

The week-long rose display at David Jones city emporium (which went for two years), originally negotiated and arranged by Trevor Grant, became Barry's responsibility, for maintenance of the display. The resultant significant profit saw the Society purchase new cloths for the show tables, display tubes and other capital items.

Barry was president of the RSV during Roseweek'99, celebrating the centenary of the Rose Society of Victoria Inc.

The Bicentenary Rose Garden, Ivanhoe (opposite Barry and Lesleigh's home) established in 1988 was Barry's concept, and planting and maintenance have been his responsibility. The Morwell Centenary Rose Garden largely owes its existence to Barry's vision, material contribution, on-going advice and negotiations to maintain the gardens by persons serving out their judicial sentences through the Community Based Order system. Barry was also responsible for the design of the newly established Mornington Botanical Rose Garden and for the selection of the roses planted.

An excellent judge, radio personality, host, speaker and having a good appreciation of commercial possibilities, marked Barry's 11 years as President in an exciting period for the Victorian Society's history.

President of the National Rose Society on two occasions, Life Membership of the Victorian Society and the very prestigious award of the John Pascoe Fawcner Gold Medal for distinguished service to horticulture were among other highlights recognizing his contribution.

T. A. Stewart Memorial Award 2008

Walter Duncan

Walter Duncan has given outstanding service to the Rose throughout the past 50 years.

Since joining the Society in 1959 as a young man, he has been constantly involved in promoting the growing of both old and modern cultivars, as well as arousing the public's appreciation and enjoyment of roses.

He was Editor of the South Australian Rose "Bulletin" from 1962 to 1974, during which time he also served on our Council. He has been Vice-President for 15 years, spanning three periods, and President from 1971 to 1974. During 1967 he was the

instigator in having our Society incorporated – a move followed by all Australian State Societies in due course.

Life Membership was bestowed upon him for his outstanding service to the Society in 1976.

Walter was a successful exhibitor at Society Shows and during 1968 imported roses from Japan for inclusion in the Society's 60th Anniversary display. This initiative was reported in the Adelaide Advertiser.

His knowledge and writing ability is evident from the numerous articles published in the Australian Rose Annual. Countless speeches covering a wide spectrum from rose propagation to culture and cultivars have been delivered. His oratory skills and quick wit ensure he is in regular demand and eagerly sought by garden clubs and various horticultural media.

A well-travelled global rosarian, Walter has also assisted in the development of many of South Australia's most noted rose gardens, including his own.

He has also been an active participant in the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural (RHS) Show in Adelaide as an exhibitor and a very highly respected official in varying capacities. Under Walter's enthusiastic leadership, the rose was promoted to large audiences attending the RHS Royal Autumn Shows at Wayville in suburban Adelaide during the 1990's.

His own gardens have been popular venues for open day activities. Through this generosity, tens of thousands of dollars have been raised for charities, including the Royal Flying Doctor Service and The Women's and Children's Hospital.

Walter's commitment to rose promotion saw him honoured by the National Rose Society of Australia in 2007 when he was awarded its highest honour – the Australian Rose Award.

Walter is a gentleman, an outstanding rosarian, communicator and writer and is a worthy recipient of the T. A. Stewart Memorial Award for 2008.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
