

Join us for the Rotary International Southern Districts Shine On Recognition Event

'Rotary International Southern Districts Shine On Awards' now called RI Shine On Recognition, were started in 1993 after the Paralympics in Brisbane and are to recognize the outstanding community service by people with disabilities who, by their actions, serve as 'Shining Examples' in our community.

Bev Watson, President of the Post-Polio Syndrome Assns. of Vic. and Australia.

The Shine On Recognition Event is held annually in March or April. The host Club of the ceremony is rotated every year between Districts 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810 and 9820. Anyone can nominate a candidate and work with their local Rotary Club to complete the Nomination Form which demonstrates the person's contribution to their community.



The Shine On Event focuses on the abilities of nominees, not their disabilities. Nominees and their families are invited and a light luncheon is provided. Guest Speakers are invited as well as local Mayor, state and federal MP's, media and a professional photographer attend. Each Nominee receives a framed 'Citation' outlining their community work which is read out and presented by the District Governor. A panel of medical and disability experts evaluate the Nominations and choose those who receive a trophy.

Robert Bedggood & Wayne Leslie sponsor, Robert had an accident causing head injuries and amputation of a leg, he formed the annual fundraising 'SALE to SEA' paddling event. He has also written a book about his experiences.

The 2024 will be hosted by Rotary Diamond Creek on:
Sunday 19th May 2024 at 12:30,
at the Diamond Creek Community Centre,
28 Main Hurstbridge Rd, Diamond Creek, 3089.

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QR NOMINATION FORM

A LETTER FROM A PARENT:

" What a wonderful way to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions our special children can bring to being a functional member of their community. The generosity of Rotary in organising such an event in recognition of the efforts these individuals go through to be a part of and contribute to their communities is a testament to the ethos of celebrating all abilities and that everyone matters. They say 'It takes a Village to raise a Child', well 'It takes a Community to nurture the Disabled so they Shine"