

<h1>hello</h1>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monthly meetings held on the 3rd Saturday/ Sunday of each month</li><li>• Next Meeting <b>Sunday 16th March, 3pm, Scott's House + Garden, Galston</b> (see member email for address) ; with <b>Guest Speaker Steve Beck.</b></li><li>• <b>Volunteers NEEDED for Sydney Royal Easter show</b> - are YOU available? See below for further detail</li><li>• <b>NEUTROG orders for September 2024 delivery are now OPEN - order a little now, a little later, or a lot all at once!</b></li></ul>
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**March 2024**

**16th March-** UNSH meeting @ **3PM** Scott's house, Galston.  
Guest Speaker + Judge, Steve Beck

**April**

**20th April** UNSH meeting @ **2pm** The Piper's house + garden.  
Guest Speaker Louie Kelbert (Bee expert)

**May**

**16th April** UNSH meeting @ The Buttegieg's house+ garden.  
Guest Speaker Ted & Meryl Morpeth

**October**

**12 October - UNSH Rose Show** (in conjunction with Blue Mtns/Nepean/Hawksebury)



Each year the NSW ROSE Society sets up a stall at the Sydney Royal Easter Show alongside the Rose exhibitions. It is a fabulous opportunity to encourage and invite new membership to the Society. Many UNSH members, including our illustrious Chair, first joined the Rose Society at this very stall!

**The stall is run by Regional volunteers that are able to share a 2-3 hours of their day to meet, greet and discuss the Rose Society, and provide membership details as required.** You are able to select hours on the below dates that suit.

This year the stall will be operational on :

- Sunday 24th March
- Monday 25th March
- Thursday 28th March
- Friday 29th (Good Friday) March
- Monday 1st April
- Tuesday 2nd April

**Those assisting will receive a free day pass. The pass covers transport to and from the show (This is the easiest way to and from the show).**

**INTERESTED?** Please contact NSW Rose Society President Collin as soon as possible to ensure posted entry tickets will arrive in time. **Reach Collin via Mobile: 0408295223 or email [colin.hollis@telstra.com](mailto:colin.hollis@telstra.com)**

## Proposed Amendment

Members please review this IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Following the very exciting introduction of the New **2024 Benching Schedule Guidelines** at the February Meeting the UNSH Executive Committee would like to offer an **Amendment to New Benching Schedule** in consideration of fostering inclusive practices for all UNSHkins.

### Proxy Benching Authority

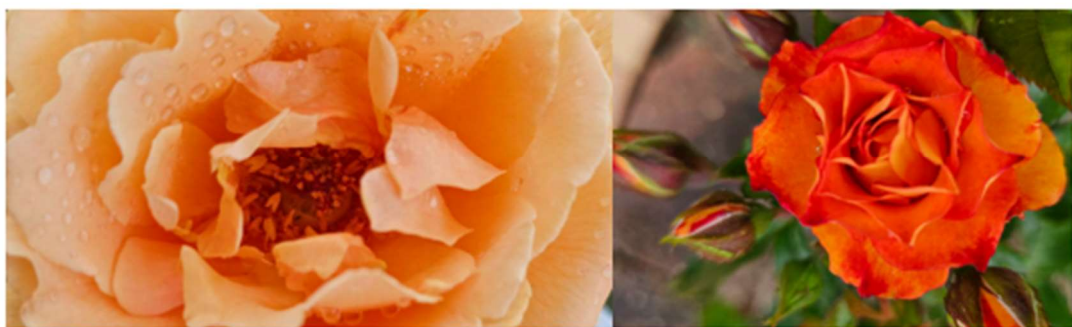
**UNSH values the contribution and participation of all members at benching. UNSH recognizes that physical restrictions/barriers can impact an individual's capacity to bench independently.**

An **individual UNSH member that is impacted by physical restrictions/impairments** (both acute short-term AND chronic long-term conditions) may submit entries **via proxy** to UNSH monthly benching provided:

- the **blooms have been under the ownership and care** of the physically restricted/impaired UNSH member for a **3 month minimum**
- the **entries have been prepared for benching** by the physically restricted/impaired UNSH member
- The **proxy** submitting entries **MUST** be an **UNSH member**.
- **entries** via proxy must be **clearly identified at time of Benching** on Benching sign in sheet.
- **email notification** is sent to the **UNSH secretary** (prior to meeting) identifying the proxy submission

Please Note : It is the **responsibility of the individual** physically restricted/impaired UNSH member **to arrange a proxy person to transport and submit the entries**. *Individuals with **chronic (long-term)** physical restriction/impairment need to nominate proxy benching authority to **UNSH secretary ONCE only**.*

This proxy arrangement is proposed to **take effect for the March UNSH meeting. The March Agenda will allow further discussion, with an opportunity for members to provide feedback, before formally adopting the amendment and schedule.**



How wonderful to meet together last month - and to see the benching table bursting to capacity with members entries. We appreciate your ongoing feedback and support as we adopt and refine these new benching guidelines. We hope you will take the time to have a look at the important amendment included in this newsletter- and bring any questions or clarifications to our next meeting.

This month, Judith Williamson advised that she will be stepping down from her role as NSW State Delegate. We would like to take the opportunity to formally acknowledge the time, effort and unwavering commitment to fostering relationship, and maintaining a voice for our Regional group UNSH at State Council Meetings. It is with sadness that we see her leave this role - however we are so very grateful for her dedication to the delegation since late 2022.

Paul and Rebekah would like to send their thanks for the membership promptly collecting all Neutrog orders within the fortnight - hopefully many gardens will be bounding into Autumn with the 6 pallet loads of Neutrog that were distributed! The next order is to be delivered in September - so members have plenty of time to 'add to cart' as desired in the months to follow.

Wishing you temperate and pleasant gardening days, and looking forward to seeing you next  
Sunday 3PM at Scott's place in Galston.

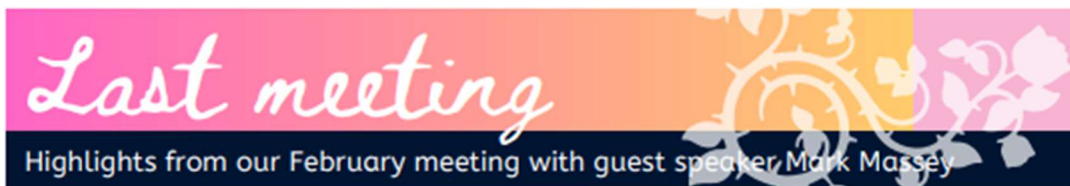
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*Market stall is OPEN*

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 some yummy local produce.

*You can donate:* We'd love YOU to contribute if you had some plants or produce to share. Bring along plants that you have propagated, or some special cuttings, surplus bulbs, gardening books, vases, or some homemade produce like jams, honeys, eggs, fruit & veggies. *Please price* mark your goodies before bringing them. Prices are to be \$1, \$2 and \$3 – Great value and all funds raised go to UNSH.



*We were delighted to welcome Mark Massey of Mother Earth Nurseries as our guest speaker in February. Mark has a contagious plant and rosey-enthusiasm energy, alongside an encyclopedic knowledge, that no doubt contribute to the booming success of his nurseries. It was certainly a treat to hear him share his wealth of experience! He spoke about his particular passion for sourcing and reintroducing unusual/ hard to come by resilient and hardy species of yesteryear gardens back to Sydneysiders. There was certainly a rush for the goodies he brought along on the day.*



*Mark provided a demonstration of "Nursery pruning of Potted Roses" which involved cutback to 10cm above graft point. He noted that dieback will occur to node and then halt. He discussed the importance of clean secateurs for this process - discussing methods to clean 'on the go' in between plants. He encouraged this pruning method as perfect for late Summer, as it leads to vigorous growth and a fantastic late Autumnal flush for Roses – to maximise our blooming season.*



*Mark talked about the importance of POST CUT CARE : fertilizing FIRST and then generously mulching. He explained the rationale for this is to ensure that the Nitrogen component in fertilizer is not lost on oxidation with atmospheric contact – essentially trapping the nitrogen in the layers and allowing penetration to the soil. Additionally, it ensures that the fertilizer is buffered against extreme temperature variation that cause 'fertilizer dumping' on high temp days.*



*Mark discussed the 'notching' principle of using the secateur tip and 'tapping' the graft point and surround above graft growth – he discussed this mimics 'nibbling in nature' and results in vigorous water shoot regrowth from the 'tapped points'. He cautioned against 'notching' root stock as it will stimulate undesired growth.*



**Thankyou Mark for such a fabulous talk and pruning demonstration - it was informative and very interesting. There was certainly a competitive rush for the goodies he brought along on the day!**

Please review the February Minutes for other formal proceeding details of the day.



**Congratulations and Thankyou to all the members that participated in the Benching table - what a bursting bench of members blooms!**









**Special Thanks to our Guest Judge Mark Massey for reviewing and celebrating our Benching Beauties. Special mentions for taking the new scoring system on its maiden voyage!**

Mrs J	Barlow	Julie-Anne	10
Mr P & Mrs A	Buttigieg	Peter & Anne	11
Mrs A & Mr D	Destro	Antonietta & Dino	26
Mrs S.P.	Hariharan	Shanmuga Priya	32
Mrs R	Jackson	Rebekah & Mter Harvey	23
Mrs T & Dr G	Piper	Patricia & Graham	14
Mrs J Mr M	Satchell	Judy & Mal	23

NB: the scores in the table above relate to the individuals cumulative best scores across categories entered.



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<i>UNSH Advisors</i>	Klaus & Brigitte Eckhardt

## how do I renew my membership?

There are several ways to pay your membership. You can:

- Pay directly at a meeting. Bring along your money and make the payment to our Subscription Secretary Maureen Thackeray.
- Make a bank transfer from your bank account directly to the NSW Rose Society bank account. The bank details are: BSB: 012 420; Account: 2764 41869. References: Your Initial, Last Name, Region (UNSH) Membership Number.
- Make a direct deposit at an ANZ branch using the above BSB and Account number. NOTE: If you choose to bank your renewal in person at a branch you will need to use your membership number as a reference. (do not use your name). The NSW Rose Society has over 700 members and your membership number is essential to distinguish your payment.
- Membership Fees are: Single: \$40 | Dual: \$45 (Two per household) | Junior: \$5 (under 18) | Associate: \$40 (e.g., a local business).

*we look forward to you continuing your Rose Society membership.*