

# NRSA President's Message

## Gavin Woods - South Australia

All participants were delivered a wonderful Rose Show and NRSA AGM by the Queensland Rose Society on October 6th and 7th 2018.

Large numbers of quality roses showcased our flower to an adoring public at the beautiful Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, truly an ideal setting for a show. We were privileged to join celebrations at The Queensland State Rose Garden, Toowoomba as they unveiled their World Federation of Rose Societies "Award of Garden Excellence" plaque. This is only the fourth garden in Australia to receive the award, with the other three being in Victoria. Congratulations to all concerned.



Paul Hains has provided outstanding leadership at state, national and world level. Having completed another successful term as NRSA President, Paul's many achievements have been recognised with the receipt of the TA Stewart Medal. Sincere congratulations to Paul and to Vivienne, Jim and John as our 2018 ARA recipients; all very well deserved awards.

As I travel to shows in other states and talk with fellow rosarians it appears we all have issues very much in common. We are all seeking to accommodate an ageing membership; grappling with ideas to attract a younger generation to our ranks. We are all struggling to attract both new exhibitors and to sustain a reasonable judge's list. We are all looking for ways to encourage members to accept positions of leadership within our organisations. Whilst our NRSA AGM weekends are fantastic social events and meet the needs of the seasoned exhibitor, I have often wondered if we are not missing an opportunity to workshop some of our common issues and to offer presentations to our delegates that might help solve some of the problems. Our main focus for the next three years will be the 2021 World Rose Convention, hosted by the NRSA and to be held in Adelaide. We need the cooperation and commitment of all rosarians to make this a success.

It will be my great delight to welcome rosarians to Adelaide in October 2019 for the AGM of our national body. The Rose Society of SA will, as always show visitors a fantastic weekend of roses. Please join us.

### Cover

*Front* - **Lady Endo** - Treloar Roses will donate \$2 from the sale of each rose to Endometriosis Australia. Highly perfumed Australian bred rose.  
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*Back* - Friends of the Queensland State Rose Garden - photo by Roslyn Dixon, Qld