



MR. A.D. STRINGER, S.M.A

T.A. Stewart Memorial Award, 1993 Dean Stringer

This high honour awarded to Dean recognises his interest in all matters floricultural, and his first love the Rose.

He has been a member of the Rose Society of South Australia for only a relatively short period, joining in 1982, but during that time his contribution has been outstanding. His involvement has been through ordinary membership, Council Member from July 1984, and Vice President from 1987 to 1990. In July 1990 he was elected to the position of Society President. His term of office finishes on the 30th June, 1993. During his term as President we have seen the Society Membership grow to its current all time high — in excess of 500.

Following election to Council he has served as a delegate to the National Rose Society of Australia's Annual General Meetings since April 1990, and is currently serving as the National President. As a delegate he has travelled to Western Australia, Victoria and Queensland, and has attended AGM's conducted in all states. Dean has exhibited in Australian Rose Championships conducted in Perth, Tasmania, Sydney and Melbourne.

One of Dean's hobby horses has been the accreditation of Judges. With our Judging Panel including several of the Society's senior members his concern was for the future. He convinced the Council of the need to conduct several judging workshops that have now run over several years, his desire to have members progress through a series of classes/examinations before being eligible to judge at the Society's Spring and Autumn Shows. These workshops are continuing and we propose in the future for members to be accredited. The workshops have proved popular with the members, both new and old (in years of service).

Dean Stringer was an instigator of Adelaide staging a week long Rose Festival. His enthusiasm touched the Director of Parks and Recreation to such a degree that the Adelaide City Council asked the Society to assist in making Adelaide the Rose Capital of Australia. Following approval from our Society to become involved with a Rose Festival, Dean was appointed Festival Co-ordinator. In this capacity he was instrumental in obtaining necessary sponsors to ensure the financial viability of the project. This in itself, during these harsh times, was a feat on its own. He was also involved in the Publicity Committee and attended hundreds of Committee meetings during the lead up to the staging of the Inaugural 1993 Rose Festival.