



The Australian Rose Award 1993

The National Rose Society of Australia has granted Dr Allan Ferris the Australian Rose Award in recognition of his work for THE ROSE.

Dr Ferris joined the National Rose Society of Victoria, (as our Society was then called) in 1954 and became an exhibitor shortly afterwards. Although he moved residence a number of times before settling in his present home at Chirnside Park, he always established a rose garden in each home. He has been a highly successful exhibitor winning Australian Championships and many other major events, but has always been willing to pass on his knowledge to others.

Allan joined the Council in 1981 and served as demonstrator at both Society and affiliated club functions. He has also been a regular contributor of informative articles to both Rose News and the Australian Rose Annual. Allan also served a term as President of the National Rose Society of Australia.

Dr Ferris opened his magnificent garden as a part of the ABC-Royal Horticultural Society "Open Garden Scheme" for a period of six years and it was the only specialist rose garden at the time in the scheme. Allan could best be described as a gentle and caring man with great skill and knowledge, a good communicator and administrator who has done much to further the cause of THE ROSE.