

World Federation of Rose Societies

World Rose Award



Awarded to
Fiona Hyland
2018

Citation for Fiona Hyland – World Rose Award

The New Zealand Rose Society Inc has much pleasure in nominating Mrs Fiona Hyland from Dunedin for the World Rose Award. Fiona has over many years made an outstanding contribution to the rose both in New Zealand and overseas, particularly in the world of heritage roses.

Fiona first joined Heritage Roses New Zealand Inc (HRNZI) in 2002 after becoming mesmerised by 'Albertine' during a visit to her husband's cousin's garden and has remained an active member since then.

During her time as a member of HRNZI, Fiona has built up an impressive record as an editor, researcher and speaker in the field of heritage roses.

Locally, Fiona has a strong interest in the Dunedin Northern Cemetery, an important collection of heritage roses in New Zealand. In 2005, Fiona compiled a record of all roses that have been gifted and planted in the cemetery since the project began in 2001. She has continued to update the book every 2 to 3 years.

She has also researched the family histories of those buried in the cemetery, symbolism used in the cemetery and researched and published a pamphlet on memorial roses. Fiona is currently researching people who died in the scarlet fever epidemic of 1875 – 77 and is writing a pamphlet about this. Fiona also acts as a tour guide for groups visiting the rose collection in the cemetery. She also has an interest in the roses growing in the student area of North Dunedin.

Fiona has also written 'The roses of our Victorian Cemetery' booklet which has been sold at Kindred Days hosted by Heritage Roses Otago; where over 800 gardeners from across the Otago region come together.

Fiona played a key role in the organising of the 2005 International Heritage Rose Conference held in Dunedin. She edited the program and proceedings booklets as well as those for the pre and post tours. Fiona also edited booklets featuring the writings of well-known New Zealand Heritage Rose expert Nancy Steen and Ken Nobbs, co-founder of HRNZI. These booklets disseminate the knowledge of these two rosarians.

Fiona served two terms as editor for the quarterly Heritage Roses New Zealand Journal from 2004 – 2007 and 2011 – 2013 when the National Executive was based in Otago. Fiona was also editor of the biennial electronic journal 'By Any Other Name' for the World Federation of Rose Societies from 2006 – 2010.

A sought after speaker, Fiona has spoken to many groups locally, nationally and internationally about heritage roses. This has included a presentation at the WFRS Regional Convention in Palmerston North in 2013 on Conserving Heritage Roses. Fiona is a highly respected and valued New Zealand Rosarian who is very deserving of the World Rose Award.

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Garden of Excellence Award

Christchurch Botanic Gardens was awarded the Garden of Excellent Award in 2018 for both rose gardens.



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