



The Australian Rose Award, 1979

At the Annual General Meeting of The National Rose Society of Australia, Mr. B. J. T. Stone was awarded the Australian Rose Award, the most prestigious rose honour to be conferred in Australia.

Mr. Stone is in his tenth year as President of The Rose Society of Victoria, and in 1979, was President of The National Rose Society of Australia.

He has attended, as a lecturer, the First World Rose Convention in New Zealand (1971); as a delegate, the Third World Rose Convention in England (1976), and as a delegate and as a lecturer, the Fourth World Rose Convention in South Africa (1979). He has also served on international judging panels. He has attended as a delegate, all meetings of The National Rose Society of Australia, excepting 1979, the year of his presidency.

In 1972, Mr. Stone brought The National Rose Society of Australia into being. In 1973, he was awarded the S.M.A. for his efforts in founding The National Rose Society of Australia. The citation referred to his founding of the national organisation as “. . . the most significant milestone . . . achieved in his history of the rose in Australia.”