



T.A Stewart Memorial Award, 2002 The Australian Rose Award, 2002

Mr. Ian Spriggs of Victoria has been awarded these high honours for 2002.

Ian joined the Rose Society of Victoria, Inc in 1970, and became an enthusiastic member and a keen exhibitor at the Society's Spring and Autumn shows. This enthusiasm led to his election to the Council four years later in 1974.

When a vacancy in the Treasurership occurred unexpectedly in 1975 he was appointed Honorary Treasurer. At this time the Society was experiencing financial problems and under Ian's guidance the Society worked through these problems. In all he served as Honorary Treasurer for 14 years in two spells. The first from 1975-1986 and then again from 1989 to 1990. On completion of his second term as Treasurer in 1990, he was elected a Vice-president of the Society and served in this position until 1994.

He was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Society in 1986.

In 1995 at the 23rd AGM of The National Rose Society of Australia in Hobart, Ian was elected Honorary Editor of The Australian Rose Annual, a duty he has performed with great distinction for seven issues to the present 2002.

In addition to Ian's work as an administrator, he has tried his hand at hybridization. He was a foundation member of the Australian Rose Breeder's Association and served as the Victorian Representative on its council for eight years from its foundation in 1992 until 1999. In 1990 he released a product of his hybridization - the cluster flowered rose "Annie's Song", which has proved highly popular.

In recent years Ian has acted as a consultant to the Victoria State Rose Garden at Werribee Park.

The Rose Society of Victoria Inc, is gratified that Mr. Ian Spriggs is the recipient of the highest honour that can be conferred upon a rosarian in Australia and New Zealand.