



## *The Rose Society of NSW Inc.*

**Regional Societies - Central Coast Lake Macquarie, Hunter Valley, Illawarra, Macarthur, Nepean-Blue Mountains-Hawkesbury, Southern Highlands, Southern Sydney, Sydney, Upper North Shore & Hills**

The Rose Society of New South Wales nominates Kristin Dawson for the Australian Rose Award 2023.

Since joining the Rose Society in 2011, Kristin has played a significant role within the organisation at local, state, national and international level.

Kristin has held a number of positions within the Illawarra Regional and in 2014 became a delegate to the State Council of the Rose Society of NSW Inc., and Web Manager.

In 2015 Kristin was elected as Secretary for the Rose Society of NSW Inc., a position she filled until 2021. While State Secretary, Kristin worked closely with State President, Colin Hollis, in establishing three new Regional Rose groups in New South Wales.

Together with Colin, Kristin also worked closely with Mrs. Hurley, wife of the then NSW Governor, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), in obtaining and naming a rose, 'The Governor's Wife.' As Patron of the Rose Society of NSW, Mrs. Hurley sought to honour the wives of the Governors of New South Wales. The rose was planted in the garden of Government House Sydney.

In addition to being NSW State Secretary, in 2016 Kristin was elected as Secretary of the National Rose Society of Australia. This was a particularly demanding time for Kristin, due to Australia having been announced as host of the 19th World Federation of Rose Societies' Convention 2021 to be held in Adelaide. As well as fulfilling the duties of National Secretary, Kristin took on the role of Secretary of the Organising Committee for the World Rose Convention 2021.

New South Wales was due to host the Australian Rose Championships in 2020 and Kristin became the Coordinator of the Organising Committee.

The Championship was twice postponed because of Covid and was eventually successfully staged in May 2022. As well as the Australian Rose Championships, the International Convention was also postponed until 2022. Kristin was involved in every aspect on the national level of the successful staging of the World Federation of Rose Societies 19th Convention.

In 2017 Kristin took on the role of Chair of the Illawarra Regional of the Rose Society, the largest Regional in NSW. With this position she simultaneously held the positions of Illawarra Chair, NSW State Secretary, National Secretary and Secretary of the National Committee of the World Federation of Rose Societies' Convention, Adelaide.

Currently Kristin is Chair of The Illawarra Regional Rose Society as well as delegate to State Council of the NSW Rose Society.

One particular attribute of Kristin's is that she always assists her successor to feel comfortable in the role before fully withdrawing. She has assisted two NSW Secretaries as well as a National Secretary to become familiar with the role before stepping away.

Kristin also looks after The Dapto Peace Rose Garden a small Community Garden at the Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, that she helped restore and now maintains. She has been involved in the work of the Rose Garden at Wollongong Botanical Gardens and has been closely involved in planting and preserving the roses bred by Illawarra local, Allan Read, by arranging to have them planted as part of the Australian Bred Roses in the Wollongong Botanical Gardens. Kristin also assists at Peace Park Kiama, especially in the annual Rose Pruning Workshop.

Kristin has participated in international tours, Conferences and Conventions, including Slovenia and China and the World Federation of Rose Societies' events in Lyon France, Copenhagen Denmark, and Adelaide Australia.

Kristin is a keen exhibitor and especially supports the Rose section in the local Agricultural Shows on the New South Wales South Coast. She is always willing to share her knowledge by speaking at events including Sydney's Royal Easter Show and contributes articles on various aspects of Rose Care. New South Wales members believe that Kristin Dawson would be a most worthy recipient of this most prestigious honour, The Australian Rose Award.