

AUSTRALIAN ROSE AWARD 2022 (ARA)  
SUE STALLWOOD ARA – QUEENSLAND

We believe Sue Stallwood is a perfect candidate for the ARA Award for the years of her dedication and love of the rose and members. The Committee of the Queensland Rose Society wish to nominate Sue for this prestige Award.

Sue First joining the monthly meetings, did exhibiting roses, and a little floral art at the Paddington Hall back in those days, 1990's

The committee at the time asked Sue and Tony to join the committee, after 12 months of exhibiting, which to this day Sue has been a committee member for 29 years, and current. Sue has helped her husband Tony for many years exhibiting roses at monthly and Major Shows when she could.

When first attending committee meetings for a couple of years, was promoted to Chief Steward, in 1992 holding this position for over 25 years trained by the old great Fred Halpapp. Also did a stint as treasurer for 6 months then passed it over. Did not like the task of treasurer.

Chief Steward responsibility is at the monthly shows, the Autumn and Spring shows at the Auditorium Mt Cootha. A great responsibility, Organizing judges. Making sure exhibits are in the right sections before being judged., before opening the show up to the members.

**Promoting the Rose:** Back in the old days, Sue was involved with setting up exhibiting roses in shopping centres, discussing roses with the public, had membership forms on hand, again promoting the rose, also pruning days at new farm park, had a special table with information for members and gaining memberships by promoting the rose whilst at New Farm Park. Setting up with tents table and chairs amongst the beautiful roses, that happened for a few years. Then moved onto members properties.

The last 15 years or more involved with preparing the Calendar of Events for the club. Meetings, Open Gardens, Pruning Days, Rose Shows and occasionally lunch or dinners, importantly keeping the members together, not losing contact.

Sue went to every National Conventions from 2003 last one 2019 as covid-19 came into play. Many times, nominated as a delegate last one as President representing Queensland.

National AGM Conventions when being held in the State of Queensland Sue has been involved with help organizing over the last 8 or so, the last 3 two of them did mostly herself and the last AGM held in Brisbane Sue did all organizing herself, major task and she pulled it off, was highly commended by her own state members, committee and interstate members. Which her heart and soul went into preparing for the interstate and Queensland members.

Still having the task of Chief Steward, decided she wanted to be a judge, so took up traineeship for 3 years. Then graduated to Judge. Sue did trainee Judging and as a Judge was at other rose clubs in Queensland and Interstate rose clubs.

Within the last 10 years Sue has been promoted to Judge, National Judge and Is currently Queensland Chief Judge, after her dedication to the rose.

In 2016 Sue won the Qld Award for her great achievements and was nominated for a Life Membership by the committee, for what she has done for the club and for promoting the rose in Queensland, which was an honour for her.

Coming up 3 years ago Sue was nominated as President accepted the position and agreed it was time to step down as Chief Steward after all those years. Still organizing the Calendar of Events, still helping a little with chief steward position. Sue has taken us through the toughest times, 2 years of Covid-19, gaining membership, virtual meetings keeping members interested. Holding a membership of 255, always promoting the rose, her dedication is very strong.