



The Rose Society of NSW Inc.

Regions: Central Coast, Lake Macquarie -Hunter Valley – Illawarra – Macarthur – Nepean, Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury – Southern Highlands – South Sydney-Sydney- Upper North Shore & Hills

AUSTRALIAN ROSE AWARD- 2019- COLIN HOLLIS

It is with considerable pleasure that I announce, on the recommendation of the National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA) Awards Committee, the 2019 Australian Rose Award (ARA), the most prestigious award given by the National Rose Society of Australia , has been presented to Colin Hollis.

Colin was unanimously nominated and recommended for the award to the NRSA by the Awards Committee of the Rose Society of NSW Inc and the presentation took place at the 2019 NRSA formal dinner on Saturday, October 26, 2019.

For many decades Colin has contributed to the promotion of the rose in many ways whether during his political career in the support of various gardens such as the Old Parliament House Rose Garden and in his membership of the Rose Society of NSW in the Illawarra Region and as President of NSW. The organisation of two trips to New Zealand in collaboration with the late David Ruston for Rose Society members were highlights of his time as Chair of the Illawarra Region.

During his time as President of the Rose Society of NSW four new Regions were created. Without his initiative, leadership, networking and sheer hard work we would not have the Regions of Southern Highlands, Upper North Shore and Hills, Central Coast-Lake Macquarie and Southern Sydney. These Regions have brought many more people to enjoy together the love of the rose and the sharing of knowledge and expertise in the growing and exhibiting of roses. Colin has spent a huge amount of time in following up these regions whether through visitation or many hours at information stalls bringing in new members to these Regions.

Colin has promoted Rose Growing Workshops and the Exhibitor's Workshops during his time as President, with many joining the Rose Society to enjoy the rewards of beautiful roses in their garden.

The love of Miniature and Miniflora Roses has been significant for Colin for many years and the establishment of a Miniature/Miniflora Rose Show in 2017 brought this vision to fruition, with his enthusiasm continuing with the ongoing promotion of future such shows.

Colin has worked tirelessly on the promotion of the Rose Society of NSW and of roses to members of the public. He well deserves the recognition of this Award for the huge contribution he has made and for the vision he has been able to put into place.

My thanks to Judith Oyston for her assistance in the preparation of the citation to the NSW Awards Committee.

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