

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 2021

March
Normal Meeting

Royal Easter Show
Rose Show Days
3 April
Easter Saturday

7 April
Wednesday

11 April
Sunday
NSW Championships

Message from the Chairman

On Saturday 6 March 2021 we will hold our first face to face meeting back at Leonay Golf Club commencing at 10am. The signing protocol is as follows:

- You will be required to sign in at the front desk with your phone eg QR reader - however, if you do not have this app on your phone you can sign in at the register.
- Members can access the club via the new lift in front next to the stairs. You can also access the meeting room via the ramp next to the building and on entry need to proceed to the front desk and sign in. Seating will be set up as per COVID requirements.
- There will be no Show Bench this month, however, please see the Schedule of last year and bring your thoughts to the meeting.
- As per normal meeting each member will pay a \$5 meeting cost. This will cover a coffee/tea and biscuit. It also covers your raffle tickets for the meeting so there is no further outlay except for the trading table.
- Glynis has propagated some non PBR roses (\$5 each) and also has roses from Richard and Ruth Walsh (\$8 each) for sale which I will bring to the meeting.

We welcome new member Stephanie Grigoriu-Judges who is transferring from Macarthur Regional.

Important Neutrog Information

Neutrog and the NSW Rose Society are implementing the direct ordering of product by members. Could you please send Glynis an email giving authority for her to furnish Neutrog with your details so they may set up an account for you. She has set up the return mail further in the newsletter.

You will be sent an email by Neutrog to create your account and create your own password.

If you do not have access or use the internet you will still have access to buy the product through a buddy system - details will be sent to you via snail mail by Glynis.

Note the “buddy” system will be only for those members NOT on email.

Wishing you all safe and good health during this trying time and please continue to follow the rules put into place to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Sadly, Alan Strahan Goulburn Member, Life Member and former Vice-President and Treasurer of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. has passed on. We send our condolences to his wife Pat and family.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday.

Jeff

Notice of Meeting and Meeting Information

Date:	Saturday, 6 March commencing at 10.00 am
Venue:	Emu Plains Sport and Recreation Club - Home of Leonay Golf Club
Activity:	Monthly Meeting Show Bench Schedule Review
Trading Table:	Any small saleable items and plants which will help with our funds.
Meeting Cost:	\$5 includes coffee/tea and raffle tickets
Show Bench:	No Show Bench this Meeting

Congratulations to Bro Jeff Regan who has been appointed as a Probationary Judge with the Rose Society of NSW Inc.

Cultural Notes for March

Completing your summer prune should now take place for a lovely Autumn display of flowers. Continue your spray program as with the high humidity it will not be unusual for plants to get fungal diseases. Keep your roses well watered during these hot days. Mulching helps.

Garden beds can be started to be prepared for new roses.

As mentioned previously if you wish to purchase roses why not attending some of the shows and see the roses at their best before making a decision.

Catalogues will also be available from the large nurseries e.g. Swane's, Treloars etc. can be found on their websites as many are not doing paper catalogues.

The only rose shows that we are aware of is the Royal Easter Show with the dates for rose exhibits being:

April - Second Session - Saturday 3 April flowers on show until 4 April

April - Fourth Session - Wednesday 7 April flowers on show until 8 April

April - Sixth Session - Sunday 11 April - NSW Championships - flowers on show until 12 April.



Happy Birthday to :

March

Erica Ward

Glynis Hayne



Copies of Prickles

"Prickles" was set up as an electronic based newsletter for Regional Members to keep costs down. 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.

Schedule 2019/2020 for Discussion

This is the Schedule for the December Monthly Show Bench for 2019/2020. 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, Grandiflora, Shrub) must be in units of 3 single vases (not a single vase)
- Class 2 - Championship Units - any three standard units (Miniature/Miniflora) must be in units of 3 single vases (not a single vase)
- 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 (must have a pointed centre and be a Hybrid Tea)
- Class 6 - Three Fully Opened Roses - same cultivar (can be a Hybrid Tea, Miniature or Floribunda)
- Class 7 - Bud to Fully Open Rose - same cultivar (can be a Hybrid Tea, Miniature, Floribunda, Grandiflora)
- Class 8 - A Bunch of 3 - same cultivar (can be a Hybrid Tea, Miniature, Floribunda, Grandiflora)
- 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-same vase
- Class 11 - Sticker on any Standard Unit of an Australian Bred Rose in any of the above classes -

Standard Units are units of roses that receive a ribbon in Regional and NSW Shows. There are 24 Standard Units in NSW. These will be sent out to you in a document for you if you are interested in exhibiting. Please email your interest. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jeff on 0412933248; Glynis or Doug on 47351730 or 0427104944

Activity for the Meeting on Saturday will be:

Review of Monthly Show Bench Schedule

Gary Wootton will be doing a demonstration on how to do 'cutting propagation'.

Jeff Regan will give a short talk about spraying and sprays.

Don't forget to bring along your questions about roses etc.

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