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NOMINATION OF MR RICHARD WALSH FOR THE NRSA SERVICE AWARD BY THE ROSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA



Mr Richard Walsh is one of Australia's most respected and well known rosarians and has served the Rose and the National Rose Society of Australia with great distinction over many years. Born in 1945, he has used his great knowledge to further the cause of the Rose in all of the Societies in which he has been involved at the State, National and International level.

Richard is an Honorary Life Member of the Rose Society of New South Wales and serving as its President for approximately seven years. He also served as Chairman of Judges for a period.

He has attended NRSA AGM'S in various roles including as a delegate for NSW in 1994, 1996-2002 & 2004. He served as NRSA President in 2003.

He represented Australia as a delegate to WFRS Triennial Conventions in 1997 & 2003. Richard became Editor of World Rose News for three years to 2012 and was the first to produce WRN electronically.

One of his great achievements will be as Editor of the Australian Rose Annual for 7 editions from 2007- 2013. He undertook this difficult role with distinction and great professionalism.

He was Web-master of the NRSA from 2004- 2009.

He was awarded the TA Stewart Memorial Award in 1996 and the Australian Rose Award in 2002 for services to the Rose.

One of his great passions is the breeding of roses. He is an active member of the Australian Rose Breeders Association and has served a period as its President. He was responsible for ARBA being accepted as an Associate Member of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

A rose breeder of some renown, one of his roses "Wollongong Gold" was the first Australian Bred Rose to receive an Award in the National Rose Trial Garden. He has received several awards since. A rose he raised for "Lifeline" was a great achievement. He is also the breeder of the rose chosen to celebrate the Centenary of the Rose Society of New South Wales "100 Not Out".

Richard Walsh is one of Australia's finest rosarians and the Rose Society of Victoria Inc. is proud to nominate him for the NRSA Service Award.