

Nomination for the Australian Rose Award 2026

Mr Alan Short

The Rose Society of Western Australia Inc. is proud to nominate **Mr Alan Short** for the 2026 Australian Rose Award as his contribution to the Rose Society has been distinguished by exceptional service, leadership, education and mentorship.

For the past 24 years, Alan has been one of the Rose Society of Western Australia's most respected and dedicated members. Throughout this time, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to promoting the knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of the rose through his leadership, generosity, expertise and willingness to share his time with others.

Alan is an accomplished rose grower whose magnificent garden showcases not only outstanding roses but also a diverse collection of companion plants. He is a highly respected exhibitor and accredited Rose Judge whose dedication to growing roses of the highest standard has earned him numerous Championship awards and major prizes over many years. His achievements as a competitor are admired throughout the Society and serve as an inspiration to both experienced growers and newcomers alike.

One of Alan's greatest strengths is his willingness to share his extensive knowledge. He is one of the Society's most experienced members and is regularly sought out for his practical advice and guidance. Over many years he has been a popular guest speaker, presenting talks on a wide range of rose-growing topics, and at meetings he is always generous in assisting members with advice on pest control, spraying programs, cultivation techniques and general rose care.

Alan has made, and continues to make, an invaluable contribution to educating members through his preparation of the seasonal Cultivation Notes published in the Rose Society of WA's quarterly journal. These articles, together with his monthly gardening tips, have provided members with practical guidance on maintaining healthy, beautiful roses throughout the year.

He has also generously participated in numerous pruning demonstrations for both Society members and the wider community, helping to encourage new rose growers and improve the skills of established gardeners.

Alan's contribution to the Society's annual Rose Shows has been exceptional. As Chief Steward for many years, he has been responsible for ensuring the show benches are correctly prepared for every class of competition, a role that requires meticulous planning and attention to detail. Beyond his official responsibilities, Alan has always been one of the first to arrive to assist with setting up the Show and one of the last to leave after helping with the clean-up. He has also willingly assisted the Show Secretary whenever required, quietly ensuring the smooth running of our exhibitions.

Alan's generosity extends well beyond Society meetings and Shows. Before Council meetings were moved to external venues, Alan and his late wife, Iris, graciously hosted several meetings in their home. Later, Alan and his daughter Julie welcomed members to a wonderful "Christmas in July" supper, providing an evening of friendship and fellowship that was greatly appreciated by all who attended.

Alan has also opened his beautiful garden on several occasions to host afternoon teas that raised valuable funds for the Society. For many years he generously made his garage available as the collection point for members receiving their Neutrog fertiliser orders, providing a practical service that greatly benefited our membership.

Alan has willingly accepted numerous leadership roles within the Society. He served as a Councillor from **2008 to 2016**, was the Society's **Webmaster from 2010 to 2012**, and served as **Chief Steward from 2013 to 2018 and again from 2020 to 2025**. He was also one of the members who played a significant role in updating the Rose Society of Western Australia Inc's Constitution in 2016.

In recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to the Society, Alan was awarded **Life Membership of the Rose Society of Western Australia Inc. in 2023**. This honour reflects the high regard in which he is held by his fellow members.

The Rose Society of Western Australia Inc. believes that Mr Alan Short has made an outstanding and significant contribution to the promotion, knowledge and appreciation of the rose over the past twenty-four years. His dedication, expertise and selfless service make him a thoroughly deserving recipient of the **Australian Rose Award 2026**, and we commend his nomination without reservation.

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