

2022 Australian Rose Award Nomination

The Rose Society of South Australia has much pleasure in nominating Mr Gavin Woods for the National Rose Society of Australia's highest honour, The Australian Rose Award.

Gavin is a true ambassador for the Rose and has, since joining The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. (RSSA) in 1996, made a significant contribution not only to the Society, but also to the National Rose Society of Australia Inc. (NRSA), showing leadership, a wealth of knowledge and dedication in promoting the Rose. He has recently demonstrated his intention to become involved in the operations of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) by nominating for the role of Vice President, Australasia.

Since becoming a member, Gavin has supported the Society in its growth through his participation in numerous promotional activities.

Initially only seen as an exhibitor at our spring and autumn rose shows, where he has excelled on the show bench, he then progressed to becoming a respected Rose Judge. Gavin has written extensively and lectured to many aspiring judges nationally.

Following approval to host the 19th WFRS World Rose Convention in Adelaide, Gavin became enthusiastically involved in its planning as a member of the State Steering Committee. Selected as Chairman of the Rose and Garden Expo Sub Committee, being staged in the Adelaide Convention Centre as an integral part of the Convention, Gavin has demonstrated his strong organisational skills and leadership ability of his Committee.

The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. –

- 2013-2014: Vice President
- 2014-2017: President
- 2015 to Present: Co-ordinator of the Rose Section at the Mt Barker Agricultural Show
- 2015: Organised the first hugely successful Copper Coast Rose Show in his hometown of Kadina
- 2016 to Present: Chief Rose Judge
- 2016 to Present: Co-ordinator of the rose section at the Uraidla AH&F Society Show
- 2016 to Present: Co-ordinated and conducted the Judges Training School whereby the RSSA now have four newly Accredited Rose Judges
- 2017-2020: Immediate Past President
- 2019 Awarded Life Membership
- 2020 to Present: Vice President
- Authored Rose Cultural Notes and continues to submit articles (*'My View'*) for the Society Bulletin
- Demonstrates Rose Pruning to the public at both city and country locations.

National Rose Society of Australia Inc. –

- 2010 to Present: NRSA Accredited Rose Judge
- 2010 to Present: NRSA International Judges Panel Sub-Committee
- 2013 to Present: Has attended numerous NRSA AGM's both as an observer and S.A. Delegate
- 2015 to Present: S.A. Judges Representative
- 2018: Vice President (Elected at 2017 NRSA AGM)
- 2018 to Present: NRSA Rose Breeders Representative for the National Rose Trial Gardens of Australia Inc Management Board
- 2018/2019: sought information and design for badges for the Australian Rose Award recipients and NRSA Accredited Judges, then organised the delivery of the badges to the recipients
- 2018/2019: Elected President.

During the highly successful NRSA AGM Weekend held in Adelaide (October 2019), was required to deputise on a number of occasions for the SA President, due to ill health.

- 2021: Vice President (Elected at 2019 NRSA AGM)
- 2021 to Present: President
- 2022: NRSA Chairman of Judges (elected at 2021 NRSA AGM)
- Co-ordinated the Australian Bred Rose of the Year group
- Travelled three times to Western Australia and twice to Queensland to conduct 'Exhibitors and Judges Workshops' which were very successful and very much appreciated
- Contributed articles for the Australian Rose Annual
- Travelled to Ruston's Roses in Renmark to name the roses for the National Rose Collection
- Convenor for the naming of the Australian Bred Convention Rose competition.

World Federation of Rose Societies –

- Has attended several WFRS World Conventions and Regional Conventions.
- 2015, Lyon and 2018, Copenhagen.
Attended several meetings at these conventions as an observer.
- 2018: Was the Australian Representative for the WFRS Shows Committee meeting in Copenhagen (Elected at 2017 NRSA AGM)
- 2020: Appointed Chairman, WFRS International Judges Committee.

Gavin gives his time and expertise of rose growing freely. Because of this, he is much a sought-after guest speaker. He is a highly respected rosarian for his dedication, mentoring, genteel manor, encouragement, and sense of humour, caring and sharing his passion for the love of the Rose.

The Rose Society of South Australia believes Mr Gavin Woods demonstrates outstanding and exceptional service to the Rose and qualifies for the National Rose Society of Australia's most prestigious award, The Australian Rose Award.

Kind regards,

Secretary

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