



## Australian Rose Award 2007

Walter Duncan

The Rose Society of South Australia Inc has much pleasure in nominating Mr Walter Duncan as a candidate for the Australian Rose Award in 2007

Walter Duncan has given outstanding service to the Rose. Since being taught how to prune roses by Alex Ross in 1958 Walter joined the Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated (formally The National Rose Society of South Australia) in 1959. During his last 48 years of membership, Walter has been constantly involved in improving and sharing knowledge about the rose and also promoted the public's appreciation and enjoyment of roses.

He was editor of the South Australian Rose "Bulletin" from 1962 to 1974, during which time he also served on the Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated Council. He has been Vice-President of the Society for 15 years, spanning three periods, and President (at the tender age of 32) from 1971 to 1974. Walter is a Life Member of the Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated.

Walter has successfully shown roses and won five Grand Champions, and imported roses from Japan for display. He has written many articles and delivered countless speeches covering a wide spectrum from rose propagation to culture and cultivars. His oratory skills and quick wit ensure he is in regular demand and eagerly sought by garden clubs and various horticultural media.

A well-travelled global rosarian, Walter has also assisted in the development of many of South Australia's most noted rose gardens, including his own. He has also been an active participant in the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Show in Adelaide as an exhibitor and a very highly respected official in varying capacities.

His own gardens, including his current garden ("The Heritage" at Sevenhill in the mid-north of S. A.) are popular open day venues. Through his generosity, these open days have raised tens of thousands of dollars for charities, including the Royal Flying Doctor and The Women's and Children's Hospital.

Walter is, in every way, the epitome of a person worthy of receiving an Australian Rose Award.