



Mr R. M. Lucas S.M.A. A.R.A.

T.A.Stewart Memorial Award 1997

Mr Ralph Lucas of South Australia has been awarded this high honour for 1997.

Mr Ralph Lucas joined the Rose Society of South Australia Inc. in 1958 and has been actively involved since, both as an exhibitor and administrator.

He was first elected to the position of Councillor in 1975 and served as Vice President from 1979 to 1981, President 1982 and 1983, Treasurer since 1984, Show Manager between 1986 and 1994 and Publicity Officer from 1989 until July 1994.

In addition to being Society Treasurer he was also Festival Treasurer during the inaugural 1993 Adelaide Rose Festival. This in itself was enormous task. Ralph was also a Member of the Publicity Committee and is currently one of the Society's representatives on the Rose Festival Steering Committee.

Ralph is a very competitive Rose Exhibitor, having shown regularly over the past 40 years - not only at our Shows but at other suburban and country competitions.

He has been as active lecturer at various social groups and other floricultural/horticultural societies, and for many years has been one of our main demonstrators at the Society's annual pruning days.

Ralph's extensive experience, rose knowledge and qualifications led him to being appointed as N.R.S.A. Representative - one of the Representatives to the National Rose Trial Garden Management Council. He was elected Treasurer of that group since its inception.

Mr Lucas was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 1990 of the Rose Society of South Australia Inc. and the Australian Rose Award in 1995 by the National Rose Society of Australia.

The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. is gratified that Mr Lucas is the recipient of the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award for 1997 for his outstanding service to the cause of the Rose.

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