years Samantha Harper (TAFE Floral Art Teacher) and Ken Smith (Retired Head Teacher Horticulture TAFE) both members of NBMH Regional will be doing a Hands-on Workshop floral art presentation for members. All materials will be supplied for the morning. Thank you to members who replied to participate in this workshop.

## October Meeting and Rose Show Info

This will be a meeting to go over the schedule for the upcoming NBMH Regional Spring Show and speak about roles of helpers on the day.

Helpers will be needed for the day of Thursday, 13 October from 7.30 am until close of day 4pm and for cleanup.

If you are able to assist on the day please let Glynis know asap. Required will be stewards, runners, someone in charge of membership, raffles, trading table, admin etc.

Duty Statements for positions will be sent out shortly.

## Membership Renewal

Membership renewal is now due. You are not required to fill in a form again unless you have made changes to your contact details. It is now \$40 per single and \$45 for a dual membership. You can renew online - if you do please ensure you add your membership number beginning with 05?? to your reference for easy identification. You can also renew at the meeting.

## Chairman's Message

Welcome to Spring, better weather and rose bushes in full leaf.

We are once again looking forward to the Floral Art Workshop at Saturday's meeting. Thank you to Samantha and Ken for being so willing to run our workshop again. As is traditional the regional pays for all resources used on the day e.g. flowers etc. We feel putting funds raised by members should be put back into the members. This has been a policy from the inception of the NBMH Regional.

Thank you to members who again made ordering and picking up Neutrog so easy. The next delivery day should be in February/March 2023. Ensure you check your emails from Neutrog on opening your account and when the online shop is open for purchase.

A very good pruning day was had by those who attended. Members pruned just under a 100 roses for me so a huge thanks. After a few years of not wanting to hard prune my climbing roses, I was somewhat mortified at how much Glynis removed from the plants. Well, needless to say, there is so much new growth I am looking forward to a wonderful display come the first flush. Thank you Glynis.

As Glynis and Doug are still in isolation much will be done at a distance for the upcoming Spring Show. It's the only regional show being held in NSW this spring. So if you can give her a hand it would be most helpful particularly from 7.30am to the end of the day with packing and cleaning up. We are very fortunate that Emu Sports Club are hosting the show. Schedules will be made available shortly.

If you are not exhibiting at the show, we would like helpers from 7.15am to assist exhibitors to bring their flowers etc. up to the club to help with cutting down time. Judging will take place at 11am.

On the day I believe there will be a stand for Cut Above Tools, Australian Bred Roses by Richard and Ruth Walsh and small plants. So if you have potted up some plants for sale let Glynis know asap so that arrangements can be made to have them picked up or you can drop them off at her place (no contact)

Enjoy the photos of Bill and Roy's garden at Freeman's Reach. It is very extensive and lovingly cared for.

Thank you to Mark Massey owner of Mother Earth Nurseries for making a discount available for the month of July which I hope some members took advantage of.

Welcome to the following members: Michael Fester, Bethany Kojongian, Colin and Marjorie Higgins, Alex and Leesa Martin. Hope to see you at meetings if possible.

A reminder will be sent out next week if you have not renewed your membership. If you do not wish to renew please reply to the email so that our secretary can adjust the lists for the Rose Society of NSW Inc.

Wishing all our members good health. I look forward to when our meetings can get to over 25 attending as it did just before COVID started.

*Jeff*

Bill and Roy's Garden at Freeman's Reach - a good many acres

thank you Steve Vella for the photos



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## Cultural Notes

It has been wonderful to see the sun shine for days and the relief of not having rain virutally 24 hours a day.

If you are like me and would like to enjoy blackspot free roses for some time, you would have started your spray program shortly after you pruned and lime sulphured your plants. Blackspot can be prevented but you need to have a good spray program in place. I spray with Eco-oil and Eco-Fungicide every ten days. If temperature is over 28 degrees I remove the oil as it will burn your leaves. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions. My roses have also received a dose of Popul8 to try and improve the good bacteria in the soil which most definitely would have been depleted during this past wet season. With forecasts of similar weather, this should hold your roses in good stead when we have rain again.

Time also to feed your roses with Sudden Impact for Roses. For pots I use 1/4 strength in both pellets and liquid.

During the webinar with Dr Huey from Neutrog he indicated that using Seamungus pellets and then adding the Popul8 is the way to go. Attached is the link if you would like to see <https://neutrog.com.au/2022/04/13/popul8/> - its benefits.

The ground may still be wet and putting on a mulch will benefit your plants in the future.

If you would like to showcase your garden please send me some good clear photos.

Happy rose growing and enjoy the first flush of spring.

*Glynis*



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