

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

January 2026 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Happy New Year my Rosarian Friends,

We have a big year ahead establishing the Renwick Community Rose Garden, enjoying exciting guest speakers and supporting the National Rose Society Conference hosted by Macarthur Rose Society.

The Renwick Community Rose Garden will be dedicated to Australian Rose Breeders past and current. Wingecarribee Council through Stuart Neal are backing this project to the hilt. We have been allocated a landscape designer Reece and three trainee horticulture apprentices dedicated to this project for the next four years. Wingecarribee Council will finance irrigation, paving, garden bed structure and maintenance working with our rose society.

Irrigation, paving and bed development will commence in February.

SHRRS is financing roses, seating and fertiliser with our rose society's \$5,000 Community Grant.

The exciting news continues..... Neutrog via representative Helen Lovell will sponsor fertiliser for the garden - to what extent is unknown at this time.

On **Wednesday 21st of January at 10am** we are commencing our year with a Garden Visit to Gowan Brae - the home of our members Chris and Ros Bennett. This will be Chris and Ros's first garden opening and are delighted to share their garden with fellow members.

The address: 14 Charlotte Street, Burradoo. Please bring cup, chair and treats to share.

In February we will commence 2026 Show Bench friendly competition judged by each member's vote. We are adding Miniature and Miniflora roses to the competition along with Single Bloom and Rose Bowl.

The 2025 Single Bloom Show Bench winner was Jeff Lawrence and I won the Rose Bowl.

Winners receive a \$50 Welby voucher.

Looking forward to seeing you at Gowan Brae.

As you well know:

Roses are Red.

Violet, pink, yellow and blue.

Your roses tell secrets, stories and bloom with natural grace.

Your chairperson,

Annette

** Further to Lyn Barrett's request at our last General Meeting re: Public Infusion Centre at Bowral Hospital, you'll find, at the end of the newsletter, more detailed information. Our Society supported this request unanimously so please write a letter or email as per the instructions under ACTION REQUIRED. Thank you.



The Rose Garden Hero



Hippodamia variegata adult eating an aphid

The Rose Symbolises



Red rose symbolises: passion, love and romance



Pink rose symbolises: Appreciation, gratitude and friendship



White rose symbolises: Purity, innocence and new beginnings.



Yellow rose symbolises: Happiness, sunshine and celebration.

In-House Rose Show Results

Open Class Championship

Class 1. One Stem	1 st . Annette Lane	Gemini
	2 nd . Jeff Lawrence	Forget Me Not
Class 2. Three Stem same Cultivar	1 st . Annette Lane	Kardinal
	2 nd . Jeff Lawrence	Olivia's Rose
Class 3. 4 stages Bud to Bloom	1 st . Robyn & Peter Miller	Gold Bunny
Class 4. Floribunda 1 cut or stem	1 st . Marilyn Dickinson	As Good as it Gets
	2 nd . Jennifer Jackson	Graham Ross
Class 5. Floribunda 3 cuts or stems	1 st . Annette Lane	Bright Smiles

Open Class Champion Annette Lane

Kardinal – 3 stems

Miniature Championship

Class 6. One stem miniature rose	1 st . Robyn & Peter Mille	Mandarin
	2 nd . Roz Wootton	Magic Show
Class 7. 3 miniature roses same cultivar	1 st . Annette Lane	Magic Show
	2 nd . Roz Wootton	The Fairy
Class 8. Miniature roses, same cultivar, Bud to Bloom	1 st . Annette Lane	Dwarf Fairy
Class 9. One Miniflora rose – Exhibition form	1 st . Annette Lane	Joyce Abounding
	2 nd . Robyn & Peter Miller	Joyce Abounding
Class 10. 3 roses miniflora – same cultivar	1 st . Roz Mulligan	Unknown
Class 11. 4 Miniflora roses – Bud to Bloom	1 st . Annette Lane	Lilac Festival;

Miniature Champion Annette Lane

Joyce Abounding

Exhibition Form

Novice Championship

Class 12. One Exhibition Rose	1 st . Liz Patton	Gold Medal
	2 nd . Marilyn Dickinson	Double Delight
Class 14. One Miniature or Miniflora Rose	1 st . Linda Lelliott	Chameleon
	2 nd . Linda Lelliott	Unknown

Champion Novice Liz Patton

Gold Medal

Floral Art Championship

1. Christmas Bowl at least 6 roses	1 st . Robyn Miller
	2 nd . Roz Wootton
2. Vertical Arrangement	1 st . Pam Mildwater
	2 nd . Roz Wootton

Floral Art Champion Robyn Miller

Christmas Rose Bowl



The Show Bench

Each month at our meetings we encourage you to bring along your beautiful rose blooms to share your joy with fellow members. A single bloom and/or a vase arrangement featuring the rose, miniatures and minifloras will enhance our meeting discussion.

Members are asked to vote for their favourite presentation.

Tallies are added up at the end of each year with the winners in each category receiving a garden centre voucher.

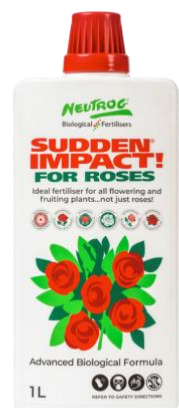
2026 Advocate Store Deadlines

Autumn – Ordering Deadline 12th January 2026

Winter – Ordering Deadline 13th April 2026

Spring – Ordering Deadline 13th July 2026

Summer – Ordering Deadline 12th October 2026



Dear Friends

The Public Health First team are a group of volunteers advocating for a Public Infusion Centre at Bowral Hospital which would allow for cancer and infusion treatments to be provided in the Southern Highlands. Distance for treatment can influence survival outcome. A public facility in Bowral would improve patient outcomes by reducing patient stress, the need for patients to travel long distances for treatment, and reduce pressure on family and friends providing help for cancer patients.

John and I are supporting Public Health First to advocate for a local public Infusion Centre along with the CWA, Rotary, The Men's Shed Mittagong, and the Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society.

Some facts:

The demographic has changed for patients requiring treatment, at the moment it ranges from young children to the elderly. A general increase in population has seen more people diagnosed with cancer. Currently there is an increase in children under 14 and people between 35 -50 needing treatment. There is also an increase in the types of cancers being diagnosed.

The majority of Southern Highlands cancer patients travel to Campbelltown or Liverpool Hospitals for treatment. Travel time ranges from an hour to three hours depending on traffic, plus waiting times which are affected by the type of transport used. A large number of patients rely on volunteers and charities for travel assistance.

Some side effects from chemotherapy are vomiting, diarrhoea, nausea and fatigue. There is only one toilet stop between Mittagong and Campbelltown, and two on the return journey. All are truck stops. The possibility of infection is increased if public toilets are required to be used.

An Infusion Centre was previously promised for Stage 2 of the Bowral Hospital Redevelopment. This commitment was not delivered by the previous State Government.

Large housing developments in Menangle Park, Wilton and the new Sydney Airport surrounds will put even greater pressure on over stretched Campbelltown and Liverpool Hospital facilities.

In 2023, 674 medical oncology patients were diagnosed in the Southern Highlands Vs 360 at Bankstown which has a dedicated cancer centre staffed by full time oncologists. Our growing population within the shire will see increased demand for cancer care in our region.

ACTION REQUIRED

Please write a letter or email to the politicians and bureaucrat listed below requesting support for the establishment of a local Public Infusion Centre at Bowral Hospital.

The Hon Mark Butler MP Minister for Health & Ageing: minister.butler@health.gov.au

NSW Government Minister for Health and Regional health: The Hon. Ryan Park, MP, keira@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Federal Member, Carol Berry carol.berry.mp@aph.gov.au

Local Members, Judy Hannan wollondilly@parliament.nsw.gov.au
Wendy Tuckerman goulburn@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Bradley Warner CEO Bowral Hospital email: SWSLHD-BowralGeneralManagersUnit@health.nsw.gov.au

We hear all the time Cancer Treatment is a journey ...we just don't want the journey to be in a car or bus to treatment facilities hours away when we clearly have a growing need for this facility at Bowral Hospital. Fair and equitable treatment for all...remember....One in five of us will have a cancer diagnosis at some stage in our life Thank you for your support Kind regards John and Lyn