

MERYL MORPHETT NOMINATION FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ROSE AWARD

The Rose Society of NSW Inc has much pleasure in nominating Meryl Morphett for the National Rose Society of Australia 2023 Australian Rose Award

Mrs Meryl Morphett has been a loyal and very active member of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. assisting her husband Mr Ted Morphett since 1975, until she formally joined the Society a few years later once her young family had grown more independently of her.

Meryl Morphett has contributed at an outstanding level in the service of promoting the rose at international, national, state, and local levels. Meryl with Ted, received recognition in the Rose Society of NSW with the highest award – the Bert Mulley Memorial Award in 2014.

From the earliest years Meryl with Ted has exhibited roses and achieving at the highest A Grade level promoting the best quality roses to the public

At the local level, she has participated in the Sydney Regional Society actively through regular attendance at the meetings, contributing regularly to the show bench, providing instruction to those attending on rose cultivation, exhibition, pruning demonstrations, and with Ted have managed the library over many years.

Meryl has also successfully bred her own rose seedlings and has exhibited them at the regional rose show.

At the State level, Meryl has consistently provided the highest quality of exhibition of roses, entering and achieving Championship awards at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, and at all Regional Shows over the period of many years. Meryl with Ted has travelled to these shows from Emu Plains to the Hunter Valley, the Illawarra and the Sydney based shows, ensuring that there is always an exhibition of the top-quality roses for the public to view. They both have sustained this level of exhibition for several years. They are most generous in bringing

roses in abundance to the rose shows, and frequently without their beautiful exhibits, the standard, quality and number of exhibits would fall. The huge amount of work in the provision of this service is well understood by anyone who has taken their roses to exhibit at a show.

Meryl also at the same time as exhibiting roses has acted as Judge at many of these rose shows, ensuring that the B and C Grades are provided with her high-quality expertise. For many years Meryl has also served the State as minute writer for the Judges Meetings, has provided demonstrations of exhibiting roses at workshops conducted by the State, and at regional meetings.

Meryl also has shared her knowledge by writing articles for the State Rose Journal. Meryl was involved in the preparation of the National Rose Conferences held in NSW in various capacities. Meryl has also been the State Assistant Secretary, assisting with the minute writing at State Council Meetings for more than ten years.

At the National level, Meryl with Ted, has provided consistent support for the National Rose Championships and attendance at the National Conference and AGM for many years. Again they have transported roses across the States to exhibit them, and ensure that the highest quality of roses are maintained. Meryl has taken on the position of a member of the National Awards Committee since 2020, and also is fulfilling this role at the State level, as Meryl is highly regarded in the Society and has a very broad knowledge of the membership both nationally and across the State.

At the International level, Meryl has maintained an interest in the International rose scene, travelling to the various international rose conventions over several years. Meryl has also been a keen exhibitor in the International Federation of Rose Society scheduled exhibits at National Rose Conferences.

Meryl Morphett can be described as a quiet achiever, who has contributed so generously not only to the promotion of the rose at its best but to the Rose Society at all levels, over more than 40 years. She is a worthy recipient of the Australian Rose Award.