



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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RAS MOURNS PASSING OF LONGEST STANDING WINE CHAIRMAN OF JUDGES

Len Evans, a true wine pioneer, remembered for his invaluable contribution to the RAS

The **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW** (RAS) is saddened by the sudden passing of **Mr Len Evans**, longstanding contributor to the Sydney Royal Wine Show.

Len Evans will be remembered for his outstanding contribution to the Sydney Royal Wine Committee, holding the position of Chairman of Judges for 24 years from 1976 – 2000. Len was held in such high esteem that his retirement from the RAS was attended by the Prime Minister of Australia in 2000.

Well respected within the wine industry, Len is also an integral part of Sydney Royal history. Under his stewardship, the Sydney Royal Wine Show has been established as one of the premier industry events in Australia.

Considered an icon at the RAS, Len instigated an industry **Judging Program** which is an educational course for young and aspiring judges. Len was an inspiration to young winemakers and judges by regularly working with them to further their knowledge and perfect their skills.

"Len Evans will be sorely missed by all at the RAS. His great depth of knowledge coupled with his infectious personality, resulted in his status as one of the RAS greats," said **Roger Perkins, Chief Executive, RAS**. "He was a true pioneer both at the RAS and in Australia's wine community."

Len's legacy with the Sydney Royal Wine Show is continued by Mr James Halliday, Chairman of Judges. His passing is mourned by the RAS Wine Committee, chaired by Mr David Clarke AO.

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