

GAVIN WOODS A.R.A.

Nomination and Citation for T.A. Stewart Memorial Award

The Rose Society of South Australia has great pleasure in nominating Mr. Gavin Woods A.R.A. to be considered to receive the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award.

Gavin Woods is a true ambassador for the Rose Society of South Australia (RSSA) and National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA) showing leadership, a wealth of knowledge and dedication in promoting the Rose in cities, regions and states over many years. Having exhibited roses since the 1970s, Gavin became one of South Australia's best rose exhibitors. Using his experience and ability, he has been involved with the administration of floriculture societies for over 40 years.

Gavin's hobbies became true passions as he participated in shows and won State titles and, in 1995, he decided to enter the world of Roses in earnest. Since joining the RSSA in 1996, Gavin became a member of the Council in 2013 and served as President from 2014 to 2017 and was awarded Life Membership in 2019 recognising his outstanding contribution to the Society while juggling full time employment.

As a Champion rose exhibitor, it was a natural progression for Gavin to become a judge of roses at both State and National levels, taking on the role of Chief Judge in 2016. He is also on the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia's management team representing the NRSA.

After serving as NRSA President in 2019, Gavin accepted another term in 2021 and was significantly involved with the 2022 World Rose Convention and Adelaide International Rose and Garden Exhibition which proved to be an outstanding success.

The Rose Society of South Australia Inc.

- 2013-2014: Vice President
- 2014-2017: President
- 2015 to Present: Co-ordinator of the Rose Section at Mt Barker Agricultural Show.
- 2015: Organised the first hugely successful Copper Coast Rose Show in his hometown of Kadina.
- 2016 to Present: Chief Rose Judge
- 2016 to Present: Co-ordinator of the rose section at the Uraidla AH&F Society Show.
- 2016 to Present: Co-ordinated and conducted the Judges Training School whereby the RSSA now have four newly Accredited Rose Judges.
- 2017-2020: Immediate Past President
- 2019 Awarded Life Membership
- 2020 to Present: Vice President
- Regularly contributes Cultural Notes and other articles for Rose Society Bulletin.
- Demonstrated Rose Pruning to the public at city and country locations.

National Rose Society of Australia Inc.

- 2010 to Present: NRSA International Judges Sub-Committee.

- 2013 to Present: Attended a number of NRSA AGM's both as an observer and S.A. Delegate.
- 2015 to Present: S.A. Judges Representative and NRSA Accredited Rose Judge.
- 2017: Vice President
- 2018 to Present: NRSA Rose Breeders Representative on the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Management Board.
- 2018 and 2019: Sought information and design for badges for the Australian Rose Award recipients and NRSA Accredited Judges, then organised the delivery of the badges to the recipients.
- 2019: President and Chairman of the highly successful NRSA AGM held in Adelaide.
- 2020: Vice-President
- 2021: President
- Co-ordinated the Australian Bred Rose of the Year group.
- Travelled three times to Western Australia and twice to Queensland to conduct 'Exhibitors and Judges Workshops' which were very successful.
- Contributed articles for the Australian Rose Annual.
- Travelled to New Zealand to promote the 2022 Convention and attend meetings.

World Federation of Rose Societies –

- 2014 -2023: Significant work on WFRS World Rose Convention as Committee member, and Sub-committee for the National Rose Show and EXPO display.
- Attended several WFRS World Conventions and Regional Conventions, including Lyon (2015) and Denmark (2018) and Adelaide (2022) and several meetings. As NRSA President, Gavin participated as host and a lecturer at the Adelaide convention.
- 2018: Participated as the Australian Representative for the WFRS International Judges Committee meeting in Copenhagen.
- 2020: Appointed Chairman, WFRS International Judges Committee.
- 2022: Appointed VP Australasia, WFRS

Gavin always gives his time, rose growing advice and skills freely and is sought after as a guest speaker and rose judge. He is a highly respected rosarian known for his dedication, experience, mentoring and sharing his passion for the Rose.

The Rose Society of South Australia believes Mr. Gavin Woods has demonstrated outstanding and exceptional service to the Rose and would be a worthy recipient of the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award.

John Humphries
Honorary Secretary
Rose Society of South Australia Inc.

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