



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

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Our committee has had a very successful year and I am proud to say has been able to complete a number of vocational related activities.

Last December at Old Gipps town we hosted a Vocational Pride of Workmanship award evening. Students from local schools were presented with awards recognising their contribution to both their school and to their local community.

Special thanks to everyone who was involved in the evening and especially to Rhonda Crooks for organisation and administration skills and to Daniel Barry for arranging and preparing the certificates. Presidents Wendy did a great job presiding over her first large event of the year.

The committee recommended that our club re-introduce the 'Brief Job Talks' sessions to the weekly program and this was successfully reintroduced. There have been some fascinating insights into just what our Rotarians actually do in their busy lives. Many thanks to all who have contributed so far and we look forward to the continuation of the sessions as there are still a few we have not heard from yet!

The Vocational Committee also supported activities such as MUNA (Model United Nations Activity), with Lowanna students involved. Unfortunately, RYPEN and RYLA had some difficulties with student support, for these nominated programmes, however we are in the process of selecting a student for next year's National Youth Science Forum.

We recently presented Pride of Workmanship/Vocational Service Awards to four locals from the Moe business community who have made significant contributions to the local community. These were Julian and Jocelyn Yeatman for their fine customer service through the iconic Yeatman's Newsagency and to Jim and Jen Siekman of the Valley Greengrocer + Deli who have had some fresh and innovative ideas that greatly benefited our local community. I am proud that our club has formally recognised these people who have contributed so much.

All Committee members have been stalwarts throughout the year. Thank you to all for your support, work and enthusiasm.

Len Cairns
Chair – Vocational Service Committee