T. A. Stewart Memorial Award 2007 Dr Bruce Chapman

The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. has much pleasure in nominating Dr Bruce Chapman for the 2007 T. A. Stewart Memorial Award.

Bruce has been a member of the Rose Society of Victoria since 1983 and the American Rose Society since 1989. He has served on the RSV Committee for the past 12 years, including 7 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 organized, 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 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 some have been successful in the National Rose Trial Garden in South Australia. His varieties include the cluster-flowered Flemington Racecourse, Royal Flying Doctor, the HT Kilbreda Centenary, and his most recent release Amazing Grace 07. Until recently Bruce has been a Victorian Representative for the Rose Breeders' Association.

Dr Bruce Chapman was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Rose Society of Victoria in 2003. He was awarded the Australian Rose Award by the National Rose Society of Australia in 2006.