



DAVID ABBEY

Chair – Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship Committee

ROYCE ABBEY AWARD PRESENTED TO IAN RISELEY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2017/18

Ian Riseley, the Sandringham Rotarian who will lead the Rotary World as its International President in 2017/2018, was presented with a Royce Abbey Award at a ceremony held at the RACV City Club in Melbourne on the 19th of April 2017.

The Royce Abbey Award is named in honour of Royce Abbey the Essendon Rotarian who served as President of Rotary International in 1988/89.

The Award was presented by David Abbey, the Chair of the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship Committee, in the presence of Jean Abbey, Dennis Shore the Chair of Rotary District 9800 Foundation Committee, Past District Governor Cathy Roth and members of the Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship Committee.

Jean Abbey was thrilled that Ian Riseley had received the Award and expressed her confidence in Ian's ability to lead the Rotary World in 2017/18.

In presenting the Award David Abbey commented that as future President of Rotary International Ian was by far the best credentialed Rotarian to receive a Royce Abbey Award and that Royce would have fully supported the choice of Ian, both as International President and as a Royce Abbey Awardee.

Ian Riseley becomes one of over three hundred Rotarians who have received a Royce Abbey Award, which recognises Rotarians showing enthusiasm and commitment to the Ideals of Rotary.

When the opportunity to receive a Royce Abbey Award was first raised with Ian he wrote,

‘I would be truly honoured to receive this award. We all have heroes in life and Royce was definitely one of mine, and to receive an award in his name would be special to me.’

These sentiments were reinforced by Ian on being presented with the Award.

While recognising deserving Rotarians, the Royce Abbey Award also carries with it a contribution of AUD\$1,0000 to the Rotary Foundation in support of the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship.

For more information about the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship and the Royce Abbey Award visit: www.royceabbey.com