



Mr. Allan G. Scott, M.B.E., S.M.A.

T. A. Stewart Memorial Award, 1974

Mr. Allan G. Scott, M.B.E., of the National Rose Society of New Zealand, was awarded this high honour for 1974.

Mr. Scott has given a great amount of work towards building the National Rose Society of New Zealand to its high ranking position in the Rose Societies of the world. From a beginning in 1944 in the Waikato District, based on Hamilton, a meeting held in 1945 pioneered the formation of District Rose Societies throughout New Zealand which linked into the National Rose Society of New Zealand.

Over the past thirty years Allan Scott has emerged as one of the foremost N.Z. rosarians, and is distinguished as an authority. His ability, enthusiasm, integrity, perfection in planning and organisation are always directed to helping others.

As President of Waikato District Rose Society, Past-President National Rose Society of New Zealand, Patron of the Southern Hawkes Bay and Bush Districts Rose Society, he was responsible as advocator and Chairman of the Rose Judging Schools and seminar tests which have had a striking uplifting of the quality of roses on N.Z. Show benches.

His outstanding efforts have been recognised by his being made a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Horticulture N.Z.; a Life Member of each of the following Societies: Morrinsville Horticultural Society, Waikato District Rose Society, and National Rose Society of N.Z. In 1966 at the American Rose Society's Festival and Convention held in Portland he received the most significant honour of the Festival—"Knight of Rosaria".

Her Majesty the Queen bestowed the M.B.E. on him in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding services to horticulture and the rose in particular over a period of fifty years.

With his usual dedication as chairman of many committees he directed the organisation of the First World Rose Convention held in Hamilton during November 1971. He gave two years' unbroken work to achieve this ultimate success. These great tasks have been possible only through many sacrifices of home life, gardens, time and expense.

The National Rose Society of New Zealand is gratified that Mr. Scott is the recipient of this, the highest honour that can be conferred upon a rosarian in Australasia.