

T.A. Stewart Memorial Award 2020 (SMA)

Jim Cane ARA NSA SMA - Tasmania



The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. believes that Mr Jim Cane exemplifies the ideals of the T. A. Stewart Memorial Award and offers the following for consideration.

Jim is currently Treasurer of the National Rose Society of Australia, a position he has held continuously since the 2001 Annual General Meeting. At every AGM of the NRSA since his appointment Jim has presented detailed accounts for scrutiny along with a satisfactory report from the Auditor and has detailed recommendations that has ensured the finances of the organisation have maintained a sound position.

For the past five years Jim has accepted the considerable responsibilities involved in managing the financial accounts of the

World Federation of Rose Societies 2022 World Convention, and as such has been an integral member of the organising committee. The latter role has seen Jim travel to Adelaide for meetings on several occasions. Jim's professionalism and expertise has been acknowledged by the conference organisers engaged to assist in management of this event.

Jim held Council positions within the Tasmanian Rose Society from 1993 until 1998. He was Secretary of this group from 1994-1996 and was a Delegate to the NRSA in 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999; appointed Vice-President in 1994 and National President in 1995. In 1999 the Tasmanian Rose Society disbanded and Jim then became a member of the Rose Society of South Australia.

Jim has conceived and implemented many improvements in NRSA processes, all of which have saved the organisation valuable funds. More importantly Jim has been a "stabilising force" within the NRSA executive committee. Presidents rotate annually and whilst our recent Secretaries have maintained a presence of a few years, Jim has been able to assist new executive members settle to their role and provide a perspective of recent NRSA history so often required by new executive members.

Jim is a Churchill Fellow, having studied Botanic Garden management at Kew Gardens in 1996. A professional career in horticulture saw Jim employed at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens from 1973 for 36 years which saw him as Acting Director for a period of time.