



Mr. W. B. Hyde

T. A. Stewart Memorial Award, 1983

Mr. W. B. Hyde of the Rose Society of South Australia Inc. was awarded this high honour for 1983.

Mr. Hyde joined the Rose Society of South Australia Inc. in 1962 and has held various positions including the office of Treasurer, which he still holds.

Elected to Council in 1965, he was appointed a Vice-President in 1966, and held that position for a period of seven years. In 1974 he accepted the joint positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

It was in the latter of these two Offices that Mr. Hyde made his presence felt, bringing the Society from a position of near status quo to a sound financial organisation with his deft management of monetary affairs.

For a period of five years Bill Hyde worked tirelessly as both Secretary and Treasurer, but with the years taking their toll of his health, he sadly relinquished the position of Secretary in 1979.

Other positions held by Mr. Hyde in this Society have been Publicity Officer, Show Manager, and Chief Steward, and on numerous occasions he has acted in the capacity of delegate to the National Body.

Bill has a very wide knowledge of rose horticulture, and is always willing to share this knowledge. He has given many lectures around South Australia, and has been acknowledged by past and present Governments of this State. Many years ago, Mr. Hyde established an excellent relationship between the Society and the Parks and Gardens Department of the Adelaide City Corporation, and this resulted in members of this Society conducting an annual Pruning Demonstration in one of Adelaide's largest public parks.

This function is still being held annually, Bill is still one of the demonstrators, and this function is one of the means by which we can promote the rose to the general public of our State.

The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. is gratified that Mr. Hyde is the recipient of this, the highest honour that can be conferred upon a rosarian in Australia.