

5th February 2023

Mrs Sue Stallwood, President Queensland Rose Society Inc

Dear Sue

Re: '2023 National Rose Show Championships and Conference' - Western Australia

On behalf of the Rose Society of Western Australia, it is my great pleasure to invite you to attend this year's National Rose Show Championships and Conference to be held in Perth on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.

We are very excited to host this year's event and have planned a spectacular rose exhibition, competition and conference with special guest speakers over the weekend which will be held in the Mopoke Room at the South Perth Community Centre. The event is particularly significant to the Rose Society of Western Australia in that it is being held in this our 90<sup>th</sup> year.

We have secured excellent Guest Speakers for the conference. These include the Hon. Richard Court AC, former Premier of Western Australia and Australian Ambassador to Japan (2017- 2020) who will speak on 'Gardens of Japan' of which he has extensive knowledge. And well-known author Mr. John Viska, will speak on the 'History of Rose Growing in WA'. We believe Mr. Court's address will be of particular interest to delegates with the next World Federation of Rose Societies' "World Rose Convention" being held in Fukuyama in May 2025.

You will find the attached Program of Events contains full details of the conference, commencing on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October with a Welcome Cocktail Party and concluding on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October with additional guest speakers and a guided tour by Patsy Durack of her magnificent Gooseberry Hill Garden. In addition, we have arranged a comprehensive post-conference program from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October for delegates who wish to extend their stay in Perth. Highlights include a visit to Government House Gardens, Queens Gardens, the Swan Valley, a cruise to Fremantle for a guided tour, and afternoon tea at Western Australia's Parliament House.

We look forward to hearing from you with regard to your arrival arrangements and if you have any questions at all, I would be delighted to answer them.

Yours sincerely,

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