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The President's Message

Hobart hosted the 1995 Annual General Meeting of the National Rose Society of Australia and the Australian Championships. It was my first trip to Tasmania and I was thrilled to see so many roses of such high standard fill the Town Hall, the colours and scent were breathtaking.

It was a joy to be able to visit gardens and to see and hear how the roses managed in the cold climate (it was very cold to me) of Tasmania.

I would like to invite you to come to Perth during April 1996 to attend our two-day show on the 27th and 28th. We hope you will enjoy our roses grown in our mainly sandy soils. Our members are looking forward to your visit, to re-kindle friendships and to offer you our hospitality.

Congratulations must go to the Rose Society of South Australia for the proposal put forward to the Adelaide Botanic Garden and Herbarium to create a trial garden for roses in their Botanic Garden.

I would like to quote from Mr. Dean Stringer's submission on behalf of the Rose Society of South Australia to the Adelaide Botanic Garden and Herbarium.

"The rose is one of the world's most popular flowers and the most widely grown shrub in Australia.

It will be of great interest to the public to see new roses growing before they are introduced and likewise commercial interest will receive very useful publicity, and a great tourist attraction to this State."

I agree wholeheartedly that gardeners love to see plants growing, in this case, roses, and to see how someone else has them growing so they may acquire ideas for their own garden.

In conclusion I would like to wish all rosarians a happy and satisfying year ahead

— John Coleman-Doscas
President