



Australian Rose Award 1979

Mr. Priestly's nomination for the Australian Rose Award was made by The Rose Society of Tasmania and was based on his outstanding service as Secretary-Treasurer of The National Rose Society of Australia since its foundation in 1972; a service which has contributed substantially to the promotion of knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of the rose by the Australian public.

Significantly, the service for which the award is made should have been performed since the inauguration of the Society. It has been our experience and observation that from the date of the inaugural meeting Mr. Priestly has worked untiringly to advance the objects and ideals of the Society throughout Australia.

He has maintained constant contact with the member Societies in the States and kept them informed of developments of interest both within Australia and, through links with the Royal National Rose Society and the World Federation of Rose Societies, in countries overseas.

He initiated and pursued negotiations which have led to approval for the development of the Victorian State Rose Garden at Werribee Park Estate, Victoria. This magnificent project has reached layout and planning stage, and is situated in the major tourist development in Victoria. The inclusion of a trial ground in the project is a major advance in rose culture in Australia, to be enjoyed by all hybridists and visitors to Werribee Park.