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President's Message

It is with very deep regret that we learnt of the sudden death of Hugh Graham S.M.A. — President of the Queensland Rose Society and former President of the National Rose Society of Australia. Hugh was one of the founders of the National Rose Society of Australia and had recently been deeply involved in the organisation of the very successful Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Queensland Rose Society in association with the Annual General Meeting of the National Rose Society of Australia. Our deep sympathy is extended to his family and many friends throughout Australia.

It is gratifying to record that final agreement has been reached on the Standard Rules for Judging Roses and that printing will be done in the near future so that they will be available to all member societies.

Congratulations are due to our National Secretary on his successful effort in initiating the Victorian State Rose Garden. Perimeter planting has now been commenced. It is to be hoped that implementation of Plant Patent Rights will occur soon, as this is an essential prerequisite to the establishment of a Rose Trial Ground which is urgently needed in Australia.

In 1981 the fifth Meeting of the World Federation of Rose Societies will take place in October in Israel. This is an unparalleled opportunity to meet Rosarians from all over the World and to learn more about our truly universal flower.

To all Rosarians, I wish you good health and good rose growing for 1981.

ALLAN CAMPBELL, President