

NRSA President's Message

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It is a great honour to be the President of the National Rose Society of Australia, a position that I only admired from afar, joining the list of presidents of days gone by who are admired and respected for their leadership and great knowledge of growing, showing and sharing the love of the rose.

As a member of the RSV, I have been privileged with the guidance and knowledge of past presidents Ian Spriggs, Steve Beck and Veronica O'Brien. I joined the RSV Committee of Management in 2006 and have been RSV President for the past 4 years.

This year I hope to attend as many State Shows as possible. I look forward to applying myself wholeheartedly to this position and sharing a year of roses without restrictions.

I would like to personally thank Gavin Woods, 2022 NRSA President, for his leadership, knowledge, commitment and dedication for the past year. Gavin is most generous in time and extremely kind with all that he does for the rose. Gavin was also part of the committee that presented the World Federation of Rose Societies Conference.

The WFRS Conference Committee, convened by Kelvin Trimper, worked very hard for 8 years to organise this major event, which included the Adelaide International Rose and Garden Show, an outstanding event and a wonderful success.

Congratulations to Diane vom Berg from South Australia, who was elected President of the WFRS for a three-year term.

Mr. Bob Melville, from Western Australia, was announced as the NRSA President at the 50th National AGM for 2023. Sadly, Bob passed away suddenly late in November 2022. Bob was a lifelong and ardent promoter and grower of roses, following in his father's footsteps. Sincere condolences to Bob's family and friends and the members of the Rose Society of Western Australia.

The National AGM and Rose Show 2023 will be held in Western Australia from Friday 20th October to Thursday 26th October 2023, including a wonderful post-conference agenda to enjoy many fabulous events.

I welcome you to contact me over the next year and I am looking forward to representing you on behalf of the NRSA.