



The Australian Rose Award, 1982

Mr. R. W. (Bill) Allender has been a member of the Rose Society of Victoria since 1941.

He was elected to the Council of the Rose Society of Victoria in 1947 and has worked hard in that capacity ever since then. In 1974 he was elected a Vice-President of the R.S.V. and has held that office continuously, being of great assistance to the President in any capacity required.

He has been extremely generous in both work and financial contributions, helping the Society tremendously but never seeking any recognition or reward for his efforts, always remaining solidly in the background, never seeking to be "heard and seen".

Bill Allender has also given great service to our country Rose Clubs, having travelled thousands of kilometres throughout Victoria giving lectures, pruning demonstrations and judging at countless Rose Shows.

Bill and his wife, Alice, are two of only five people who have attended every convention of the World Federation of Rose Societies. They have been a credit to Australia in every way at these gatherings. Mr. Allender has also been a delegate to the N.R.S.A. Annual Meetings.

Recently, he has taken to hybridizing and has raised at least three very fine cultivars.

Bill is one of the finest exhibitors of specimen blooms in Australia, being a regular entrant at R.S.V., suburban and inter-state shows.

In recognition of his services to the Rose Society of Victoria Mr. Allender was made an Honorary Life Member in 1979.