

EDWARD MORPHETT NOMINATION FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ROSE AWARD

The Rose Society of NSW Inc has much pleasure in nominating Edward Morphett for the National Rose Society of Australia 2023 Australian Rose Award. Mr Edward (Ted) Morphett has been a loyal and very active member of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. since 1975. He, accompanied by his wife Meryl Morphett, has contributed at an outstanding level in the service of promoting the rose at international, national, state and local levels. He with Meryl have received recognition in the Rose Society of NSW with the highest award – the Bert Mulley Memorial Award in 2014.

From the earliest years Ted has exhibited roses and achieving at the highest A Grade level promoting the best quality roses to the public at the local level, he has participated in the Sydney Regional Society actively through regular attendance at the meetings, contributing through overseeing show bench, providing to those attending on rose cultivation, exhibition and with Meryl have managed the library over many years. He has also contributed at the local level by providing pruning demonstrations to rose growers in the Sydney Region since this period of membership.

At the State level, Ted 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. He with Meryl have 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.

Ted 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 his high-quality expertise. For many years Ted has also served the State as Chief Judge, has provided demonstrations of exhibiting

roses at workshops conducted by the State, and at Regional meetings. Some of these members with Ted's encouragement, went on to become 'A' Grade exhibitors.

Ted also has shared his knowledge by writing articles for the State Rose Journal and by carrying out the role of Rose Consultant. Ted was involved in the preparation of the National Rose Conferences held in NSW in various capacities, and as the Chief Steward in 2022.

At the National level, Ted with Meryl, has provided consistent support for the National Rose championships and attendance at the National Conference and AGM. Again, he has transported roses across the States to exhibit them, and ensure that the highest quality of roses are maintained. He has taken on the role of National Chief Judge and lead meetings on behalf of the NRSA. This has also entailed participation in the review of the National Judges Handbook, to which his expertise has been greatly appreciated.

At the International level, Ted also contributed to the development of the recent publication: *The International Principles of Exhibiting & Judging Roses*. Luis Desamero (Ed). 2018. He and Meryl maintained an interest in the International rose scene, travelling to the various international rose conventions over several years.

Ted 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.

He is a worthy recipient of the Australian Rose Award.