

## **GRAHAM WRIGHT**

The Rose Society of NSW Inc has much pleasure in nominating Graham Wright for the National Rose Society of Australia Inc 2015 Australian Rose Award. Graham has contributed substantially to the knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of the rose by the public through his keen and active participation in Rose Shows and Events, National and International Conferences, and in his work as a Consulting Rosarian. In addition, Graham has fostered the continuity of the Rose Society by encouraging and mentoring younger members to take up exhibiting, judging and leadership roles within the organisation. His wisdom is often sought and highly valued in contributing to the wellbeing of Rose Societies at both state and national levels.

Graham has given outstanding service to the rose in the following ways:

### INTERNATIONAL

- Has attended WFRS World Conventions and Regional Conventions in Japan, China, France, New Zealand and Australia (Melbourne and Adelaide)

### NATIONAL

- State Delegate to National AGMs on four occasions
- Member of the National Judges Panel since its inception and Chairman for the past two years
- Accredited National Judge
- Has judged and exhibited in all states, winning 15 Australian Championship classes
- Assessed Mornington Botanical Rose Garden for WFRS Garden of Excellence Award

### STATE

- NSW State President for four years 2004 - 2008
- Chairman of NSW Judges Panel for three years
- Accredited NSW Judge since 2000
- Updated State documentation
- Delegate to State meetings
- Organised the Rose Society stand at ABC Gardening Australia
- Has embraced and promoted Neutrog sponsorship
- Life Member of the RSNSW and recipient of the Bert Mulley Award

### REGIONAL

- Wrote the Cultural Notes for 87 successive editions of the 'Sydney Rose News'
- Chairman of Macarthur Regional 2011 - 2013 and continuing Committee Member
- Is responsible for the distribution of Neutrog products to members
- Active in organising shows with Macarthur Regional and Ingleburn Garden Club
- Assisting the Camden A H & I Show in the Horticulture Section

### SYDNEY ROYAL SHOW

- Has exhibited since 1993, winning 41 Rose Championships and 24 Grand Champion Rose Exhibits
- Four years of judging at the show which includes State Championships
- Has liaised with RAS for NSW Championships, schedule and sponsorship

- Has delivered numerous interactive talks to the public on rose culture and rose selection
- Dual winner of Banksian and John Baptist Medals
- Honoured participant in the Parade of Champions on Excellence in Agriculture Day 2014

#### GENERAL

- Graham has willingly given workshops, talks and demonstrations to numerous community organisations
- Extensive contribution to journal articles and publications.

Graham is highly respected for his significant work in promoting the rose. He continues to extend his interest through rose breeding, with a particular focus in miniature and miniflora roses. His dedication, experience and contribution to the rose is invaluable. Graham has connected to rosarians and rose-breeders both nationally and internationally and built a network of friends who join with him in sharing expertise and enjoyment of the rose.

Graham Wright is a worthy recipient of the Australian Rose Award.