

# NRSA President's Message

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In this edition I welcome you in my second year as editor and also my second term as National President. The rose societies in Australia continue to excite me. It is fantastic to see the enthusiasm of new members mixing with the knowledge and support of members with long histories in rose societies.

As a regular speaker at garden clubs, I see many clubs who appear afraid of new ideas, technologies, and sociological changes. Rose societies seem to embrace these challenges, adapting like a rose bush does to climatic changes. This gives me unbridled confidence that roses have a great future in Australia.

Our sincere thanks go to outgoing NRSA President and Victorian President Veronica O'Brien, the first female president in Victoria, our country's founding rose society. Veronica and her team put together a wonderful weekend for the NRSA AGM. The rose show was magnificent and the events were well organised. Congratulations.

It was a true honour to be awarded the Australian Rose Award this year. I would like to thank the Queensland and Victorian societies for nominating me. I learned everything from members in our societies and from leaders like Tony Stallwood and Veronica O'Brien. I would encourage you to attend rose society meetings and ask lots of questions. Get involved.

I would like to thank our rose society sponsors, especially Neutrog, for their continued support of rose societies throughout the country. Please support our sponsors and advertisers with your patronage.

Congratulations to the winners of the photo competition in this edition. There are some beautiful photos starting on page 63. For the 2019 Annual, the competition will change to a **written article competition with a \$100 prize** per class for the best article in each of five classes. Write something about your rose growing experiences, or about that next event you go to, and you could win. See page 62 for full details.

In 2018, Queensland will hold the National Rose Championships on the first weekend in October and the committee has been working for the past two years to make the weekend an outstanding event. Come to Queensland and enjoy the sunshine and a climate where roses bloom all year round.

### Cover

*Front* - **Unconventional Lady** - Treloar Roses will donate \$2 from the sale of each rose to the 2021 World Rose Convention fundraising fund - Image supplied by Treloar Roses

*Back* - **Brass Band** - Victoria State Rose Garden, Werribee



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