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Participation

This has been a year of further progress by The National Rose Society of Australia, and one looks forward with confidence in the future of our Society. It must be stressed that all members of Rose Societies of the various States are also members of The National Rose Society of Australia. We must all co-operate to keep our Society a viable and progressive organisation.

The fourth Annual Meeting was held in Sydney. The Rose Society of New South Wales had the pleasure of being host Society when The National Rose Society of Australia had delegates present from all States for the first time. The associated functions, viz., the 1976 Australian Rose Championship, the Banquet at the Boulevard Hotel, and the Barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Case, of Dural, were most successful. It was a classic example of participation by members of our host Society, and our sincere thanks are extended to all concerned.

Although delegates have had draft standards for judging, no decisions have been made; it was felt that show standards in as many States as possible should be observed before any finality was reached. The standards for judging H.T. varieties will be under scrutiny in Hobart next November.

"Roscent 76" — the major event for 1976 was the Centenary of the Royal National Rose Society held at Oxford, England, in July. Many Australian rosarians attended the Conference. The value of such meetings is not only the dissemination of knowledge but also the opportunity to meet other rose lovers.

I wish all members good health and beautiful roses for 1977.

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