

## **Citation for an Australian Rose Award**

### **Paul Hains Queensland**

#### ***Introduction***

Paul Hains has been very involved with the Queensland Rose Society since joining and was elected Secretary in 2009. In 2013 Paul was elected to President.

Since becoming President, Paul has been instrumental in bridge-building between the Roselovers' Association and Queensland Rose Society. Both clubs are now affiliated. This is a notable achievement. Paul's leadership style is one of consultation and inclusion. Shortly after becoming President, Paul championed a long over-due re-write of the constitution to incorporate changes in laws and technology.

He instigated the Queensland Rose Award in 2015, creating a State-wide award with the first recipients being from two affiliated Rose Societies. It is this inclusive approach that has been a hallmark of Paul's leadership.

He is a champion rose exhibitor and enters roses in all Queensland Rose Shows. He participates in National Show in SA and NSW, winning at both. He was won Australian Championships including the 2015 Australian Championship for Australian Bred Roses which he won with three roses of his own breeding.

In 2009 Paul created the Queensland Rose Society website that he continues to maintain. Paul is also an administrator of the QRS Facebook page.

#### ***National Contributions***

Paul was President of the National Rose Society in 2015 and has been nominated again as Vice President for 2017. He is also a Past President of the Australian Rose Breeders' Association and has represented Queensland as a Delegate at NRSA AGMs.

After being elected as National Webmaster in 2015, Paul created a new attractive and interactive website for the NRSA. He served as NRSA Webmaster from 2010 to 2011. He created the Australian Rose Breeders' Association website in 2010 which he continues to maintain, which is quite an achievement considering he has two other websites under his care.

#### ***International Contributions***

Paul is WFRS Vice-President for Australasia, having been elected to this position at the WFRS Convention in Lyon, 2015. In 2014 Paul Chaired an International Discussion Panel at the WFRS Regional Convention in India on the Future of Roses. In 2016, at the WFRS Regional Convention in Beijing, he was a panel member on the International Experts Forum on Modern Roses, sitting alongside many world renowned rose experts. At the WFRS Convention in Denmark in 2018 he will speak to the topic 'Future Directions for Roses and Rose Societies'.

Paul is Chair of a new Social Media Subcommittee. He drafted policy guidelines and strategy documents for the introduction of Social Media to the WFRS. This was accepted by the WFRS Executive in May 2016. Paul has been active developing a 50th Year Celebration Book for the WFRS. He is Deputy Chair of the WFRS Promotions Committee. Paul is a very active Vice President who represents Australia strongly on these WFRS Committees.

## ***Rose Breeding***

Paul is recognised as an accomplished rose breeder. At the time of writing he has 15 roses registered through the Australian Registrar and ICRA. Two of these are commercially available through Swanee and many of the others are commercially available through a nursery in Queensland. He donates royalties from his roses to charities and has never charged for naming rights for any of his roses. The rose 'Governor Marie Bashir' is planted in Sydney's Government house and royalties go to The Wayside Chapel in Kings Cross.

'Queensland Gold' is being released in 2017 to celebrate the Queensland Council of Garden Club's Golden Anniversary. Paul has been propagating these roses himself to ensure they will be available for the club. Again, he donated this to QCGC. He has also named roses for significant Queensland Rosarians.

The rose 'Royal Queensland Show' is planted in the Heritage Gardens of The Old Museum in Queensland, next to the exhibition grounds. Proceeds from this rose go to fund the upkeep and restoration of the Heritage Gardens at this site and Paul made an initial financial donation along with gifting the rose naming. He spent significant time working with heritage landscape architects, government departments, and the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association to revitalise the rose gardens on this site. This site was incorporated into the exhibition venue in 2016 for the first time in 119 years. The roses are seen as a key feature of the gardens and will introduce new generations to a love of roses. Paul was interviewed at the site for a TV Program "The Great South East" to talk about his work in redeveloping the rose gardens and the release of the new rose.

## ***Publishing***

In 2014 Paul wrote and self-published a book, "Growing Roses in Subtropical Climates." This is the only book on this topic available worldwide and has been sold to the USA, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Uruguay, India, and the United Kingdom. Sales will generate between \$10,000 and \$12,000 for the Queensland Society. He also made it available to the Darling Downs Rose Society and to regional societies in NSW as a fundraiser. Over 1,500 copies of this book have been sold.

Paul has personally donated over 100 books to garden clubs, gardens, and individuals. This book has not only provided a regular income for rose societies, it has changed the way people think about roses.

## ***Summary***

Paul represents a new generation of rose growers. His enthusiasm is infectious and many comment on his energy and drive. In his relatively short time in the rose societies Paul has created and driven significant change which has positively impacted rose growers at a local, state, national, and international level. He exemplifies outstanding and exceptional service to the rose and has significantly impacted on rose growing as well as representing Australia most effectively at National and International level.

***The Rose Society of Victoria has pleasure in strongly recommending***

***Paul Hains for the Australian Rose Award.***



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## Nomination for Australian Rose Award - Paul Hains 2017

Paul represents a new generation of rose growers. His enthusiasm is infectious and many comment on his energy and drive. The ARA criteria highlight that, "Length of Membership of a state society is not necessarily a major factor – it depends on the Service that has been rendered during that time." In his time in the rose societies Paul has created and driven significant change which has positively impacted rose growers at a local, state, national, and international level. He exemplifies outstanding and exceptional service to the rose and has made many significant impacts on rose growing as well as representing Australia internationally. He is well respected worldwide and has been a speaker on roses at a local and international level.

In 2014, Paul wrote and published a book, "Growing Roses in Subtropical Climates." This is the only book on this topic available worldwide and has changed the way people think about roses in warmer climates. It has been sold to the USA, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Uruguay, India, China, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. Almost 2,000 copies of this book have been sold and the feedback has been outstanding. Paul has written the book to help rose societies with fundraising and will generate up to \$12,000 for the Qld Rose Society and well as the Darling Downs Rose Society and regional societies in NSW. The book is up for nomination for the WFRS Literary Award in 2018.

Below is a list of some of the highlights of Paul's rose journey so far.

### Queensland Rose Contributions:

- President - Queensland Rose Society 2013- Present
- Webmaster - Queensland Rose Society 2010-11, 2014- Present
- Secretary - Queensland Rose Society 2009-10
- Brokered the reconciliation of a 17 year old division between rose societies in Queensland
- Instigated the Queensland Rose Award in 2015 to recognise significant achievements of rose enthusiasts
- Instigated a long overdue re-write of the constitution to incorporate changes in laws and technology
- Invited garden expert and speaker at Garden Expos
- Provides expert rosarian advice to heritage and botanical gardens
- Member of the Horticulture Media Association (very restricted membership in Qld to media personalities)
- Regular talk-back presenter on roses on ABC radio
- Interviewed on rose growing for television programs on numerous occasions including prime time news
- Holds pruning days, open gardens, and workshops at his property
- Demonstrates grafting, propagating, and rose breeding techniques
- Champion Division 1 (A Grade) Rose Exhibitor at Queensland and Australian Championships
- Generated funds that bought a new storage trailer he maintains, stores and transports to and from rose shows
- From 2008 to 2011 Paul wrote and published the Queensland Rose Bulletin, an electronic rose newsletter

### Australian National Rose Contributions:

- President - National Rose Society of Australia, 2015 and nominated again for 2018
- Honorary Editor - Australian Rose Annual, National Rose Society of Australia 2016- Present
- Webmaster - National Rose Society of Australia 2010-11, 2015- Present
- Delegate - National Rose Society of Australia 2013, 14, 16, 17
- President - Australian Rose Breeders' Association 2012-13
- Produced the 2017 Aust. Rose Annual very early and it was delivered directly to members. He also produced a PDF version that was sent out internationally providing a wider distribution than ever achieved previously
- Initiated a change to the NRSA Constitution to reduce the administrative burden of changing signatories
- Created a completely new website for the NRSA in 2015 at no cost to the society
- Creator and administrator of the NRSA Facebook Page

- Creates videos on rose culture published online – promoting roses to the public and used as a resource by rose societies in other states
- Gives presentations at Australian rose societies and garden clubs
- Won the Australian Championship for Australian Bred Roses with three roses he hybridised

#### **International Rose Contributions:**

- World Federation of Rose Societies Vice-President for Australasia 2015- Present
- WFRS Chairman – Social Media Subcommittee 2015- Present
- WFRS Deputy Chairman – Promotions Committee 2015- Present
- WFRS Committee Member – Publications Committee 2016- Present
- WFRS Australian Delegate - WFRS Conventions and Regional Conventions
- Invited Speaker - WFRS Convention in Denmark on “Changing Gardeners’ Perspectives on Roses” 2018
- Panel member - International Experts Forum at the WFRS Regional Convention in Beijing, 2016
- Chairman - International Discussion Panel at the WFRS Regional Convention in India, 2014
- Actively involved with the development of a 50th year celebration book for the WFRS
- Creator and administrator of the WFRS Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube
- Invited speaker to visit Rose Societies in South Africa in October 2017 and USA in December 2017
- Has contributed articles for publications in the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, India, and South Africa

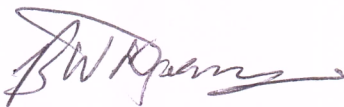
#### **Rose Growing and Hybridising:**

- Gardening Australia Magazine selected Paul as Queensland Gardener of the Year, 2008
- Over 500 roses planted in his garden and 500 roses in pots.
- This is a mix of modern roses along with old garden roses and species.
- Successful rose breeder with awards from the National Trial Garden of Australia and the Queensland Rose Trial Garden, including a Gold Medal.
- Over 15 roses registered through ICRA
- His roses are commercially available through Swanes Nursery, one of Australia’s largest rose introducers
- Donates rose plants as prizes for raffles
- Donates royalties from his roses to charities and has never charged for naming rights for any roses

The most common comment after Paul’s rose talks is, “I gave up on roses, but after hearing you speak I am going to try again.” This is a major achievement in promotion of the rose in Queensland. It exemplifies the ethos of the Australian Rose Award. He gives freely of his time and takes annual leave from his full-time job to be able to do garden talks. Through his work with the WFRS, involvement in social media, and his book, Paul is well recognised worldwide for his contribution to roses.

The Queensland Rose Society is proud to nominate Paul Hains for the 2017 Australian Rose Award.

Regards



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Secretary, The Queensland Rose Society Inc