

## The President's Message

To be elected as President of the National Rose Society of Australia for 2005, is an honour and with the Queensland Rose Society celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, it will indeed be a very special year for me.

From selling farm produce at a roadside stall as a kid to being in the position of National President is beyond all expectations.

I would like to congratulate the South Australia Rose Society for a magnificent show and weekend. All those lucky to attend saw a spectacular display of quality roses, and floral art. A great presentation by David Ruston of Floral Art and on the Monday some of Adelaide's beautiful gardens.

Brisbane will be putting on its best for all the visitors in October. The Sunshine State will be host to all on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005 for the Show and A.G.M. with a bus tour to the Gold Coast and Hinterland on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2005. Why not combine it with a few extra days as Toowoomba Show is on the following weekend? Please make sure you book early.

We must all make an effort to encourage younger members to join the ranks of our rose lovers, so that our great organization can continue on for years to come.

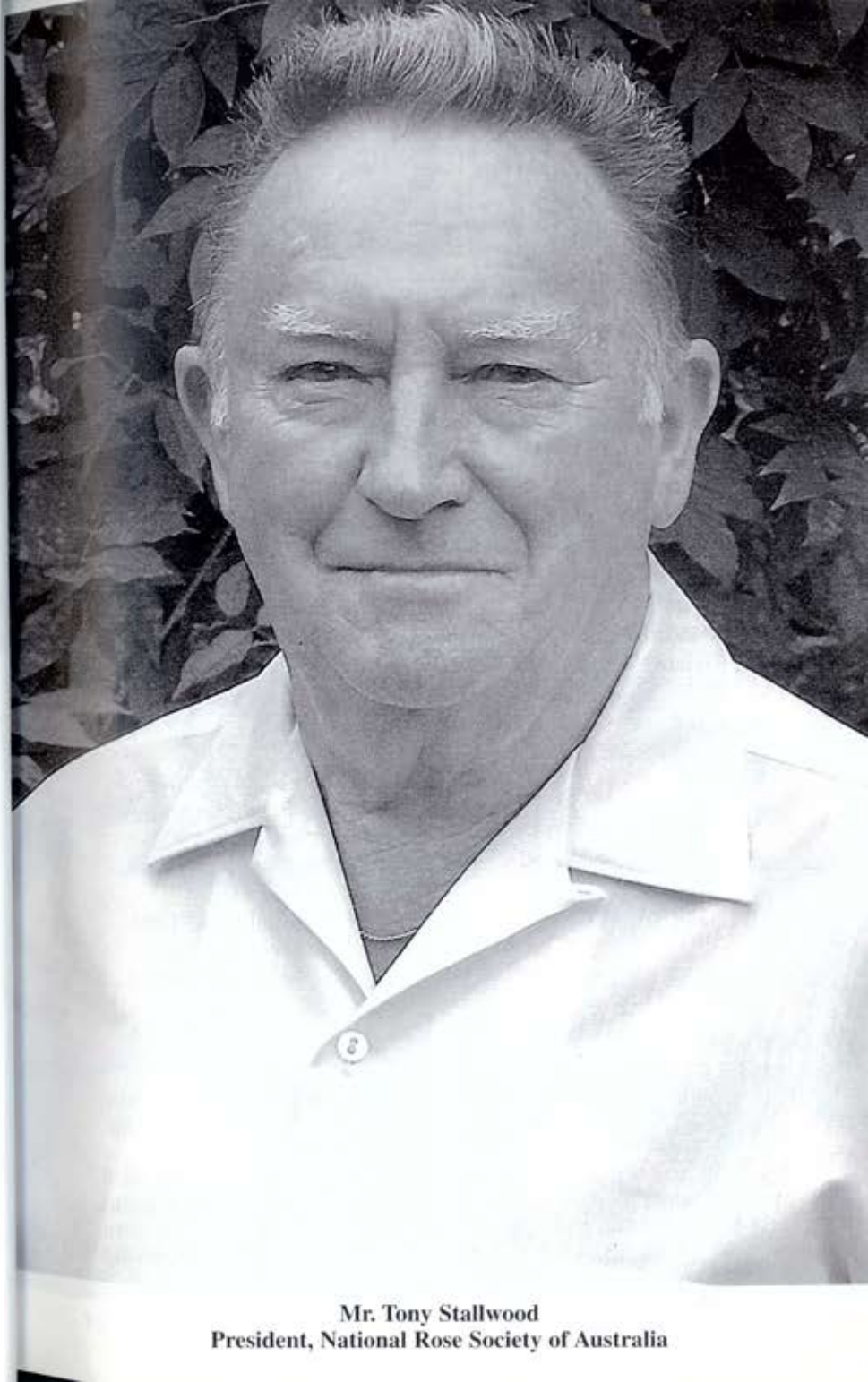
Thanks to Merv Trimper for a job well-done last year and I hope to carry on the good work.

Hoping to meet with old acquaintances and those new friends from last year and welcome many new faces.

Tony Stallwood, President.

*But when...thy roses came to me  
My sense with their deliciousness was spell'd;  
Soft voices had they, that with tender plea  
Whisper'd of peace, and truth, and friendliness unquell'd.*

John Keats



**Mr. Tony Stallwood**  
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