

National Council approved presentation of the Walter Hazlewood Award of Honour to Roy Campbell of the Western Australian Branch.



Roy Campbell joined the ACRS WA Branch in 1976; he was elected to the committee in 1979 and remained an active committee member until 1998. During those 19 years Roy has held the position of Vice President, President and Librarian.

With Roy's enthusiasm, commitment and determination the Branch has grown and is now well known and respected among gardening clubs in WA.

In 1981 Roy was appointed to the inaugural Bloom Registration Committee, ensuring that all blooms submitted for registration meet the strict criteria and in 2001 he is still serving in this capacity. Roy has represented the Branch at numerous National Council meetings as our Councillor or acted as proxy Councillor. He has also attended the New Zealand National Congress where he is well known and respected.

Over the years Roy's helpfulness to his fellow members and to the public is well known and appreciated. He will go out of his way to give advice and practical assistance in care of camellias and in particular the art of grafting or nurse seed grafting, which prove invaluable to the novice and new member. At the WA Garden Week Show held in King's Park, Roy not only volunteers to work on our stall but also prepares our seedling display. This entails the preparation of seeds and seedlings at 1, 2, 3 years of growth with explanatory notes, which is always of great interest to the visiting public. Roy has also been the driving force behind the grafting of 'Sister Rosalie' which is to be the camellia to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Perth College in 2002.

In 1990 John Colwill, President of the Araluen Botanic Foundation, approached Roy regarding the establishment of a camellia garden in the Araluen Botanic Park. Roy seized the opportunity and while others assisted with the planting and the ongoing care it has been his commitment that has made this project an outstanding success. Roy is 81 years of age and can be found at Araluen every Wednesday with his helpers and as more space is allocated to the camellia gardens, he is using this to trial new camellias and

camellias submitted for registration from WA. In 1999 the ACRS of WA and the Araluen Botanic Foundation recognised him for his efforts in the promotion and development of camellias in WA. In 1998 he was awarded the Certificate of Merit from the WA Branch and the Araluen Botanic Foundation for his voluntary services to the Araluen Botanic Park by the erection of a park bench and plaque in the camellia gardens.

Roy has received several awards in recognition of his efforts in the promotion and development of camellias in WA. In 1998 he was awarded the Certificate of Merit from the WA Branch for his outstanding service and in 1993 he was again recognised with a Life Membership.