

## Glyn Saunders - NZ



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Doug Grant (President New Zealand Rose Society) presents the TA Stewart Memorial Award to Glyn Saunders

The New Zealand Rose Society (Inc) has much pleasure in nominating Mr Glyn Saunders from Masterton for the TA Stewart Memorial Award. Glyn is a widely respected and highly regarded rosarian in the Wairarapa region and throughout New Zealand.

Glyn grew up in England and was greatly influenced by his grandfather who was a very keen gardener and rose lover. Glyn studied horticulture at Wisley, Reading University and Loughborough College where both practical and theoretical horticulture were taught. Glyn also studied business and management in London. His service with the Royal Air Force also saw him responsible for rose gardens across several air bases. This gave him a great source of knowledge.

In 1964, Glyn along with his wife Dora and their young family immigrated to New Zealand and settled at Waikanae, on the Kapiti Coast just north of Wellington. He joined the Kapiti Rose Society in 1985, serving as President from 1986 to 1988 before moving to Masterton and joining the Wairarapa Rose Society. A long serving committee member since joining the society,

Glyn has also served as its President from 2002 to 2004 and was awarded life membership in 2000. He continues to be very active in the Wairarapa Rose Society and provides advice about growing roses to people and organisations around the Wairarapa region.

Glyn was elected to the National Council of the New Zealand Rose Society in 1986 and was vice president for four years. He served as President from 1993 to 1996. During his time on Council Glyn worked hard for the Rose Society visiting many District Rose Societies around New Zealand and he provided wise counsel when required. Glyn served on most sub committees, being Chief Steward for several national rose conventions and also acted as Chief Judge. He was also a long standing judge at the New Zealand International Rose Trial Grounds at Palmerston North where he keenly took part in the judging and assessment of the trial beds.

Glyn's time as President coincided with the 10<sup>th</sup> WFRS World Rose Convention in Christchurch in 1994. This was a highlight of his term in office. Glyn was a wonderful ambassador for the New Zealand Rose Society and worked closely with the organising committee to ensure a very successful event. During the convention, he conducted himself with distinction, warmly welcoming the many overseas visitors and New Zealand Rosarians in attendance.

In 1996 Glyn was awarded Life Membership of the New Zealand Rose Society. He was also appointed as President Emeritus of the New Zealand Rose Society in 2013. At the World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Convention the same year, was presented with the New Zealand Rose Award for service to the 'rose'.

Glyn has been a regular contributor to the New Zealand Rose Annual over many years with valuable and instructive articles on the care and maintenance of roses. Some of these articles were also published in Australia and the United Kingdom. Glyn has been a noted public speaker to outside groups and many District Rose Societies. He is a very able consulting Rosarian and a much respected elder statesman of the New Zealand Rose Society. Throughout his involvement with the rose over many years, Glyn was ably supported by his late wife Dora.

The New Zealand Rose Society considers Glyn Saunders would be a worthy recipient of the TA Stewart Memorial Award.