

'Joyce Abounding' Signature Rose of the Regional

Rose Society of NSW Inc.

Nepean Blue Mountains Hawkesbury Regional

Newsletter

"Prickles"

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Dates for your Diary 2022

5 March 2022 Meeting Venue Leonay Golf Club Monthly Show Bench Guest Speaker -Brian Knight - African Violets

> 18 March Neutrog Pickup at Mulgoa

2 April 2022 Leonay Golf Club Monthly Show Bench

8 - 19 April Royal Easter Show Rose Days can be found on the R.A.S. website

> 7 May Meeting

> 4 June Meeting

> > 2 July AGM

We are back!!! Meeting Saturday, 6 March 2022 at 10 am at Leonay Golf Club Please follow COVID-19 protocols as set by the Club

Our first face to face meeting will take place on Saturday. Please note that the meeting will be held on the terrace outside the main part of the club due to a wedding set up in the Leonay room.

To assist with the Show Bench set up it would be appreciated if you can set up as many of your vases at home and tweek it when you get to the meeting.

Denise and Jeff will be available to assist you from 9.30 am

Thank You

A thank you to all members who took the time to vote.

Colin Hollis was reelected as President.

Doug Hayne has taken on the role of Historian of the Society.

Neutrog Reminder

The delivery set down for 4 March has been moved to 18 March due to Neutrog's logistical problems. The delivery will be at Winbourne 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa.

Its good to see many have taken up the offer of Popula8.

New Time?

It is being considered that meetings take place at 9.30am as opposed to 10am, the reason being that the Club can book the rooms for events and those setting up can start a little earlier.

This will be discussed at the meeting for a decision.

Roses by the Seaside

The National Rose Show will be held at the Pavilion, Kiama, NSW on 30 April- 1May 2022. All details can be found at www.nsw.rose.org.au/shows-events.html

Chairman's Message

Dear Members and Friends

What a start for 2022! COVID -19, Floods and now the unfolding war in the Ukraine.

We pray for all our fellow human beings and hope that all this conflict and disaster events settle down and life can take on some sort of normality.

It was a fun experience chairing the February meeting from Dublin, Ireland via Zoom. A new and inivative way to conduct the meeting. Thank you to members who attended

Once again thank you for those of you who voted in the recent elections. I have taken on the role of Vice-President of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. and look forward to making a positive contribution to the society. Elections results end of Prickles P4.

As many of your have already received information the Neutrog delivery will take place on Friday, 18 March and you will be able to pick up from Winbourne, Mulgoa as before. I will let you know what time and day closer to the date.

The Monthly Show Bench will begin this month and hope you will participate again. Please see the Schedule on the next page.

Glynis is trying to organise guest speakers but it is important that if she does, members attend meetings. There is nothing more embarrassing if you have invited a guest speaker and only a few members attend. Until we can get back to pre CD members attending (+ 15) we will have to hold off for the time being.

If you are experiencing bad health we wish you well.

Jeff

Cultural Notes

No sunshine, heavy rain, soft rain, hail have impacted all gardens at the moment. No matter how many times you have sprayed for black spot I am sure you have roses that have defoliated and succumbed to this fungus.

To prevent roses from rotting and dying from too much water it is suggested that you give them some Root Rot Fungicide. Please follow the manufacturers instructions carefully.

We just have to hang in there and perhaps only give an autumn fertilizer to wash into the ground and give the roses a boost.

Happy rose growing and wishing for more sunlight.



Monthly Show Bench for 2021/2022

This is the new Schedule for the Monthly Show Bench for 2021/2022, that will commence at this meeting. Note that all Australian Bred Roses should have a sticker on as there is a winner for the best Australian Bred Rose on the day.

Please ensure you read the requirements below

Schedule

- Class 1 Championship Units any three standard units (HT, Floribunda, Shrub)
- Class 2 Championship Units any three standard units (Miniature/Miniflora)
- Class 3 A vase of any flowers from your garden in your own container
- Class 4 A cut of a Rose/Miniature/Floribunda/Miniflora/David Austin
- Class 5 One Exhibition Bloom
- Class 6 Three full bloom roses
- Class 7 Bud to Full Bloom
- Class 8 A Bunch of 3
- Class 9 A rose from your garden for first year exhibitors only
- Class 10- A vase of three stems of a flower from your garden e.g. three Gerberas
- Class 11 Any Standard Unit of an Australian Bred Rose.

Please ensure that your roses DO NOT have prickles on them. It is expected that all exhibitors of more than two years will stage their own roses in vases supplied and Denise or Jeff will tweek them for you.

New exhibitors will be assisted as in previous years - Vases and floral foam will be availble if required. All vases to be set up outside.

African Violets

At our last face to face meeting guest speakers were discussed and a member indicated she would like to have someone speak on African Violets. Since I have not organised a speaker for this meeting and still in the process of getting them organised for the future - our own Brian Knight (treasurer) has offered to do a short talk on AV's. Brian has been an avid grower of violets for more than 15 years and has won all the Champion ribbons at our shows in the past, when AV were part of the Schedule.

He will speak on propagation of leaves and best soil to use. There will be leaves to take and also for sale will be the white see through wells for \$2.00.

Bruce and Heather Higgs have supplied the Regional with AV in previous years and I will contact them to see if they are still selling them and if so, will let members know when some will be available for sale at a meeting in the future.

Brian is looking forward to having a very full meeting.

Rose Society of NSW Inc. Committee 2022 - 2023

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GOGO Juice. The Perfect Summer Cocktail

INGREDIENTS

40ml of GOGO Juice Advanced Biological Formula

10 litres of Water

METHOD

Empty 1 x 40 ml cap of GOGO Juice Advanced Biological Formula into a watering can.

Fill with 10 litres of water.

Slosh about to dilute well.

Pour over soil, lawn or pots for a refreshing summer drink for your garden.





March

Erica Ward, Di Cox, Glynis Hayne



Rosemary Grima

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However, we understand some members do not have email but would still like to receive this newsletter. If you wish to receive a printed copy of "Prickles" please supply Glynis with self addressed and stamped envelopes for six months and she will print a copy and post it to you.

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