

For Mrs. Harris to be in Australia to unveil the sculpture, Kelvin instigated and co-ordinated the financial reimbursement for Mrs. Harris' visit from all Australian state rose societies. In return Mrs. Harris travelled around Australia to be a guest speaker at each of the State Rose Societies meetings, including the 2010 National Rose Society of Australia AGM weekend and the Heritage Roses in Australia Conference – both held in Brisbane.

Life Membership of the Rose Society of South Australia was awarded to Kelvin in 2012.

It was with great pleasure that the Rose Society of South Australia presented this nomination for Mr. Kelvin Trimper for the 2012 Australian Rose Award and we believe him to be a most deserving recipient of this prestigious and honourable award.

T. A. Stewart Memorial Award 2012

Mr. Laurie Newman, Vic



Laurie Newman began growing roses in 1962, and joined the Rose Society of Victoria in 1965. He began exhibiting roses with some success by 1970. He was elected to the RSV Council in the mid 1970s.

In 1978, Laurie created Reliable Roses at Silvan, and developed it as a business specialising in Species Roses and Old Garden Roses. Laurie remained an intermittent exhibitor of all types of roses.

In 1990, a sport of **Marjory Palmer** was discovered by Laurie, and he registered it with the consent of the family, naming it **Alister Clark**. This aroused an interest in breeding and an interesting seedling was entered in the NRTGA in Adelaide; it won a Silver Medal (2003-2005) as Best Australian Bred Rose. It was grown and marketed by Treloar Roses for five years as **China Sunrise**, named after the then Director of The Beijing Botanical Gardens.

Laurie joined ARBA as a Victorian representative in 2005 and was appointed Editor in 2011, and Treasurer in 2012.

The fine tradition of Australian rose breeding is recorded with the Australian Bred and Sported Roses, and the Australian Breeders files prepared by Laurie are available on the NRSA website. He was appointed by NRSA as Australian Registrar of New Rose Names in 2005, and continues to hold that position maintaining these two important records.

In 1982 he began to learn the Chinese language, and began corresponding with Mr. Zhang ZhiSheng of Ningbo, a member of the China Rose Association. Laurie made a visit to China in 1998 to meet Mr Zhang, who had secretly arranged for Laurie to meet representatives of The Beijing Botanical Gardens. As a result of this meeting Laurie was invited to develop an OGR and Species garden there.

Laurie invited Mr. Zhang to stay at his home for five weeks in 1999, and they attended RSV centenary celebrations. Between 1999 and 2002, 400 plants were taken from Silvan, acclimatised in Beijing, and planted by Laurie into the 7 hectare Rose Garden within The Beijing Botanical Gardens.

In 2003 an opening ceremony acknowledging Laurie's gift to China was arranged, and the China-Australia Friendship Rose Garden was opened by Ms. Jenny Sparks from the Australian Consulate in Beijing. Laurie indicates that he has never felt so proud to be Australian. Because of this project, he needed to continuously travel to China and formed a very strong connection with China through Mr. Zhang ZuoShuang, former Director of BBG and now President, China Rose Association, and present BBG Director, Dr. Zhao ShiWei.

In 2006 he retired from Reliable Roses to apply himself to his other rose responsibilities. In 2010 he was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the RSV. He is an accredited Australian rose judge, and has travelled the world meeting growers and other renowned rosarians, including International Trial Ground, California (2005/6/7/8), WFRS Convention, Osaka 2006, Regional Convention, Changzhou 2010, and WFRS Convention, Johannesburg 2012.

The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. is extremely proud that Mr. Laurie Newman has been awarded this high honour for 2012.

Friendship is like a book.
It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
