

Dear State Council, Chairs, Secretaries and delegates,
It is with great pleasure that I announce our New South Wales members who were awarded prizes at the gala dinner in Brisbane Queensland last night, Saturday October 11th as part of the 2025 National Rose Society of Australia Championships and Conference, and AGM of the national body.

CONGRATULATIONS JIM CUNNINGHAM

The Australian Rose Award (ARA) was awarded to Sydney member Jim Cunningham. The Australian Rose Award is Australia's highest award given for outstanding and exceptional service to the rose.

CONGRATULATIONS GRAHAM WRIGHT

The T.A. Stewart Memorial Award was awarded to Macarthur member Graham Wright. T.A. Stewart served the Rose Society of Victoria as its president for some years, part of which was concurrent with his editorship of the Australian Rose Annual, a position held as its foundation editor from 1928 until his death in 1946.

To commemorate his outstanding service the Rose Societies of Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and New Zealand raised money for this award. These contributing societies agreed that a fitting form of memorial for T.A. Stewart would be to make permanent provision for the awarding annually of a plaque to a person who is deemed to have given outstanding service to the rose in Australia or in New Zealand.

Apart from these awards, Ted and Meryl Morphett took home 6 championships while Graham and Janet won the NSW Championship.

I know that all members of the Rose Society of NSW will join me in congratulating Jim, Graham and Janet, Ted and Meryl on these outstanding achievements.

Secretaries - please share this with your membership

Thank you and best regards

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