

T.A. Stewart Memorial Award 2018 (SMA)

Paul Hains ARA SMA - Queensland



Paul exemplifies outstanding and exceptional service to the rose and is well respected worldwide for the impact he has had on rose growing.

In 2014, Paul wrote and published a book, "Growing Roses in Subtropical Climates" that raised over \$10,000 for the Qld Rose Society. This book received the WFRS Literary Award in July 2018.

In 2017 Paul received the Australian Rose Award from the NRSA and has made many more significant contributions subsequent to those on the nomination for the ARA.

Paul re-edited this book to make it relevant for all climates. He self-funded and printed "Growing Roses" in October 2017 and made it available to all rose societies in Australia to help them with fundraising including HRiA. The book was officially endorsed by the NRSA at the 2017 AGM. More than 50% of the rose societies' sale price goes to fundraising which has already raised thousands of dollars for rose societies in Australia.

He has created a new dynamic website for the World Federation of Rose Societies to be launched soon that was previewed at the WFRS WRC 2018 in Denmark with great enthusiasm shown by members from around the world. He made significant contributions at the WRC 2018 and is an enthusiastic advocate for roses in Australia. The breeder's panel he chaired was widely viewed as the best that has been conducted at a WFRS event.

Paul provided advice to the volunteers at Queensland State Rose Garden on the garden redevelopment and wrote the successful nomination for the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence received in July 2018. He continues to work with the garden volunteers and the Toowoomba Region Council on the official unveiling of the award later this year.

International Rose Contributions:

- World Federation of Rose Societies Vice-President for Australasia 2015- Present
- WFRS Webmaster – 2018 – Present – Creating a new dynamic website for the WFRS in 2018
- WFRS Chairman – Social Media Subcommittee 2015- Present
- WFRS Committee Member – Publications Committee 2016- Present
- WFRS Deputy Chairman – Promotions Committee 2015- 2018
- WFRS Australian Delegate - WFRS Conventions and Regional Conventions
- Invited Lecturer - WFRS WRC Denmark 2018 - "Changing Gardeners' Perspectives on Roses"
- Chairman – International Breeders' Panel WFRS WRC Denmark 2018
- Moderator – Day 4 , WFRS World Rose Convention, Denmark 2018
- Panel member - International Experts Forum - WFRS Regional Convention in Beijing, 2016
- Chairman - International Discussion Panel at the WFRS Regional Convention in India, 2014
- Actively involved with the development of a 50th year celebration book for the WFRS
- Creator and administrator of the WFRS Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube
- Invited lecturer to visit Rose Societies in South Africa and USA - 2017
- Has contributed articles for the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, India, and South Africa

Australian National Rose Contributions:

- President - National Rose Society of Australia, 2015 & 2018
- Honorary Editor - Australian Rose Annual, National Rose Society of Australia 2016- Present
- Webmaster - National Rose Society of Australia 2010-11, 2015- Present
- Delegate - National Rose Society of Australia 2013, 14, 16, 17
- President - Australian Rose Breeders' Association 2012-13
- Introduced the PDF version of the Australian Rose Annual that is sent out internationally
- Initiated a change to the NRSA Constitution to reduce the burden of changing signatories
- Created a completely new website for the NRSA in 2015 at no cost to the society
- Creator and administrator of the NRSA Facebook Page
- Creates videos on rose culture published online
- Gives presentations at Australian rose societies and garden clubs
- Won the Australian Championship for Australian Bred Roses with three roses he hybridised

Queensland Rose Contributions:

- President - Queensland Rose Society 2013- Present
- Webmaster - Queensland Rose Society 2010-11, 2014-2018
- Secretary - Queensland Rose Society 2009-10
- Committee Member - Horticulture Media Association 2018 - Present
- Brokered the reconciliation of a 17 year old division between rose societies in Queensland
- Instigated the Queensland Rose Award in 2015 to recognise achievements of rose enthusiasts
- Instigated a re-write of the constitution to incorporate changes in laws and technology
- Invited garden expert and speaker at Garden Expos
- Provides expert rosarian advice to heritage and botanical gardens
- Regular talk-back presenter on roses on ABC radio
- Interviewed on rose growing for television programs on numerous occasions
- Holds pruning days, open gardens, and workshops at his property
- Demonstrates grafting, propagating, and rose breeding techniques
- Champion Division 1 (A Grade) Rose Exhibitor at Queensland and Australian Championships
- Generated funds that bought a new storage trailer
- From 2008 to 2011 Paul wrote and published the Queensland Rose Bulletin

Rose Growing and Hybridising:

- Gardening Australia Magazine selected Paul as Queensland Gardener of the Year, 2008
- Over 500 roses planted in his garden and 500 roses in pots.
- This is a mix of modern roses along with old garden roses and species.
- Successful rose breeder with awards from the National Trial Garden of Australia and the Queensland Rose Trial Garden, including a Gold Medal.
- Over 15 roses registered through ICRA
- His roses are commercially available through Swanes Nursery, Wagner's and from 2018 through Treloar Roses
- Donates rose plants as prizes for raffles
- Donates royalties from his roses to charities and has never charged for naming rights

Paul gives freely of his time and takes annual leave from his full-time job to be able to do garden talks. His roses and books help fundraise for rose societies and charities. Through his work with the WFRS, involvement in social media, and his books, Paul is well recognised worldwide for his contribution to roses.

The Queensland Rose Society is proud to nominate Paul Hains for the 2018 TA Stewart Memorial Award.