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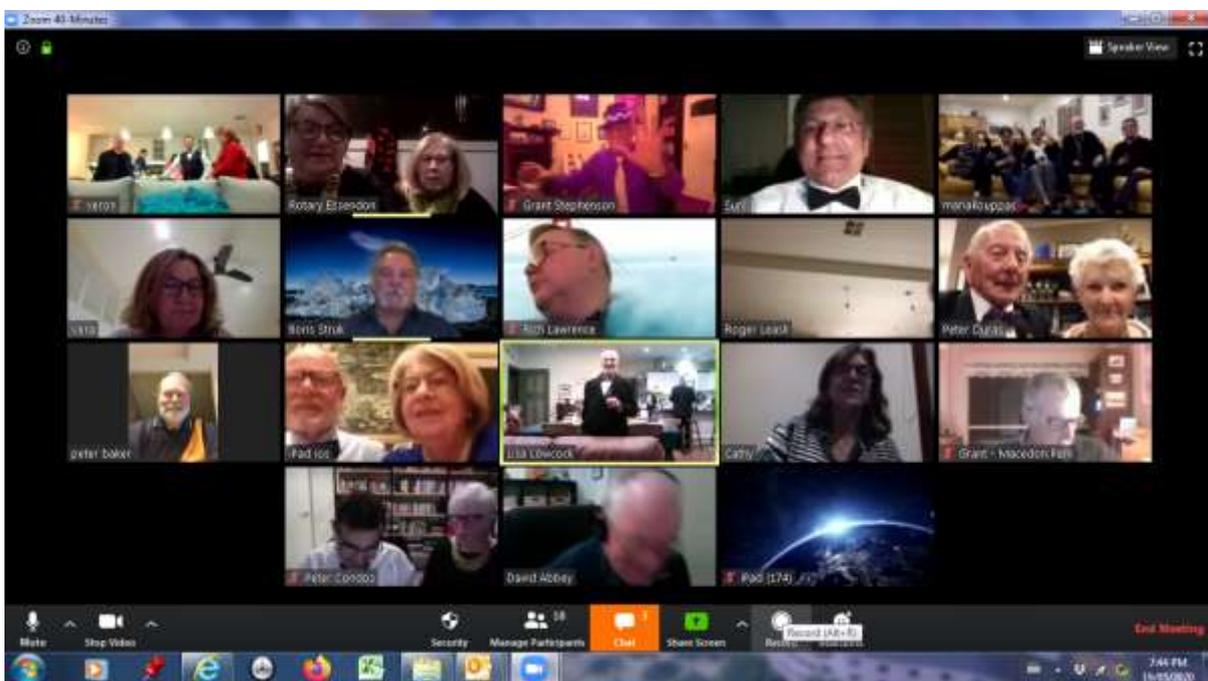
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Charter night 85 May 19 2020

There was plenty of on line fellowship and congratulations at our unique Zoom base charter night that started at 7.30 pm and finished at 9.00 pm.



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President – Kelly Abfalter



President Kel noted that this evening is always a celebration of the receipt of RCE's Charter. The club received its Charter from Rotary International on 21 May 1935 in the supper room of Essendon Town Hall.

The main activity of this meeting was the awarding of Royce Abbey awards and Paul Harris awards.

Royce Abbey Award recipients

Jenni Mann

The first Royce Abbey Award presented electronically this evening by President Kelly was to Jenni Mann.

Jenni is a relatively new RC member (having joined 3 & 1/2 years ago). Jenni was introduced to RCE by her accountants discussion group buddy Sunil Perera. She works tirelessly on keeping our finances in order and assists with all our functions. Jenni joined in our fellowship trip to Warracknabeal, and was an active member of our 2020 Sri Lankan tour. Unbeknown to most of us Jenni looks out for others in the Club.

As President Kel remarked Jenni is indeed a worthy recipient of this Royce Abbey award.

Peter Condos

The next Royce Abbey award recipient is in some way the opposite of Jenni in the sense that he has been an RCE member for 38 years. Peter received his first Paul Harris recognition in 1999 and a Paul Harris Sapphire in 2017. President Kel noted that Peter always takes on project ideas with a wonderful can do attitude. He is an amazing mentor to many new club members and also new board members. Peter also has been and still is an excellent chair of our largest dynamic committee for the last 2 years.

As President Kel remarked Peter is clearly a worthy recipient of this Royce Abbey award.

Paul Harris Award recipients

President Kel then discussed the role and history of Rotary's Paul Harris awards, named after the founder of Rotary International, Paul Harris.

Paul Harris - Sapphire

President Kel firstly noted that the first Paul Harris nomination is a most passionate member who can talk under water about Rotary. When there is a Rotary need he will be there with bells & whistles and certainly rolls his sleeves up. President Kel first got to know this member with the 2016 golf day. More recently he is involved with the bushfire appeal, and is the major sponsor of the hand sanitizer project major.

President Kel indicated that she is very pleased to present this award of a Paul Harris Sapphire to **Michael Mahoney** (who was awarded a PH fellow in 2010 and a Royce Abbey 2008)

President Kel next sketched out the roles and contributions of our next PH Sapphire recipient. He has been a member for 13 years, and has been a great administrator, especially in local government & community boards. He chaired the 2016 golf day committee and is an active bushfires fundraiser.

President Kel indicated that she is very pleased to present this ward of a Paul Harris Sapphire to **Alistair Fraser** (who was awarded a PH fellow in 2010)

President Kel then outlined of the contributions of the third Paul Harris Sapphire recipient. He has been very active and very productive in providing service to the wider community, especially through fund raising, advocacy and research. He is also a past president of RCE. He also looks after the little things, such as speakers / IT / storage. He has recently retired so will now have more time to pursue his other and varied interests.

President Kel noted that she is very pleased to present this award of a Paul Harris Sapphire to **Boris Struck** (who was awarded a PH fellow in 2016 (but not from RCE)

President Kel commented that the last Paul Harris Sapphire recipient of the 2020 Charter night while no longer a club member but is always a supporter. He played a very active role in golf days and more recently the hand sanitizer project. He is not with us tonight because has dinner with his 86 year old Mum every Tuesday night. A most important event indeed!

President Kel noted that she is very pleased to present this award of a Paul Harris Sapphire to **Alf Puglia** (who was awarded a Royce Abbey Award in 2005)

Alf Puglia receives is Paul Harris Sapphire award from President Kel.



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Interestingly two of the awardees have been in the spotlight a decade ago. That is, at the 75th anniversary – Michael & Alistair got their original PHF's together at the 75th Charter Night. So history is repeating itself.

Upcoming events

- Rotary international Virtual Convention – 20-26 June 2020
- Night Meeting 6:45 pm on Tuesday 2nd June 2020: Book Talk – Growing Pineapples in the Outback
- [Club Lunch Meeting](#) Anglers Tavern June 16, 2020 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM

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