

The Rose Society of NSW Inc.

Australian Rose Award 2026 nomination - Rosalie Vine

Rosalie Vine joined the Rose Society of NSW in 2006 and from the outset she has been involved in many activities and promotions.

It became obvious that whatever task she undertook it would be done so with planning and dedication. The new home garden which she established with Chris was well designed and ready to give her plants every opportunity to thrive. And thrive they did! Soon rosarians were invited to meetings at Bradbury to appreciate a quality rose garden.

From 2014 Rosalie was Chairperson of the Macarthur Regional and with her all-round talents the group was active. The joint shows with Ingleburn Horticultural Society continued for some years and then later Rosalie organised similar events with Mater Dei and St Justin's School. This broadened our contact in the community.

When the need arose for a new meeting venue Rosalie obtained the use of the Macarthur Sustainability Centre at Mt Annan. This same facility also became the venue for our State Council meetings.

Rosalie has always been prepared to accept responsibilities beyond her local area. Quite early she held the position of State Vice-President and provided thoughtfulness and support. By participating at conventions she has gained an insight into the opportunities available for rosarians if they meet the challenges.

The Adelaide WFRS event required contributions from around Australia and Rosalie led the way from NSW. Her submissions drew thousands of dollars from Destination NSW for the Pre-convention tour. This was a major success and ensured that our overseas guests felt at home and with friends. These funds ensured that our speaking guest Dr Inna Koval from Ukraine joined us. Those submission writing skills have again been utilised this year in relation to the National.

From the earliest stages Rosalie enjoyed the challenges of exhibiting her roses. Numerous champion awards have been won and she has always been happy to work towards the development of newer members. Keeping track of the pointscore for the monthly show bench has given her much pleasure. When opportunities have arisen she has been a committed judge.

2026 has been a significant year for Macarthur. Our 40th year was celebrated with a High Tea which Rosalie organised from start to finish. A very pleasant afternoon was spent when we recognised the contributions from the past.

In recent years Rosalie has held the position of Show Secretary. The processes have been refined to match these days of less experience and fewer exhibitors. Every effort is being made to develop our team. Rosalie has spent many hours in preparation for the 2026 National Show.

The Rose Society has been extremely fortunate to have benefitted from Rosalie's contribution. For the entire 20 years of her membership she has provided great strength to our ranks. Her skill, calmness and knowledge have been greatly valued.

She is a deserved recipient of the Australian Rose Award.

