



Australian Rose Award 2006

Dr Bruce Chapman has been presented with the Australian Rose Award for 2006. He has been a member of the Rose Society of Victoria Inc. since 1983 and of the American Rose Society since 1989. He has served on the RSV Inc. Committee of Management for the past 11 years, including 6 years as President, Past President and Vice-President. He has also served as a delegate to the National Rose Society of Australia on a number of occasions. During this time, he organised, drafted and implemented a new constitution for the RSV Inc., consulting extensively with legal advisers.

Over the past 20 years, Bruce's outstanding exhibits have been a major feature of Victorian rose shows. He has also helped many others to stage their roses with his advice and encouragement. He has also conducted training sessions for exhibitors and is a leading judge. Bruce has won the Australian Rose Championship a number of times.

Bruce's analytical and experimental approach to rose culture has enabled him to develop practical solutions to deal with pests, diseases and other problems in trying to obtain as many beautiful roses as possible. He has generously shared his findings with others and has often given talks on rose culture and breeding. He has written many articles for the Australian Rose Annual and the Victorian Rose News.

Bruce has bred several roses and a local nursery has entered some on his behalf in the Trial Ground in South Australia. His varieties include the cluster-flowered Flemington Racecourse, Royal Flying Doctor, and the HT Kilbreda Centenary Rose. A bunch of Flemington Racecourse exhibited by another member was judged the best overall bunch in the 2005 RSV Spring Show.

Bruce has been a Victorian Representative for the Rose Breeders Association for 6 years. His clear and well-presented talks and his enthusiasm have resulted in several people "having a go" at rose breeding. He has also written articles for The Rose Breeder. At the WFRS Regional Conference in Melbourne 1999, Bruce was a member of the Rose Breeders Panel, which gave talks on different aspects of rose breeding.

Dr Bruce Chapman was awarded Life Membership of the Rose Society of Victoria Inc. in 2003.