

## T.A. Stewart Memorial Award 1996

Mr Richard Walsh of New South Wales has been awarded this high honour for 1996.

Roses have always played a dominant role in Richard's life. Richard joined the Rose Society of New South Wales in 1971 and soon became deeply involved in the promotion of rose growing at all levels. He was Chairman of Bankstown and St. George Regional (South side of Sydney) for 5 years, then Secretary of the Macarthur Regional (South West of Sydney) for 9 years.

Richard had become the Editor of the "N.S.W. Rose" and held this position for a period of 17 years. He provides cultural notes for publication, submits articles to various Journals including the Australian Rose Annual.

An avid Rose historian, collector of heritage roses, long time member of Heritage Roses in Australia. He would like to see all rose varieties promoted under one banner. Commenced hybridizing in 1980 and is a member of the Australian Rose Breeders Association. He is the State Representative for the A.R.B.A. in New South Wales.

Richard has been a Delegate to State Council since inception and is currently one of the N.S.W. Delegates to N.R.S.A. Annual meeting. He is the current Vice President of the Rose Society of New South Wales.

A keen exhibitor he strives for excellence in all aspects of showing roses including both modern and heritage rose varieties and has always been anxious to help and encourage new or old rose growers.

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

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Mr Richard Walsh S.M.A.