Community Service Award 2023 - Rowanne Cox

Rowanne has been involved in many organisations over the years. Tonight we name only some, and honour her for her dedication to our community.

For many years, Rowanne was part of the group of ladies who ran the Canteen for the Local Rugby League matches on a Sunday. She ordered all the supplies and arranged the setting up and packing up each day.

Rowanne was also a huge part of any catering or social functions that were run by the Coonabarabran Unicorns. She was instrumental in arranging, organising, and searching for old players, finding memorabilia, and creating a reunion in 1992 in honour of all Unicorn players; it was a wonderful joyful event.

Rowanne has always had a passion for sewing and craft. She was happy to volunteer in Days for Girls, and has been an executive member of Warrumbungle Arts and Crafts Inc (WAACI). Rowanne has been Steward for the Needlework section at the Coonabarabran Show for the past few years and she continues in this role reflecting her love of all things craft.

Rowanne has been the Purchasing Officer and organiser for Rotary Catering and BBQ’s, partnering with her husband Robert. She ensures all food is ordered and organised for every catering event, including the huge role of organising the catering for the Equestrian Expo in June each year.

Rowanne received a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2016 with Robert for the amazing job they do together for catering through Rotary, and especially the work they did with BlazeAid during the recovery from the Wambelong fire in 2013. Rowanne not only organised the food to feed up to 80 people every day for five months, but also the volunteer organisations that helped during that time.

Catering is a large fund raiser for our Rotary Club, with the funds going back to our community. Rowanne’s help and hard work in this area is greatly appreciated.

It is for Rowanne’s Service Above Self, that tonight we acknowledge and honour her commitment to our community.