

The Rose Society of South Australia nominates Mr. Peter Burton for the Australian Rose Award, and submits the following information in support.

Peter Burton has over the past few decades given great service to the Rose.

He has been a member of The Rose Society of South Australia for over 25 years and was inducted as a Life Member of our Society in 2006 in recognition of his outstanding contribution.

Peter was first elected to the Council of the Rose Society of South Australia in July 1988 and served as a Councillor until July 1995. In July 1998 he was re-elected to Council in the role of Secretary, a position he held until July 2002 when he was elected as President. He held this role until 2005 and subsequently remained on Council as immediate past-President (until July 2007) and Councillor (July 2007 to July 2009).

During his time on Council he was involved in a number of Public Rose displays including a 4 day spectacular at the Elizabeth Shopping Centre, which he organised. In this period he has always been a keen promoter of the rose to young people.

Whilst President, Peter was instrumental in establishing the Rose Branch in Darwin called "Top End Roses". In 2002, Peter was also actively involved in the Adelaide Rose Festival.

Since 2006, Peter Burton and Dean Stringer have run regular "Judges' Schools" for prospective and Junior Judges. This utilises Peter's excellent skills as both a top exhibitor and show judge. It also demonstrates his willingness, even on show days, to assist inexperienced and novice exhibitors. Peter has also assisted in the updating of the NRSA Judges' Handbook and development of protocols and procedures to be used in the National accreditation of Judges.

He has served the Society as a guest speaker at many local and country venues and regularly fills the role of "cultural notes speaker" at our monthly meetings. His knowledge of the Rose combined with quick wit and humour ensures he is often in demand for speaking engagements.

Peter was also a member of the 2008 World Regional Convention Committee and significantly involved in organising the very successful daily tours and post-convention tour associated with this event.

On the administration front, Peter was a key driver in formalising the relationship with Neutrog Fertilisers which has continued to grow and prosper and ensured the sound financial position of our Society, and benefited other State Societies and the National Society.

On the national front, Peter has served as a State Delegate to the NRSA from 2000 to 2007 inclusive. In November 2007, he was elected as National President for 2008, which appropriately coincided with The Rose Society of South Australia's Centenary Year and the World Regional Convention held in South Australia in 2008. On the international front, Peter has been an active registrant to a number of World Federation of Rose Societies events, the most recent being his attendance at the Vancouver Convention in 2009.

Peter was on the Fundraising Committee for the David Ruston Sculpture which successfully raised over \$100,000 to ensure the sculpture was completed on time and unveiled in October 2010.

Peter was awarded the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award in 2010.

The Rose Society of South Australia considers Peter to be a most worthy candidate for consideration for the Australian Rose Award.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Watson
Secretary