

T. A. Stewart Memorial Award, 1973

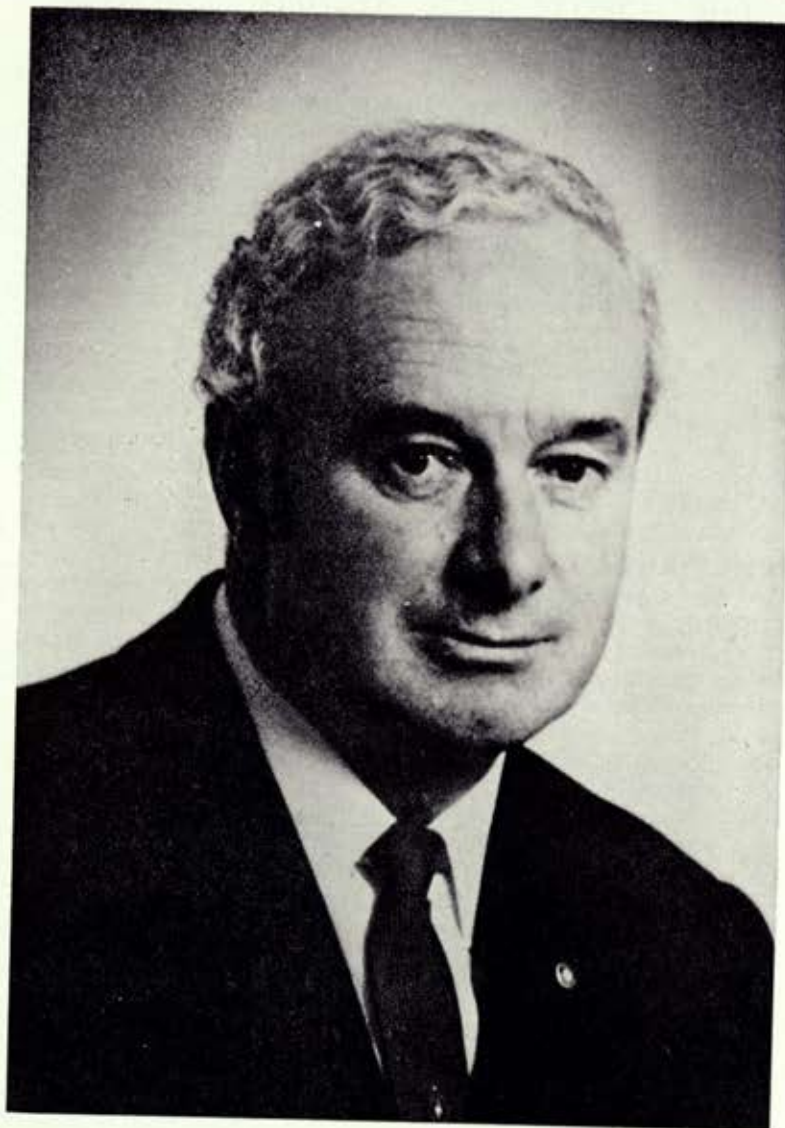
Mr. B. J. T. Stone, of the Rose Society of Victoria, was awarded this high honour for 1973. He was accorded the rare distinction of being nominated for this Award by more than one State Society.

He has judged at rose shows in several Australian States, the World Rose Convention in New Zealand, and at the New Zealand Trial Grounds Awards in 1971. He is in his fourth successive year as President of the Rose Society of Victoria.

Mr. Stone has distinguished himself as an exhibitor and as an administrator. In 1969 he redrafted the Constitution of the then National Rose Society of Victoria, and in 1972 he drafted the Constitution of the proposed National Rose Society of Australia.

For a number of years he dedicated himself to a personal project for the promotion of a truly national rose society for Australia, during which time he visited nearly all of the State Societies and consulted with all the State Societies. Finally, these protracted efforts culminated in the foundation meeting of the National Rose Society of Australia being held at his residence at North Balwyn on November 4, 1972, when the most significant milestone was achieved in the history of the rose in Australia.

Mr. Stone is a true enthusiast of the rose, and the Rose Society of Victoria is delighted that he has received this, the highest honour which can be conferred upon a rosarian in Australasia.



Mr. B. J. T. STONE.