

The Rose Society of Victoria Inc.
Australian Rose Award 2021

Citation for
Mr Bruce Alister Brundrett

It is with great pleasure that we wish to nominate Mr Bruce Brundrett of The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. for the Australian Rose Award 2021.

Bruce is a third generation nurseryman and very successful breeder from S. Brundrett & Sons, founded in Victoria by his grandfather in 1893. He has been involved with roses from a very early age attending his first rose show in approximately 1942 with his family at the Melbourne Town Hall as an infant.

He began work in the family rose nursery in 1956 and continued there until 2002. The family business staged large non-competitive displays at the Rose Society of Victoria rose shows over many decades and Bruce was instrumental in ensuring the success of those displays. The Rose Shows were on a very large scale at that time and were held twice per year, Spring and Autumn.

Bruce gave annual pruning demonstrations at the nursery and also donated many of the roses which were used for demonstrations across the state, including Burnley Horticultural College.

Bruce served as a Committee Member of The Rose Society of Victoria from 1989 - 2000 and was then elected for a one year term as Vice-President in 2001. Bruce has written articles for the Australian Rose Annual and the Victorian Rose News. He still attends our Rose Shows and is always willing to share his great expertise and wealth of knowledge with others.

In 2004 Bruce started to devote more time to breeding roses with many successful results in the trial gardens. Some of his most recent awards are listed below :

2018

Irwin Award for Most Pest and Disease Resistant - No 6009 Gold Medal

Davis Award for Best Australian Bred Rose of the Year Hybrid Tea - No 6009 Gold Medal

Rose Hill Perpetual Challenge Bowl (USA) Floribunda - No 6009 Gold Medal

Marion de Boehme Award for Best Rose in Trial Floribunda - No 6009 Gold Medal

NZ Hamilton Gardens Perpetual Challenge Award Hybrid Tea - No 6031 Bronze Medal

2019

Davis Award for Best Australian Bred Rose of the Year Hybrid Tea No 7029 - Bronze Medal

2020

Rose Hill Perpetual Challenge Bowl (USA) for Best Floribunda - No 7012 Silver Medal

NZ Hamilton Gardens for Best Hybrid Tea - No 4016 Bronze Medal

Bruce has bred many award winning roses, his most well known rose is, Shirley's Rose, which was named after his wife. It is a HT large fragrant full-bodied bloom of 40 petals and when opened retains the intense peach/apricot colour in the bud which is framed by cream petals. It was released in Australia in 2016.

We would like to acknowledge his experience, many years of service, generosity and commitment to The Rose Society of Victoria Inc., to charity and to the rose industry.

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