

President's Message

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Welcome to the Official Magazine of the National Rose Society of Australia.

Every year our 3000 members look forward to receiving this fine publication and we thank Paul Hains, President of Queensland Rose Society and Vice President of WFRS, for taking on the Editorship. It is important that we keep everyone informed of what is happening in Australia and abroad.

Our sincere thanks to Western Australian President Vivienne Etter and Committee and other helpers for preparing and hosting the 2016 National Rose Championship and NRSA AGM early in October. It was a great weekend, the weather was not kind in the weeks leading up to the show but as always there was a good display of roses in the



Sorrento Life Saving Clubrooms. It is always a risk holding a show in a different location but we are hopeful that those who ventured out in the wind enjoyed the event.

In 2017 Victoria has the task of hosting the event and our subcommittee has been working hard to please everyone. Melbourne is a beautiful city. It is worthwhile adding a few extra days to explore our city.

We are looking forward to showing you our three Gardens of Excellence over the course of the weekend as well as Villa Verde. This is a private garden which is being opened to our Society for the first time. I'm sure you will enjoy this amazing and unique garden which has been shown on Gardening Australia.

Accommodation is reserved for attendees at the Ibis and the Novotel in Glen Waverley. We suggest you book early. These hotels are in the same vicinity. Social events will be held the Novotel. Registration forms are available from the Secretary.

We are looking forward to meeting Rosarians from all States.