



The Australian Rose Award 1998

The National Rose Society of Australia has granted Mr Malcolm Watson the Australian Rose Award in recognition of his work for **The Rose**.

Malcolm Watson joined The Rose Society of South Australia in April 1977 and has been actively involved as an Exhibitor and Administrator since that time.

He possesses outstanding leadership skills and organising abilities. His ability to seek out opportunities for the benefit of The Society and its Members, is a significant factor in the growth of the South Australian Rose Society.

Malcolm was elected to the position of Secretary of the Society in 1986 and continued in that position for a period of 9 years. For seven of these years he was editor of the Society's quarterly Bulletin. He was then elected to the position of Vice President in 1995, and President of the Society in 1996.

During his 9 years as Secretary, Malcolm organised and hosted no less than eleven Society outings in the form of local, interstate and overseas bus excursions.

He was also a member of the large South Australian contingent to the 1997 meeting of the World Federation of Rose Societies in the Benelux countries.

All these activities created a growing friendship within the Society and undoubtedly had an effect on Membership growth. In the latter part of his Secretarial term Malcolm was extremely active in the establishment of the two South Australian country branches, the Chaffey Rose Club and the South East Branch.

In recognition of Malcolm's untiring efforts as Secretary, he was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Rose Society of South Australia in July 1996. Malcolm was Secretary of the inaugural Australian Rose Festival in 1993 and has continued as a Member of that Committee, the last two as Treasurer.

Malcolm is currently in his third year of Presidency of the South Australian Society, but undoubtedly will continue to serve the Society and The Rose for many years to come. The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. is gratified that Mr Malcolm Watson has been granted this prestigious award.