

# **Bert Mulley Memorial Award 2018**

## **Kristin Dawson**

It is with considerable pleasure that I announce Kristin Dawson as the winner of the 2018 Bert Mulley Memorial Award. This award is the most prestigious award that the Rose Society of NSW awards. The Illawarra Regional nominated Kristin for the award and after due consideration of the Regional nominees, the NSW Awards Committee recommended Kristin as this year's recipient of The Bert Mulley Award for 2018.

The award presentation took place on Saturday, 27 October 2018, at the Illawarra Spring Show.



*Kristin, following the presentation by Colin Hollis, President of RSNSW at the Illawarra Spring Show.*

### **Administrative Improvements**

Since joining the Rose Society of NSW, Kristin has been a tireless worker for the Society. This has resulted in many improvements for the membership particularly in relation to improving the overall administration of the Society.

### **Regional Contribution**

At the Regional level, Kristin is Convenor of the Show Management Committee of the Illawarra Rose Show and is heavily involved in the detailed planning required for the 2020 National Rose Championships to be held in Kiama.

In 2014 Kristin became an Illawarra Regional delegate to the NSW State Council and also took on the role of Web Master. In 2015, Kristin was elected State Secretary as well as the role of Public Officer in 2015.

One of Kristin's first tasks was to completely rewrite the Constitution, which had been in place for 30 years, to ensure its compliance with new legislative changes. This was a huge and time-consuming undertaking. As a result, the Society now has a modern, practical constitution that meets all legislative requirements.

### **National Contribution**

At the National Rose Society of Australia AGM in 2016, Kristin was elected Secretary of the National Society and holds this position along with the NSW State Secretary

position. As National Secretary, Kristin is heavily involved and committed to the planning for the 2021 World Rose Convention that is to be held in Adelaide.

### **International Representative**

Kristin has attended two World Federation Conventions, in Lyon in 2015 and Copenhagen in 2018; she has also attended World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Rose Conventions in China in 2016 and Slovenia in 2017.



*The framed Bert Mulley Award presented to Kristin in October 2018*

### **Ongoing Contribution**

Kristin is a constant source of information and encouragement not only to current Rose Society members, but the many people who telephone, email or contact her via social media each week seeking information on some aspect of rose growing and care. Few people, if anyone, have made such a valuable contribution, or shown such dedication to all aspects of the Rose Society of NSW. Kristin Dawson is a most worthy recipient of the Bert Mulley Award for 2018.

***Colin Hollis.***

***President, Rose Society of NSW Inc.***