



T. A. Stewart Memorial Award, 1979

Mr. R. J. Bell of The Rose Society of Victoria was awarded this high honour for 1979.

Mr. Bell has played an extremely significant role in the affairs of the Society and of the promotion of the rose generally.

He has been an active worker and exhibitor, particularly in the Australian-raised rose field. He has raised a number of good and attractive roses and a number of his seedling roses are currently on trial in various European and New Zealand trial grounds.

He was elected to membership of the Council of the Rose Society of Victoria in 1967 and was Convention Secretary of the First Australian Rose Convention held in Melbourne in 1967.

Mr. Bell served as Secretary of the Rose Society of Victoria during 1970-1971. Since then, he has served the Society as Subscription Treasurer since 1975, and during that period has excelled by his diligence and perseverance in an increase of membership and in the retention of membership during difficult economic times.

Apart from his active participation in the First Australian Rose Convention in 1967, he also attended the First World Federation of Rose Societies Convention in New Zealand (1971) and the Third World Federation of Rose Societies Convention in England (1976).