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President's Message

The year 1988, our Bicentennial, will be a great year for our nation. The National Rose Society of Australia has another reason to celebrate. We will have the pleasure of having rosarians from throughout the world with us for the World Federation of Rose Societies' Meeting and Convention in Sydney.

Since I first put our successful application to obtain the convention for Australia in Baden Baden, West Germany, in 1983 the N.S.W. Organising Committee under the Chairmanship of Garth Guyett has worked tirelessly to make this great event a success.

The terrific support given to this Committee by all State Societies indicates to me the vast progress made in uniting us all in our endeavours to promote the Rose, and the friendships made in doing so.

No doubt many of us will meet some of the visitors to Sydney from overseas in their travels and garden visits. I am sure all Australian Rosarians will extend to them the best Australian hospitality.

My last President's Message to you in 1982 mentioned the commencement of a programme to prepare national rules for judging roses at the 1981 Hobart meeting. It gave me great pleasure to be present at the Annual Meeting in Brisbane last year when the final draft was put to the meeting and accepted, and national rules became a reality; further indication of the growing co-operation between the states.

Finally I wish you all a great Bicentennial Celebration year with lots of beautiful roses.

— E. WELSH, President