



## The Australian Rose Award 1995

The National Rose Society of Australia has granted Mr Ralph Lucas the Australian Rose Award in recognition of his work for **The Rose**. Mr Ralph Lucas joined the Rose Society of South Australia Inc. in 1958 and has been actively involved since, both as an exhibitor and administrator.

He was first elected to the position of Councillor in 1975 and served as Vice President from 1979 to 1981, President 1982 and 1983, Treasurer since 1984, Show Manager between 1986 and 1994 and Publicity Officer from 1989 until July 1994.

In addition to being Society Treasurer he was also Festival Treasurer during the inaugural 1993 Adelaide Rose Festival. This in itself was enormous task. Ralph was also a Member of the Publicity Committee and is currently one of the Society's representatives on the Rose Festival Steering Committee.

Ralph is a very competitive Rose Exhibitor, having shown regularly over the past 40 years - not only at our Shows but at other suburban and country competitions.

He has been an active lecturer at various social groups and other floricultural/horticultural societies, and for many years has been one of our main demonstrators at the Society's annual pruning days.

Because of Ralph's reputation as a competent Rose Judge he is in constant demand by other Societies. Drawing on this ability, Ralph has been involved in the setting up and conducting of a Judges School and the preparation of questionnaires to be used in the examination of prospective Rose Judges.

In recognition of Ralph's untiring dedication to the Society he was awarded Honourary Life Membership in 1990 of the Rose Society of South Australia In.

A tireless contributor to the promotion of the Rose, Mr Ralph Lucas is a most worthy recipient of the Australian Rose Award.