

The Australian Rose Award 2013

Judith Oyston



To have been a member of an organisation for almost 50 years is an achievement in itself but to have been a major contributor to the wellbeing of that organisation is outstanding.

Since she joined The Rose Society of NSW in 1967 Judith Oyston has shown a passion for roses of all types. She has mixed with rosarians at local, state, national and international functions and has unselfishly assisted individuals and groups to become more knowledgeable with their roses. Significantly she has maintained contact with members who are no longer able to be as actively involved as they once were.

The following list highlights Judith's contribution:

- 1967 – Joined The Rose Society of NSW
- 1974 – Inaugural Secretary of Illawarra Regional
- 1977-1979 – Chairman of Illawarra Regional
- 1978 – Committee Secretary for Illawarra hosting the NSW Rose Championships at Wollongong Town Hall
- 1979 – Appointee as Illawarra Regional delegate at NSW State Council and again in the 1990s
- 1984 – Show Manager for NSW Rose Championships at Wollongong
- 1984 – Vice-President of The Rose Society of NSW
- 1988 – Compiled the Floral Art schedule for "Rosa Australis" in Sydney
- 1987-1989 – Secretary, The Rose Society of NSW
- 2001 – Recipient of the Bert Mulley Award
- Life Member of The Rose Society of NSW for more than 20 years
- Senior Judge and A Grade exhibitor
- 2010 - Historian for The Rose Society of NSW and subsequently Editor/Author of The Rose Society of NSW Centenary book
- Floral Art classes conducted over many years
- Organisation of floral art displays on behalf of NSW at National events
- Active involvement with The Heritage Rose Society and in particular the promotion of Alister Clark roses
- Fundraising for Macarthur Regional for the NRSA weekend in October 2013
- Numerous speaking engagements at garden clubs and community organisations

Judith Oyston has been devoted to her roses and her rosarian friends and is a worthy recipient of the Australian Rose Award.