

## **PAST PRESIDENT ROBERT DAVIES**

Today we are to reward and recognise one of our own members for his commitment to Rotary and in particular the Rotary Club of Mount Martha with a Royce Abbey Award.

I will speak more about the award shortly.

The particular member who we recognise today joined this Club in its seventh year 1980, being introduced by Charter Member Geoff Maughan.

Rob Davies would you please come forward so I can elaborate on your life in Rotary.

Rob for the past 45 years you have been a member of this club. You have held almost every position available. Twice you have served two terms as secretary and have served as vice President.

You have been International Director twice, Foundation Director twice and our Vocational Service Director, then three years ago when RI introduced a new portfolio of Environmental Service you could not wait to take it on.

You have been our Sergeant at arms, edited the Bulletin, organized front of house and prepared programs.

The theatrical skills shared by both Christine and you have made many of our District Conferences and club nights memorable. Without your talents district 9820 would be much poorer.

You have never ceased to put your hand up to take on a challenge. Recently the Satellite Club and now recently our highly successful Container Deposit venture.

In 1990-91 you were our President with the Rotary theme of Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm. A year where your enthusiasm for the ideals of Rotary shone through.

In 2025 you will become the 52 second President of The Rotary Club of Mount Martha.

As a boy from the farmlands of Argentina, schooled in the best of British boarding schools, who worked his way around Australia you have come a long way to be a recognised icon of our club and or district that you are.

Your infectious enthusiasm and commitment to Rotary is admired by all of us.

The Royce Abbey Award is particularly relevant today as we recognize the chartering of our club 1974 because Royce and Jean Abbey were present at that Charter Presentation event. Royce was invited as a special friend of our Charter Member Arthur Care. He was a Past District Governor of D.280 when Arthur had been a member of the Sunshine Rotary Club. An ironic fact was however Arthur did not make it to our Charter night as he was stuck in NZ on business. Royce as most of you will be aware went on to become the Rotary International President in 1988.

**Read the award information then  
The Citation as Anne presents Rob with the award.**

**PP Roger Annear  
April 21, 2024**