

## **Roger Annear – Royce Abbey Award – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

**Roger Stanley Annear** joined Rotary in June 1991 and in 2004, in our clubs 30<sup>th</sup> year, became Club President.

Roger has served as Vice President on many occasions and is currently serving in that capacity.

He has served on the Board over many years including Treasurer in at least six years.

Roger is our Club historian, which saw him organise not only the clubs 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon which we held at the Mornington Golf Club, but again he has chaired this event today celebrating our clubs 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Roger as our Foundation Chair is passionate about the Rotary Foundation and End Polio and encourages our members each year to support the Centurion Club, with many in this room today adding to their Paul Harris recognition through Roger's motivation.

Roger himself has a Paul Harris plus three sapphires with wife Lyn also holding a PHF.

Roger has been very active over the years at a District level, as District Conference Treasurer in 2011 and 2016, District Treasurer in 1995 and 2011 and has also served on the District Foundation Committee.

For many years Roger organised the club swindle each week, where for two dollars, more often than not the club coffers rose through this enterprising activity.

He has organised the Outdoor Living Expo's parking at Mornington Racecourse over recent years, generating income of around \$7,000 and this year has single handedly brought in some 21,500 containers for a Container Deposit Scheme project where he collects from Devil Bend Golf Club which in the first six months has brought in over \$2,800 in revenue just from Roger's efforts.

Roger would rank as one of our members with the highest attendance at both club meetings, working bees and club projects.

Roger has also helped with various grants, some through his work with Australia Post and together with wife Lyn, is a much loved and highly regarded and respected member of this Club.

Lyn has also provided outstanding support for Roger in all aspects of his Rotary Service, with Lyn herself providing invaluable hands on support for the club, particularly with design and uniform for our club hosted district conferences.

He and Lyn have their sons, grandchildren and his beloved Sydney Swans following an illustrious career as a factory accountant – with companies including TAA, Central Timber, BP, Myer, Transfield at Falls Creek, Philip Morris for 12 years and now doing deliveries for Australia Post.

Active with both Mornington Football & Cricket Clubs as a cricket player for 20 years – and I am led to believe, made some very big scores.

For Mornington Football Club he played in the 1961 Premiership team and played 187 games between 1962 and 1971.

Sea Scouts, Pre-school and School Councils he served in the capacity as treasurer.

The Royce Abbey Award is awarded to those who display enthusiasm and commitment in their Rotary Service, of which you Roger Annear have few equals. Congratulations Roger from us all.

**Peter Rawlings, 21.4.24**