

# T.A. Stewart Memorial Award 2019 (SMA)

## Hayden Foulds SMA - New Zealand



The New Zealand Rose Society (Inc.) has much pleasure in nominating Mr Hayden Foulds from Woodville for the T.A Stewart Memorial Award. Hayden is one of the younger generation of rosarians who has already made an outstanding contribution to roses.

Hayden comes from a horticultural family and his interest in roses began when the local rose society visited his school promoting roses ahead of the World Rose Convention in Christchurch in 1994. He brought two miniature roses and entered these in a competition as part of the 25th celebrations of the International Rose Trials in Palmerston North. There he met Mrs Nola Simpson who over the following years became his mentor with his involvement in roses.

Hayden along with the rest of his family joined the Manawatu Rose Society in 1995. During his school years, he participated in some of the society's activities and also attended the 1997 National Spring Rose Show in Palmerston North where he met Sam McGredy and Doug Grant for the first time. The home garden soon started to expand with more roses being planted and Hayden found time to maintain an interest in them as he completed a Horticulture Degree at Massey University in Palmerston North. He presently is employed as a production manager of a wholesale plant nursery. He is also editor for the New Zealand Region of the International Plant Propagators Society.

In 2003 Hayden became a co-editor of the Manawatu Rose Society newsletter and continued in this position until 2007. He was part of the organising committee for the 2007 National Spring Rose Convention and Show in Palmerston North where one of his jobs was arranging publicity. Hayden also was part of the organising committee for the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) Regional Convention held in Palmerston North in 2013. His roles included the responsibility for the lecture program, publicity and trade sites. Hayden has had several stints on the Manawatu Rose Society committee and in 2016, was elected President, a position he still holds. He oversaw a number of initiatives to mark Manawatu's 70th anniversary in 2017

including updating its history. Hayden is presently convenor of the organising committee for the 2020 National Spring Rose Show and Convention to be held in Palmerston North. This event will also be part of the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the NZRS International Rose Trials held in the city. For the Rose Trials anniversary Hayden is involved in several projects including the publication of a book on the history of the rose trials and the launch of a new rose to be named for the City of Palmerston North.

Hayden was co-opted to the National Council of the New Zealand Rose Society (NZRS) in 2008 as webmaster and he oversaw the redevelopment of the NZRS website. This has now greatly enhanced the promotion of the NZRS. He remains in that role today and has also established the NZRS presence on Facebook. In 2010, Hayden was appointed as editor of the New Zealand Rose Review, a new publication that promotes recent rose introductions to members and to the public. He has expanded this publication over the years to now producing it in full colour. Hayden was elected as Vice President of the NZRS in 2017 and in 2018, was appointed as editor of the New Zealand Rose Annual.

One of Hayden's main interests is the rose trials held in Palmerston North. He has been a trial ground judge since 1997. In 2003 he was elected to the committee that oversees the trials. Since then, he has been responsible for publicity and collating the judge's scores and organising the results sheets and award certificates.

Hayden has attended a number of WFRS World and Regional Conventions and is currently a member of the WFRS Publications committee and social media subcommittee. Hayden has been a member of the Rose Society of South Australia since 2005 and attended the WFRS Regional in Adelaide 2008. He also attended the Australian Rose Society AGM and National Show in Adelaide 2014. He is a contributor to the Australian Rose Annual and has written the "Across the Ditch Report" for the Annual since 2010. He regularly writes about roses and rose society activities in New Zealand and further abroad. He contributes articles to the Kiwi Gardener magazine and is often called on by other outlets to answer questions and provide further information about roses.

Hayden was made a Fellow of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture for his services to horticulture and he received the John Follett Award for services to the IPPS (International Plant Propagators' Society) New Zealand Region in 2018.

The New Zealand Rose Society considers Hayden Foulds to be a highly respected and valued New Zealand Rosarian who would be a worthy recipient of the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award.