

DISTRICT RECOGNITION AWARDS - 2025



Introduction

Each year Rotary District 9800 takes the opportunity to recognise and thank members and clubs for their hard work and dedication to a wide variety of projects, both locally and internationally, that are changing lives for the better and to congratulate clubs on their commitment to serving others.

Purpose

The purpose of District Recognitions is to acknowledge and encourage high impact in a variety of key areas. They are designed to give clubs and their members pride in their achievements and to set the benchmark in what clubs can do to make a difference within our communities.

Categories of Awards

There are seven categories, which align with the Avenues of Service and reflect the District 9800 Strategic Goals and Objectives:

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| 1. Club Service and Membership | 2. Community Service |
| 3. International Service | 4. Vocational Service |
| 5. Youth Service | 6. Environmental Sustainability |
| 7. Public Image | |

- Please complete the District Recognition Awards 2025 Nomination Form.
- A project can only be nominated in one category (to avoid duplicate awards).
- Applications will be accepted for activities that were commenced and completed in the two years prior to 31 May 2025.
- Projects can only be submitted if they have not previously received a District Recognition.

Presentation Date

The awards will be presented at the District Changeover on Saturday 5 July 2025.

Deadline

Nominations need to be submitted by close of business on Friday 30 May 2025.

- Certificates with the District Recognition logo will be presented.
- An electronic District 9800 Recognition logo will be made available to clubs to use on their club letterhead, emails, websites, brochures, and bulletins.

Recognition of Excellence Categories

Club Service and Membership

Chair: John Illott (Club Service)

Chair: Mary Barry (Membership)

Recognition of innovation in the retention and recruitment of members, including the promotion of unique fellowship opportunities, new clubs chartered, and establishment of satellite or Rotaract clubs.

OR

Recognition of outstanding performance in club leadership by consistently demonstrating a sense of belonging and healthy engagement by a high proportion of club members.

Community Service

Chair: Maryanne Decleva

Recognition of an outstanding community service project which addresses an identified need within the local community. The project should include extensive involvement by club members and possibly involve the use of a District Foundation Grant.

International Service

Chair: Stuart McIntyre OAM

Recognition of a comprehensive International Service project through involvement in a district or club humanitarian initiative. A project that provides benefits to as wide a spectrum of the community as possible and ideally involves the use of a District Foundation Grant.

Vocational Service

Chair: Claire Davison

Recognition of an outstanding club Vocational Service project that has impacts enhanced by the use of individual or group vocational skills and ethical business practices.

Youth Service

Chair: Josephine Falzarano

Recognition of a comprehensive Youth Service (under 18 years) project initiative, instigated at the club, community group or district level.

Environmental Sustainability

Chair: John McCaskill

Recognition of an outstanding environmental sustainability project which addresses an identified need within the community. The project should ideally include involvement by club members and possibly involve a partnership with an established environmental organisation.

Public Image

Chair: Cheryl Pisterman

Recognition of an innovative and consistent impact in the presentation of internal and external club communications, across the club website, newsletter, and social media.

Strategic Values Guidelines:

In each of these categories, applications should demonstrate their alignment to the [Rotary Action Plan](#) and in the following ways:

- Increase our impact
- Expand our reach
- Enhance participant engagement
- Increase our ability to adapt

Reminder:

The deadline for the awards submissions is Friday 30 May 2025 so that the awards can be presented at the 2025 District Changeover.

Your completed District Recognition Awards 2025 Nomination Form is to be sent to:
John Illott, Club Service Chair, District.awards@rotary9800.org

Questions?

If you have any questions or comments, please refer to the Service Chairs listed above or contact:

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