



## The Australian Rose Award, 1982

Mr. David Ruston has been a member of the Rose Society of South Australia since 1948, and Vice-President from 1963 to 1966.

David has always readily responded to calls for lectures and demonstrations to very many floricultural and other community groups. His extensive garden has been opened frequently to many floral societies and other groups. Both the Rose Society of Victoria and the Rose Society of South Australia have had very successful weekend visits to the garden.

David has made frequent overseas visits, attending the first World Federation of Rose Societies in New Zealand in 1971 and again in the United Kingdom, South Africa and Israel. He has become a well known figure in the International Rose Fraternity and as such has been instrumental in raising the status of Australia in the Rose World.

David has also exhibited roses from his own garden in Renmark at the Royal National Rose Society Summer Show in London, scoring a third prize in an arrangement section, a feat which assisted in promoting great interest with the public.

In 1966 he was the recipient of the T. A. Stewart Memorial Award.

David has never failed to respond to a call for assistance in promoting appreciation of the rose. In 1971 at the request of the Rose Society of Victoria he exhibited at relatively short notice in their Spring Show in many classes to help fill the benches as the season in Victoria that year was extremely late. There were many International visitors at that show on their way to New Zealand for the First World Confederation of Rose Societies and they were not disappointed. Similarly he has responded on more than one occasion to help the Rose Society of South Australia out of a similar predicament.

More recently he donated a large number of roses to the organisers of a flower festival which was staged in one of the large shopping complexes in a Northern suburb of Adelaide. Similarly in mid May the Rose Society of South Australia was asked to stage a display of roses in the G.P.O. to correspond with the issue of new rose stamps. As local members could not produce roses at this time of year, these were provided by David Ruston.

In 1982 Life Membership was conferred on Mr. Ruston by the Rose Society of South Australia in recognition of his long and valued service to the cause of the rose.