



The Australian Rose Award 2002

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

Paddy Muecke is one of the longest serving members of The Rose Society of South Australia joining in April 1960. During this period she has promoted the Rose locally, interstate and overseas being actively involved as an Exhibitor, Judge, Speaker and Administrator during that time.

She served on Council from 1962-1967 and again from 1979-1981, was Vice-President from 1982-1987, elected President of the Society in 1987 and served in that office for 3 years. Paddy continued on the Council as Immediate Past President until 1993. In recognition of her untiring dedication to The Rose Society of SA, she was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 1985.

Because of her love of all Roses, including old-fashioned Roses, Paddy joined Heritage Roses Australia and has continued membership since inception.

Paddy attended the NRSA AGM's as the South Australian delegate in Hobart (1989) and Perth in (1990).

Her attendance at the World Federation of Rose Societies Convention in Baden Baden (1983), Toronto (1985), Sydney (1988), and New Zealand (1994) as one of the Australian contingent forged numerous friendships. These friendships have promoted the visits to South Australia of many interstate and international Rosarians who always seek out this knowledgeable, friendly, and gracious lady Rosarian.

The Rose Society of South Australia is gratified that Mrs. Paddy Muecke has been granted the Australian Rose Award for 2002 for her outstanding service to the cause of the rose.