

T. A Stewart Memorial Award 2006

The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. has much pleasure in nominating Mr Max Marriner for the T. A. Stewart Memorial Award.

Max was born in Tasmania in 1935. He moved with his family to Victoria when he was quite young, where he developed a love of horticulture, and roses in particular. He joined the Rose Society of Victoria in 1975 and under the tutelage of his mentor, Mr Terry Honeybun, became a regular exhibitor at our shows. Max is one of the hardest workers for the RSV since he first joined and his contributions have been quite outstanding.

In 1991 he was elected to Council and took over as organiser of The Annual Rose Pruning Demonstrations. These demonstrations have grown to more than 40 per year throughout Victoria and beyond. Demonstrations conducted in commercial premises are a source of revenue for the Society. Max has travelled far and wide to promote the rose.

Max took over as show manager in 2002 and has done a sterling job in attracting first time exhibitors and introducing new sections to the show. The public has responded with larger attendances and therefore a greater financial benefit to the Society.

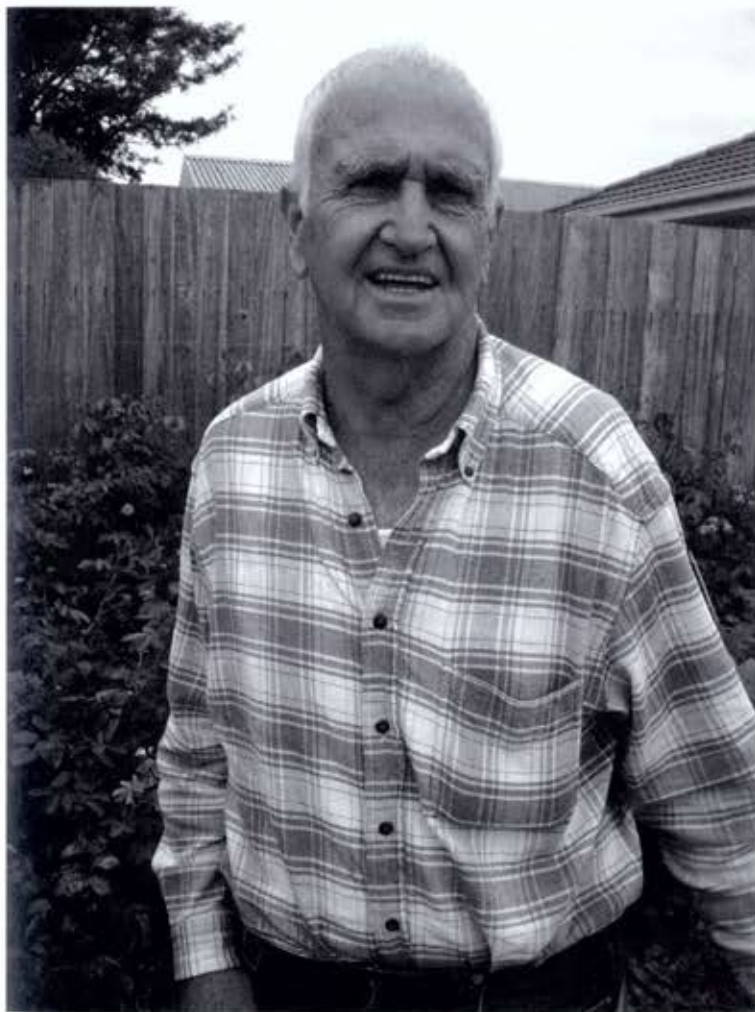
Max has acted as liaison officer to the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden in the Latrobe Valley. He is in close contact with the supporters and has made many trips to this unique garden over a long period, giving freely with his expertise and skill. The National Rose Society of Australia Inc has recently agreed to support this lovely garden for the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence.

For the last 15 years Max has travelled many times to the Albury-Wodonga border region to speak on rose culture and give pruning demonstrations. In 2001 he established a Regional Rose Group in the area with the assistance of local members.

In 2001 Max was elected as a Vice-President and in 2004 was granted Honorary Life Membership on the Rose Society of Victoria Inc.

Tasman Venture, a red cluster-flowered rose that Max has bred is becoming quite popular and is a welcome addition to the growing list of Australian Bred Roses. This seedling was named after his grandson and the State of his birth.

Max Marriner's influence has been felt well beyond state boundaries. By keeping his home state healthy and prosperous, his work has enabled us to represent the rose both at National and International level.



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