



Know someone who constantly puts others ahead of themselves. Ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Sound familiar. Sound like a Rotarian you know. How about you nominate them for an Australian Honor!

The Australian Honours and Awards System

“Service Above Self” is second nature to Rotarians. But we all know fellow members who go “above and beyond” in service to their community and indeed our nation. They seek no reward beyond mere satisfaction that they have made a difference in the lives of individuals or society in general. We recognize their commitment by Clubs contributing to our Rotary Foundation or by a District or sometimes a Rotary International Award.

But while many Rotarians have also been honoured through the **Order of Australia**, certainly there are others well deserving of recognition who have never been nominated or sometimes nominated unsuccessfully.

The procedure for nominating is, at first glance, daunting but should not be a barrier to acknowledging deserving service. Only a percentage are successful, so wording needs to be succinct and point scoring, and time from lodging an application to successful announcement can take eighteen months to two years, so planning is critical. Nominations should be kept confidential, and at no stage should the nominee be alerted.

To help you find out more we have organized Barbara Abley to do a presentation on Saturday the 19th of June at 12 noon on Zoom. Stay tuned for more information as to how to register.

Any Rotarian or Club that is considering nominating a Rotarian, or a worthy person recognized by Rotary, should first access the website <https://www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards> and then if assistance is required, contact the D9800 Liaison Person PDG Julie Mason.
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