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President's Message

Fellow Rose Lovers

Last year, the Annual General Meeting of the National Rose Society of Australia and Australian Rose Championship were held under the auspices of the Rose Society of South Australia incorporated at the semi-rural area of Tea Tree Gully.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Tea Tree Gully welcomed the delegates warmly as did the host Society. A very successful meeting and show resulted, a feature of the show being that exhibits were staged from all States.

Other features of the weekend were a visit to Dr. Allan Campbells still wonderful rose garden and a trip to Renmark to see David Ruston's incredible Rose Farm and garden and to experience his renowned hospitality.

This year, we welcome you to all the Sunshine State, where the Queensland Rose Society will endeavour to match the hospitality we have received in other States.

Excitement is already building in anticipation of the World Federation of Rose Societies' Convention to take place in Sydney in 1988.

Garth Guyett and his enthusiastic band of helpers have put in many hours of planning for the great event and I am supremely confident that they will stage a convention of which all Australian rosarians will be justifiably proud. It will be an event which no Australian rose lover can afford to miss.

In the 15 years since its inception, the National Rose Society has gone from strength to strength and there is now a great fellowship among rose lovers throughout this country. It has been my pleasure and privilege to attend Annual Meetings in all States and to have developed personal friendships with rosarians in all other States.

I have found it a general rule that rosarians are humble and generous people who derive real pleasure from sharing their knowledge and their love of the Queen of Flowers.

Another important event of 1986 was the successful opening of the Victoria State Rose Garden at Werribee, a project which has been dear to the heart of our hard working Secretary, Jim Priestly.

I wish you all great enjoyment with your roses in 1987.

REG BOVEY, President