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## President's Message

I have often read material written by those much more learned and analytical than I, that if more people were involved in horticulture of some type, not only would more individuals be of a much happier disposition, the world as a result would be in a much better state.

Having just returned from 'Roseworld 94' in Christchurch New Zealand and rubbed shoulders with about 1200 other rosarians from around the world, I am quite convinced that us rose lovers live up to what the wise say. What a happy group of people united from every corner of the globe for the sole purpose of continued devotion to the rose. I am sure we must have helped in some small way to uniting countries and people.

What a great job our New Zealand rose cousins did in coping with such a large group, surely the biggest World Federation of Rose Societies gathering yet. The promotion and enthusiasm of the rose generated in N.Z. was enormous and I am sure will spill over into Australia and help us greatly in our endeavours to promote the rose.

The feeling of unity and oneness impressed me greatly. Rose growers from all walks of life, the beginner to the professional grower and breeder, the avid H.T. exhibitor to the old fashioned rose lover all together for rose. There was no animosity that sometimes rears its ugly head between the old and new rose admirers. Who could not be impressed with the rose no matter what type, if for no other reason than the great diversity of form she offers to all?

It is great to see that as a result of the moves made at the 1994 AGM in Sydney to establish our own Australian Rose Trial Ground, that a proposal is being formulated in conjunction with all State Rose Societies to set up a trial ground in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. As I write things are still tentative but seem very promising and we look forward to having firm proposals to vote on at the 1995 AGM in Hobart so Australia can at last have its own national trial ground. Our thanks must go to our South Australian Rose Society members who are working hard to ensure our dream becomes a reality. I am sure that our own trial ground will provide great impetus and incentive to amateur rose breeders in Australia.

All Rose Society members in Tasmania are looking forward to hosting the 1995 AGM and Australian Rose Championships in Hobart and invite as many as possible to come over and enjoy our hospitality, for what we promise will be a great few days.

— Jim Cane, President