

## The Australian Rose Award 1999

The National Rose Society of Australia has granted Mrs Joan Broadstock the Australian Rose Award in recognition of her work for **The Rose**.

A media campaign in 1992 by local newspapers supported a drive to secure local residents to volunteer for training in rose plant maintenance and willing to devote their time and energy for the benefit of the Victoria State Rose Garden, free of charge.

54 eager and willing volunteers were enrolled and their training commenced immediately with Joan Broadstock as Hon. Secretary. The numbers increased to 85 and the group registered as Victoria State Rose Garden Supporters Inc.

This remarkable Community effort did not just happen. It was developed by the inspiring leadership of Joan Broadstock. These efforts have saved the Victoria State Rose Garden from disaster and made Community Service Funds available.

Her expertly prepared applications for grants for projects to improve the Rose Garden have been most successful. The Garden has received Wyndham City Business Awards.

The Australian Rose Award is made to Joan in acknowledgement of her past and continuing outstanding service to the rose that has promoted knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of the rose by the public.

Joan is a member of the Rose Society of Victoria, Inc.. Her selfless and purely honorary dedication to the maintenance and development of the Victoria State Rose Garden is highly meritorious and has culminated in being presented with this prestigious award.