

COLIN HOLLIS---BIO---

## NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE ROSE SOCIETY OF NSW INC.

Dear Member.

I am requesting your support of my nomination to the position of President.

### **HISTORY**

I have been a member of the Rose Society of NSW since 2002

I was Illawarra Chair 2004 --2012

State Vice President 2008 - 2013

President 2013 - 2024

National Vice President 2019

National President 2020/21

I have attended every National Conference since 2003

I have attended International Conferences in Glasgow (2003) Lyon (2015). Copenhagen (2018)  
Adelaide 2022

World Federation Regional Conference - China Beijing 2017 and Nanyang China 2019.

### **GOALS**

As President my goal was and continues to be to create a welcoming community through the common interest in roses. To promote roses in the community through gardening with roses or exhibiting, as well as promoting membership of the rose society.

I would continue to work towards the successful conduct of the National Rose Championships in Macarthur in 2026

It would also be my priority to assist regions as they manage the difficulties still being felt from Covid, as well as assisting in enabling members to develop and share their skills and interests in rose growing and in participation in the rose society

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

During my time as President membership has doubled.

I was instrumental in the establishing of five new regionals. Southern Highlands, Southern Sydney, UNSH, Central Coast and most recently Sydney North Shore

When Hunter first established difficulties I took action to safeguard the funds, I collected and stored equipment including their library in my shed for over a year, I have over the past years made many trips to Hunter to keep it alive.

I am currently continuing to work with Hunter to see it reestablished, and the same with Central Coast.

When Southern Highlands was on the verge of folding I asked Carol Mc Veigh to take on the role as Secretary and I became the Regional Chair for a year before handing it over to a new enthusiastic committee .

As President I have never missed a State Council meeting for several years returning from Overseas trips early to do this. I have never asked for nor received any money for telephone calls. Postage or fuel

Each year of my Presidency I have managed a Stall at the Sydney Royal Easter Show for at least 12 hours on each of the six rose days of the show, I have also managed a stall at the Plant Collectors Fair and numerous other promotions over the years including three Miniature only Rose Shows

I attend all Regions where I am welcome at least once a year Attending Shows promotions and other activities, I coordinate the volunteers at Peace Park, Kiama.

As an accredited Rose Society Judge I judge at many South Coast Agricultural Shows as well as activities in other areas. I have been the Horticultural Steward at Albion Park Agricultural Show since 2005

I am a member of the National Succession planning and sustainability Group.

I am a Judge at the Annual Kiama Garden Competition

I speak at many Garden Clubs and other organizations such as probes clubs throughout the State.

I continue to play an active role in the Illawarra and Southern Sydney Regional Rose Societies,.

I am one of the NSW Delegates to the National Rose Society, as well as the NSW representative on the Selection Panel of the Australian Rose Hall of Fame and a member of the Zoom panel

A President must be always available and visible. I believe I have the commitment, enthusiasm, health and ideas to continue leading the Rose Society of NSW.

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