

## **KELVIN TRIMPER AM – NOMINATION AND CITATION FOR NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA SERVICE AWARD**

**Kelvin Trimper AM** joined the Rose Society of South Australia in 1975 and has made a significant contribution to societies on a local, national and international level and especially to the National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA).

Kelvin is a well-known rosarian who has over five decades of horticultural and rose growing experience. He is a Past President of The World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) (2015-2018) and Past President of the National Rose Society of Australia (2014) and Rose Society of South Australia (RSSA) (2007-2009). He was on the RSSA Council for 9 years and was awarded Life Membership in 2012. He currently serves as a RSSA Vice-president.

His leadership and extraordinary contribution to horticulture, urban development and community service was acknowledged when he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2018. He received the Australian Rose Award in 2012 and the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 2013. His service to the WFRS was acknowledged with a Gold Medal in 2018.

### Partnership with Neutrog Australia

Kelvin was instrumental in the creation of the mutually beneficial partnership between the Rose Societies around Australia and Neutrog. The Societies have received over \$1 million in royalties for their endorsement of Neutrog's *Sudden Impact for Roses* fertiliser. A similar amount in product has also been donated to gardens throughout Australia and Neutrog have assisted with many promotions over the past 20 years.

During the 1990s, efforts were made by Kelvin, on behalf of the RSSA, to work with a fertiliser company to produce a special purpose rose fertiliser. Neutrog subsequently picked up the idea. After 3 years of trials, *Sudden Impact for Roses* was launched in 2001 with the first royalties paid to the RSSA in that year. Eventually other State Societies and the NRSA added its endorsement. The formal partnership with the RSSA began in 1998 and is still going strong today. Importantly, the royalties which have flowed to the NRSA have secured its financial viability. Kelvin has served as NRSA Neutrog Liaison Officer for the past 24 years.

### The National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Inc.

Kelvin has been a National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Board Member since its inception in 1995 and Chairman for the past 20 years. Implementing best practice, the Trial Garden is acknowledged as one of the leading rose trials in the world. Under his direction, he helped to create the People's Choice Award. He received a National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Service Award in 2005.

### Conventions

Kelvin has attended 5 World Rose Conventions; 9 Regional Conventions and 2 International Heritage Rose Conferences. He also delivered lectures at 10 of these conventions. As an energetic and hard-working WFRS Vice-President from 2009 to 2015, Kelvin represented Australian delegates and personally coordinated and led popular group tours

enabling large numbers of Australians to be part of the largest contingents at these conventions.

Starting in 2014, Kelvin took responsibility for Australia's bid to host the 19<sup>th</sup> World Rose Convention and served as Chairman of the organising committee from 2015 to completion in 2022. In addition, the Adelaide International Rose and Garden Expo has become a commercial reality and demonstrated Kelvin's passion and "can-do" attitude. His leadership was fundamental in securing a significant Grant from Events SA and several Gold Level sponsors.

Over the years, Kelvin has successfully used his extensive knowledge to become one of Australia's leading guest speakers on the rose and rose culture. He has also written many articles on rose culture, recommended roses and WFRS events for Rose Society publications, Australian Rose Annual, World Rose News and gardening magazines. He also serves as an accredited Rose Judge.

Given Kelvin's dedication, knowledge and passion for the rose, professional management and leadership skills, willingness to serve the NRSA, as well as the Societies in Australia, his record can certainly be regarded as outstanding and he would be a worthy recipient of the National Rose Society of Australia Service Award. Therefore the Rose Society of South Australia nominates Kelvin for the NRSA Service Award.