

President's Message - Vivienne Etter

Welcome to the 2016 Rose Annual, the publication of the National Rose Society of Australia Inc. This wonderful publication is the means by which all members of State Rose Societies can keep informed and in touch with everything relevant to our world of roses within Australia and also the wider world of roses through membership to the World Federation of Rose Societies.

Thanks are extended to the editors Doug and Glynis Hayne for the excellent job they have done in producing the Annual for 2016. Their hard work and attention to detail has produced a first class publication for us all to enjoy. Like most people who get involved with a society the editors are volunteers, as are all other hardworking office bearers of the NRSA and members of state Rose Societies. Volunteers are the backbone of our social structure; it is the volunteers in organizations that keep the wheels turning, the cogs ticking over. They are the people who get things done without a fuss or needing to be acknowledged. I take this opportunity to acknowledge and say thank you to all of the volunteers.



President Vivienne Etter

Thanks to the Gold Coast Rose Society who very ably hosted the 2015 National Rose Championship and AGM of the NRSA on the Gold Coast in October 2015.

This year is the turn of Western Australia to host the Australian Rose Championships and NRSA AGM that the Rose Society of WA is looking forward to holding on the weekend of 8th & 9th October 2016.

Western Australia is famous for its beautiful white sandy beaches and stunning sunsets and this year we will make the most of these natural assets and hold the event at the beachside suburb of Sorrento 25 minutes north of Perth CBD. This will be the first time RSWA have held a rose show on the beach, literally, as the Sorrento Life Saving clubrooms is the venue for the show. The Sorrento Beach Resort accommodation, the rose show and social events are all within walking distance from each other that will make it very easy for those attending. There is also the Hillarys Boat Harbour to explore, the WA Aquarium and a lovely beach to enjoy, all in the vicinity.

The Monday bus trip which is the day we can all relax after the official weekend, will include lunch and a guided tour of our beautiful Kings Park with its diverse flora and natural bushland overlooking Perth City and Swan River and a visit to Araluen Botanic Park in the foothills outside of Perth to enjoy the extensive collection of roses as well as many other interesting plants.

I would like to extend an invitation to you all to attend the 2016 Australian Rose Championship weekend, RSWA members and committee are looking forward to making this a wonderful weekend of roses and friendship.