



Mr. R.W. Allender, S.M.A., A.R.A.

## T.A. Stewart Memorial Award

Mr. R.W. (Bill) Allender has been an active member of the Rose Society of Victoria for over 50 years and during that time he has been involved in all aspects of the Society's activities.

For 42 years he has been a member of the Council, the last 15 years as a Vice President.

As well as showing roses, judging, speaking and demonstrating at various clubs around Victoria, his special project has been the organizing of the pruning of the 20,000+ roses at Fawkner Crematorium for many years. Bill has always been there during the first week in June and arranged for the members to prune all the roses during this time. In addition, he has been in charge of the Society's Show equipment and has maintained it in excellent condition.

Bill has been a keen exhibitor and has won every championship of the Society as well as the Australian Rose Championship. He has turned his hand to the hybridizing of roses and has several roses now on the market. These include 'Alice', 'Rednella', 'Peter Benjamin', 'Karen Julie'.

Bill has attended all the meetings of the National Rose Society of Australia and was a delegate on two occasions. He and his wife Alice have always been active in any of the trips and social activities arranged by the Rose Society of Victoria and he has done all that he could to promote the rose.

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

