



## The Australian Rose Award 1994

The National Rose Society of Australia has granted Mr. Dean Stringer the Australian Rose Award in recognition of his work for THE ROSE.

Mr. Dean Stringer joined the Rose Society of South Australia Inc. in 1982 as an ordinary member, was elected to Council in 1984, as Vice President from 1987 to 1990 and as President from July 1990 to July 1993. During the term of his Presidency membership grew to an all time high.

He has served as a delegate to the National Rose Society of Australia's Annual General Meetings since April 1990, serving as the National President in 1993. As a delegate he has attended AGM's conducted in all states.

Dean has exhibited in Australian Rose Championships conducted in Perth, Tasmania, Sydney and Melbourne. One of Dean's hobby horses has been the accreditation of Judges and with our Judging Panel including several of the Society's senior members his concern was for the future.

Dean has been active in the promotion of the Rose by making himself freely available to speak at clubs, both specialist and general in all parts of this State.

Dean Stringer was an instigator of Adelaide staging a week long Rose Festival. Following approval from our Society to become involved with a Rose Festival, Dean was appointed Festival Coordinator. In this capacity he was instrumental in obtaining necessary sponsors to ensure the financial viability of the project. The festival proved to be an outstanding success.

Its overall appeal to the Community has seen the Adelaide City Council tentatively set dates for future festivals to be held up to and including 1999.

His most recent project has seen the establishment of the National Rose Society of Australia trial grounds in a section of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. This is the culmination of considerable negotiation with the national rose body, the relevant state government instrumentalities and the director of the gardens. The task was enormous and it is a fair measure of Dean's considerable organising and negotiating abilities to achieve this outcome.

The TA Stewart Memorial Award presented in 1993 and the Australian Rose Award 1994, are a fitting tribute to a tireless and talented contributor to the Cause of the Rose.