



Mr. A. G. Mulley

## T. A. Stewart Memorial Award

Mr. A. G. Mulley of the Rose Society of New South Wales was awarded this high honour for 1986.

“Bert” Mulley planted his first rose bushes in the late 1940’s and by 1950 was exhibiting them in local shows. Success came early and, encouraged by his wife Daphne, he commenced exhibiting in Sydney’s prestigious Royal Easter Show. He became one of the most successful exhibitors over ten consecutive years, during which time, he won the Banksian Medal, a much sought after award, on three occasions.

In 1956 he joined the Rose Society of New South Wales and was an outstanding exhibitor for many years. In the early 1960’s he became a judge and in 1979 was appointed Chairman of Judges. In this capacity he has attended all the quarterly meetings of the State Council of the Rose Society of New South Wales since its formation. As Chairman of Judges he has conducted an annual meeting of all judges at which judging procedures and standards are reviewed and problems discussed. In an effort to promote greater consistency in judging Bert has organised and conducted seminars over the last three years in which Judges, Exhibitors and interested Rosarians participated. The seminar is now regarded as an annual event.

Bert has travelled extensively attending meetings of the Rose Society, Garden Clubs and similar bodies throughout New South Wales as a guest speaker on all aspects of rose culture and has been invited by other State Societies to lecture on judging.

He was awarded honorary life membership of the Rose Society of New South Wales in 1984 and in the same year was appointed a New South Wales delegate to the National Rose Society of Australia. He is still serving in this capacity. In recent years he has attended all the Australian Rose Championship shows held in the various States where his service as a judge is eagerly sought and readily given.

Now, after more than 40 years involvement with roses, Bert Mulley is as keen as ever and although his garden now has less than the 450 bushes it once had, his roses are still of the highest exhibition quality. He still exhibits occasionally with great success.

Bert Mulley’s insistence on perfection has made his name a by-word in Rose Society circles in New South Wales and he is held up as an example to be followed by all Rosarians who hope to do well in the field of growing, showing and judging roses.

The Rose Society of New South Wales is gratified that Mr. Mulley is the recipient of this, the highest honour that can be conferred upon a rosarian in Australasia.