



The Australian Rose Award, 1989

Mr. LeFevre was elected Secretary of the Rose Society of Tasmania in 1975 and has occupied that position continuously to the present time. An experienced administrator, he has capably handled the Society's communications with the National Society, with Societies in other States and with outside persons and organisations for over 13 years.

Since 1977 he has represented the Rose Society of Tasmania in the councils of the National Rose Society. Sensitive to the fragility of the links between the State Societies, his efforts have been directed towards moderation and the accommodation of differing points of view. He served as President of the National Rose Society in 1983 and at the Sydney AGM in April 1988 was again elected as president for 1989. At the Perth AGM in 1984 he initiated the name "Rosa Australis"; the title subsequently adopted for the 8th World Rose Convention.

Mr. LeFavre is an experienced rose grower, exhibitor and judge. His expertise as a rose judge is recognised throughout the State and he is regularly called upon to judge at horticultural society and garden club shows, and to speak on rose culture at general meetings of those organisations.

A fluent writer, he has contributed significant items on rose culture to the Australian Rose Annual, and, at very short notice, provided a Tasmanian overview for inclusion in the publication covering rose growing in all States and presented to Conventioneers at the end of the Sydney Convention. He wrote the chapter on roses for a book published in 1987 by the Hobart Horticultural Society to mark its 150th anniversary, and recently contributed a descriptive article on rose pruning for publication in the "Mercury" newspaper.

At the 8th World Rose Convention Mr. LeFevre assisted in the operation of the meeting and lecture rooms and, in addition, set up and accepted responsibility for the Rose Society of Tasmania's rose display.

Always among the first to volunteer for work undertaken within the Society, whether it be pruning, staging a rose show or setting up a public display of roses, Mr. LeFevre firmly believes that the Society has a responsibility to extend and foster the knowledge and appreciation of the rose in the wider community. Accordingly, he makes himself freely available to other societies and garden clubs as they plan public rose displays or arrange the pruning of extensive rose gardens. Indicative of the esteem in which, as an outsider, he is held among these bodies is his recent award of Honorary Membership by the City of Glenorchy Garden Club.