

T. A. STEWART MEMORIAL AWARD, 1963

In 1962, the T. A. Stewart Memorial Award for services to rose-growing in Australia and New Zealand, was won by Mr. A. W. Jessep, one of Australia's greatest horticulturists. Mr. Jessep holds the Melbourne University degrees of Master of Agricultural Science and Bachelor of Science and the Diploma of Education. He joined the National Rose Society of Victoria in 1924, was elected to the executive committee in 1926, and served his first term as president in 1948. He has been elected president on four occasions. He has visited the National Rose Societies of New Zealand and all six Australian States, as well as Rose Societies in Britain, Europe and many parts of America. He has contributed to almost every issue of the Australian and New Zealand Rose Annual, including the first, in 1928. His work has been of an Australia-wide and even world-wide nature and far from parochial.

Mr. Jessep became principal of the Burnley Horticultural College in 1932, and remained there until he was appointed Government Botanist and Director of the Royal Melbourne Botanic Gardens in 1941. He retired from these positions in 1957, after having added considerably to the beauty of the gardens and having enhanced their reputation. These gardens are considered by many leading local and overseas horticulturists to be the world's most beautiful.

Mr. Jessep has represented Australian horticulture overseas on two extensive tours, including International Horticultural Conferences, and he has been a very great ambassador for our activities in rose growing. He has judged at overseas shows and at many Australian shows as well as regularly at N.R.S.V. shows. He still devotes many evenings to lecturing and, in fact, continues to spend a lifetime in the service of horticulture, specialising in roses and camellias. A man who has done and is doing much for us all and fully merits our gratitude and recognition!



Mr. A. W. Jessep.