

Australian Rose Award

Nomination 2025

Ms. Sandra Turner

It is with great pleasure that The Rose Society of Victoria would like to nominate our President, Ms. Sandra Turner, for the Australian Rose Award for 2025.

Sandra joined The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. in 2006 having been involved as a dedicated volunteer at the Victoria State Rose Garden at Werribee. Sandra has worked extremely diligently for the society and was almost immediately elected to the Committee of Management and has remained on the Committee since that time, most notably as President since 2021.

Since becoming President, Sandra, due to unforeseen circumstances, was the National Rose Society of Australia President for a two-year term. This occurred during the COVID time when the NRSA and The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. had to make major innovative changes to maintain the existence of the society. Many Zoom meetings were organised and Sandra used emails, phone calls and Facebook to keep members informed. This took a major amount of time and effort. Sandra's initiative at the national level saw Zoom meetings conducted for the benefit of all members when conferences and face to face meetings were not possible.

Sandra's leadership style is one of consultation and inclusion and a great sense of purpose and dedication. She is known for her exceptional communication skills and attention to detail. She has promoted the knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of the rose to members of the society and to the general public through her tireless work for The Rose Society of Victoria Inc., the Victoria State Rose Garden, and the Sunshine Golden Age Garden Club. Sandra has maintained valuable and long-standing partnerships with Neutrog, Felco, Treloar Roses, Wagner's Roses, Gardenworld and many other businesses.

Sandra has worked tirelessly on the Show Committee for the last four NRSA National Conferences held in Victoria over a twenty-year period, firstly as treasurer then taking on the responsibility as convener. She has also facilitated our very successful Rose Judges Course.

In recent years Sandra has coordinated members to work alongside members of RIAUS (Rose Introducers of Australia) at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, a highly prestigious event held in Victoria annually. She has also hosted Stefanie Williams from David Austin Roses UK for the past two years resulting in a very informative Zoom meeting recently held for members.

Sandra is a keen rose exhibitor and always liaises with the Victoria State Rose Garden to bring large amounts of blooms to our shows. She has forged links with the Alister Clark Memorial Rose Garden in Bulla who have displayed these roses at our shows in recent times. Sandra has also given rose pruning demonstrations around the State over a twenty year period. She is well known for her passion for roses, her wonderful photographs and is a sought after speaker for many organisations where she speaks about the rose and rose related topics.

Sandra has represented The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. at the World Federation of Rose Societies Convention in Lyon, 2015, Denmark in 2018, Adelaide in 2022, and Japan in 2025.

The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. has pleasure in nominating Sandra Turner for the Australian Rose Award in 2025.