

## Rotary Vocational Awards

Rotary International reminds us that we **CAN** make an important contribution to vocational service by encouraging vocational excellence and the practice of high ethical standards in all occupations and to **recognise those individuals who exemplify the Rotary ideal of service in the workplace.**

There are several vocational awards available for award to Rotarians, non-Rotarians and Clubs:

- 1 **Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence** – a District award to one person; Rotarian or non-Rotarian. Awarded at District Conference.
- 2 **Pride of Workmanship Award** – A club-level project – no limit to number of recipients. Usually during October; Vocational Service month.
- 3 **District Award for Vocational Excellence** – The PDG Kevin Hardes Trophy – for the club with the most outstanding Vocational Service project undertaken during the qualifying year; 12 months to 20 February. Awarded at District Conference.

### Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence

The Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence is a District award for an individual, Rotarian or non-Rotarian, who has a record of a commitment and high achievement in their chosen vocation which has been to the advancement of that vocation and the nation.

#### The aims of the Award are

- 1 To recognise Vocational Excellence of the highest degree and to honour outstanding contributions by individuals for significant advancement in their vocational field in Australia
- 2 To inspire further enthusiasm and to give added reward to the exceptional achievers
- 3 To set an example to others, particularly youth, of the need to pursue and strive for vocational excellence to the benefit of their discipline and to Australia in general
- 4 To recognise outstanding achievement which may not have received some other public award or recognition.

#### Guidelines for nominations

- 1 Nominations will be accepted from Rotary Clubs within District 9650 2 Nominees can be either non Rotarians or Rotarians

- 3 Nominees must be either Australian citizens or be a permanent resident of Australia. They should live or carry out their vocation within District 9650
- 4 Nominees must have a proven record of dedication and high achievement in the pursuit of excellence in their chosen vocation to the benefit of their vocation and out nation
- 5 Excellence in community service DOES NOT come under the conditions of this Award. The vocational excellence must be evident in the direct activity and / or contribution by the individual and not merely occur within an organisation managed by the individual
- 6 It is imperative that the person nominated is NOT informed of the nomination until all nominations have been considered by District and the successful candidates invited to accept the Award.
- 7 The successful awardee must be available to receive the Award in person at the District Conference in Inverell, March 2012. All costs in connection with the Award, including medallion, citation certificate etc will be paid for by District. **Cost of attendance at the Conference for the successful nominee shall be met by the nominating Rotary Club.**

Selection will be based on the information supplied to us by the nominating Rotary Club. Please include all relevant information with this Nomination Form, including attachments, to provide as many details as necessary to establish the merit of your nominated candidate. It would be helpful if the nominating Club can also include names and contact telephone numbers of three well known persons in the same vocation/s as the nominee who may be prepared to act as referees. Again we stress the need for confidentiality, in particular the nominee must NOT be aware of the nominations at this stage.

As an indication of the calibre of person we wish to recognise with this Award, some of our past Awardees are: Howard Croker (oar designer / manufacturer), Dr Jim Frazier (cinematographer / lens designer), Dr Lyn Frager (Doctor – Farm Safety), Syd Howard (pyrotechnician), Graham Caldersmith (luthier), Dr Ray Hare (agronomist), Professor Watson (astronomer), Father Leo Donnelly (Catholic priest).

There is no doubt that there are many men and women in our District who exemplify the Second Object of Rotary and to whom we should give due recognition. You are encouraged to seek out suitable nominations for this outstanding Vocational Service program and send the completed **Nomination Form** to:

Phil Hafey, Vocational Service District Chairman  
826 Ocean Drive, Bonny Hills NSW 2445  
To arrive no later than Friday, 27 January 2012



## PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP

This program seeks to identify individuals whose exemplary contributions to their vocation are worthy of public acknowledgement. The awardees are presented with an official recognition plaque. The aim is to encourage a much-needed pride in personal performance in the workplace and to help create a national attitude for the benefit of the country. Pride of Workmanship presentations provide an excellent opportunity for Rotary to promote its image, gain access to organisations for vocational visits and develop potential membership, whilst at the same time providing an avenue for small business to recognise individual effort.

Some Clubs prefer to make this a competitive award but there is a growing trend to make an award to every employee selected or nominated on the basis that each employer has determined that their nominee is exemplary.

### **Objectives of the Program**

- To promote Vocational Service.
- To encourage Pride of Workmanship in all vocations.
- To provide employers with an opportunity to recognize employees who display the qualities worthy of an Award.
- To encourage favourable employer/employee relationships and a sense of community pride in individual achievement.
- To provide an opportunity for Rotary to be involved in the community, particularly the business community.

A particularly useful web site for this program is the ***Pride-of-Workmanship*** **web site:** <http://www.pride-of-workmanship.com/> provided by the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills (D9680) Two very useful documents offered on this site are:

# How to be a really successful Vocational Director!

- ◆ Network with local business leaders
- ◆ Stage great social occasions
- ◆ Access potential new members
- ◆ Gain media opportunities
- ◆ Provide a valuable service to local business



## Pride of Workmanship Program

A Rotary Vocational Service Project

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- ○ a **Pride of Workmanship Manual**
- ○ a catalogue of **Pride of Workmanship trophies** and associated items.

You can access these documents via the above links.

## District Award for Vocational Excellence - The PDG Kevin Hardes Trophy



Clubs which have been active in Vocational Service can receive recognition at District Conference by award of the District Trophy for Vocational Service (PDG Kevin Hardes Award) for the most outstanding vocational service project undertaken during the qualifying period.”

The period of activity eligible for nomination is usually from 18th February (2011) to 17th February (2012).

Clubs nominate their projects. Nominations close in time for evaluation and award at the District Conference.

Nomination (on Club letterhead) to:

Phil Hafey, Vocational Services District Chairman  
826 Ocean Drive, Bonny Hills NSW 2445  
NO LATER THAN Friday January 27th 2012