

NOMINATION FOR THE BERT MULLEY AWARD 2016

IAN and MAUREEN THACKERAY



This award is designed to recognise the work of NSW rosarians within their Regionals, and Ian and Maureen Thackeray are deserving recipients. From the time that they joined the Society in September 2006 they have contributed in many ways.

At Macarthur meetings they are amongst the first to arrive and last to leave. They assist with the setting up of the hall and packing away. Ian brings the equipment for the show bench competition. In addition to being Vice-Chairperson and Care Convenor Maureen contributes to the floral art. In earlier times they competed in the show bench classes.

On occasions they have given talks and demonstrations at Macarthur meetings and at other gatherings too. Their widening experience with Rose Society activities has encouraged them to share with others. They have attended WFRS conventions in NZ and France and they have been to a number of NRSA events.

Ian and Maureen's willingness to promote the rose and our Society has always been evident. Their contribution with our combined shows with Ingleburn Horticultural Society and Garden Club are invaluable. The collection of tables and equipment is a big task, and Ian is always helping. Just as importantly they are there for the clean-up. Ian has worked as a runner during judging and Maureen assists with the card writing after having spent much of her previous day cooking for the afternoon teas.

Macarthur has benefited from their assistance with other events. The Bunnings BBQ was a great success due largely to their input. Ian organised for the Lions Club coolroom to store the supplies during the day. The annual Camden Council "Picnic in the Park" requires time and enthusiasm, and Ian and Maureen have always assisted with the display and the interaction with the public. Our pruning day at Camden Park is another event where they are actively engaged.

On a number of occasions Ian has assisted with the unloading of the Neutrog products at the Macarthur depot at Rossmore. His generosity in supplying plants grown from cuttings is also much appreciated.

Ian and Maureen are keen exhibitors. They have participated at most Regional shows as well as the Royal Easter Show. They have won a number of Championships and Champion awards. In addition to enjoying the challenges they use these times to promote our Society and the rose.

Shortly after joining the Society they agreed to handle the packaging and distribution of *The NSW Rose* and *The Australian Rose Annual*. This is time-consuming and at times physically demanding. From August 2009 Maureen accepted the role of Subscription Secretary and has continued until now. Ian has been a Macarthur delegate to State Council for a number of years.

The many hours which Ian and Maureen have contributed to Macarthur and to the Rose Society of NSW have meant that we continue to enjoy an organisation which has so much to offer to rose lovers. They have truly made a difference.

MAUREEN AND IAN were recognised for their contribution at the Macarthur Meeting on 10th September, 2016.

Colin Hollis (President) presented the medallion to both Ian and Maureen with the Certificate and prize.

Congratulations to both for their well deserved award.

