



Mr. E. B. Pietsch

T. A. Stewart Memorial Award, 1982

Mr. Ern B. Pietsch of the Rose Society of Victoria was awarded this high honour for 1982.

Mr. Pietsch joined the Rose Society of Victoria in 1960 and was elected to the Council in 1970, serving in the capacity of Publicity Officer from 1971 to 1974. He was then appointed Editor of the Australian Rose Annual and has served in that capacity to the present date.

In addition to this extremely busy and demanding task he also accepted the position as Editor of the Victorian Rose News which was normally a task for a separate council member. His dedication and application to these tasks has consumed a great amount of time, and the quality of the Rose Annual has in my opinion, been lifted to a high degree.

Ern was largely responsible for the substantial reduction in the cost of the 1982 Rose Annual. Always aware of the problem of rising costs, Ern shopped around to obtain the best quote possible without reducing the quality of the Annual. In my view the quality of the 1982 Annual equalled if not surpassed prior issues.

Ern has been deeply involved in the activities of the Society for a considerable period of time, judging at suburban, country and interstate shows and demonstrating and lecturing throughout the State. He has also represented Victoria as a delegate to the N.R.S.A. Annual Meetings.

Mr. Pietsch has been an extremely successful exhibitor in both the bunch and specimen bloom classes at the R.S.V. and suburban shows, and has contributed significantly to the improvement of standard in these classes.

The Rose Society of Victoria conferred on Mr. Pietsch an Honorary Life Membership in 1979.

The Rose Society of Victoria conferred on Mr. Pietsch an is the recipient of this, the highest honour that can be conferred upon a rosarian in Australasia.

— R. J. BELL