



## National Rose Society of Australia Service Award 2007 **Ian Spriggs SMA, ARA**

Ian Spriggs was presented with this prestigious award at the banquet in Melbourne on 12th November 2007. At the time he held the positions of President of the Rose Society of Victoria Inc. (RSV), President of the National Rose Society of Australia Inc. (NRSA) and also President of the Australian Rose Breeders Association (ARBA).

Over the past three decades and beyond Ian's passion for the rose has burned bright. Aside from his skills as a grower, exhibitor and more recently as a breeder, Ian has dedicated much of his time to serve the rose in Australia. In the 1970's and 1980's Ian served the RSV as treasurer, an onerous task which he carried out with exemplary stewardship. In 1995 Ian assumed the editorship of the Australian Rose Annual and stamped his mark on eleven stellar annuals, which elevated the annual to national and international acclaim. He has travelled widely nationally and internationally, especially to Japan, and was present at the signing of the Accords of Friendship between the trial grounds of Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the United States in May 2005.

Ian delivered a lecture on the establishment of Australia's National Rose Trial Garden in Adelaide to those present at the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) convention in Glasgow in 2003. At the WFRS convention in Osaka in May 2006 he was appointed Chairman of the Awards Committee and as such will be responsible for the Hall of Fame Awards and the Garden of Excellence Awards.

Clearly Ian's passion for the rose manifests itself in his dedicated and selfless service to the societies in which he has held office and continues to serve with great diligence.