

ROTARY CLUB OF BENDIGO AWARDS

Ted Rankins received a Paul Harris Award on the night of 19 December 2006 for his work for the Rotary Club of Bendigo and the wider community. Ted was club service director in 1987 and president in 1988. Over the years, Ted has been a brilliant program chairperson and an enthusiastic committee member/chairperson of the public relations, fellowship, membership, vocational service and the pottery show committees. Many members know Ted as a witty sergeant and an accomplished MC at major events.

Importantly, Ted is always willing to jump and help in at the last minute when needed. Apart from his 'service above self' work for our club, Ted has contributed countless hours to assist Goldfields Tourism.

Ted won the Victorian Tourism Achiever of the Year award in 2002. In 2003, he won the state tourism award for the outstanding contribution by a volunteer category. (This was the first volunteer award ever awarded by Victorian Tourism). The Teddy Award, named in Ted's honour, is now presented annually to the best volunteer contributor to Goldfields Tourism. Congratulations Ted. It was a real honour to award you a PHF on behalf of the club. I would like to especially thank Ray Paulsen, Kevin Reilly and Bob Pascoe for organising the night. Also, many thanks to Bryan McMahon for his brilliant role as MC.

Rosalie Vanstan was awarded the Family and Community Service Award for her outstanding service to the family of Rotary. Since joining Rotary, Rosalie has worked tirelessly for newer and longer term members alike. For example, Rosalie has organised new member nights and afternoon teas for retired members and spouses of past Rotarians. If anyone ever has the misfortune of falling ill, Rosalie will always make every effort to make contact. Congratulations Rosalie for receiving this prestigious award which can only be given once a year for 'outstanding community service' by an individual or organisation.

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President
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