



Australian Rose Award 2007

Mrs Margaret Macgregor

The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. is proud and honoured to nominate Mrs Margaret Macgregor for the 2007 Australian Rose Award.

A brief history of Margaret's contribution to the Rose both within Australia and internationally is as follows:

1966 Joined the Rose Society of Victoria with husband John.

1967 Worked as volunteer at the International Rose Convention organized by the RSV

1970-1975 Assisted John with the production of Victorian Rose News, proof reading and distribution.

1974 Margaret appointed to RSV Council.

1976-1980 Served as Secretary of the RSV

1981 Retired from office to assist John with the establishment of Rose Nursery

Following John's death in 1987 returned to RSV Council in 1989

1990 Elected as Vice-President of the RSV and held this position until 2000

1997 to 1999 Convener of the Centenary Committee of the RSV to organize the events of Roseweek 1999.

2000 Elected WFRS Vice-President for Australasia at the WFRS Convention in Houston, Texas. Is now serving her third term as Vice President

Margaret has attended 7 WFRS Conventions since 1971 as well as Annual Meetings of the NRSA many as Delegate and has attended international meetings in the UK and USA to represent Australia and New Zealand.

Since 2000 has contributed many articles about the rose in Australia for World Rose News and the American Rose Annual as well as many Articles for the Australian Rose Annual.

Margaret wrote the text for the WFRS Tribute to the **Peace** rose 'A Brief History of the Rose in Australia' in 2005 on behalf of the NRSA in 2005.

In 2006 at the 14th World Rose Convention in Osaka, Japan, Margaret was awarded the Silver Award of the World Federation of Rose Societies for services to the Rose and the Federation. She is the only Australian to currently hold that Award.

In 2006 Margaret was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Rose Society of Victoria Inc.

Mrs Margaret Macgregor is one of the most outstanding rosarians of this or any generation that Australia has produced. It would seem fitting and appropriate that Australia acknowledges her incredible service to the Rose by awarding her its highest honour, The Australian Rose Award.