Community Service Award 2023 - Trish Sawyer

We honour Patricia Sawyer (Trish)tonight for her Service Above Self in all the communities in which she has lived.

For many years, Trish was a Brownie and Girl Guides leader, helping girls grow into the best version of themselves, helping them gain skills in all areas of life - cooking, sewing, craft, camping, building and learning how to help themselves and those around them. She became involved in leadership groups throughout regional NSW.

Trish helped at their sons’ schools, volunteering in all areas. She has been the treasurer of her church for many years, as well as supporting all areas of the church and community.

Before women could become Rotarians, they could join a group called the Inner Wheel if their husbands were members. Trish was a part of this to help support not only Rotary but the broader community, and to join in on the international projects whenever she could.

Along with John and the family, Trish has been very much involved with International Student Exchange, not only hosting many students but working with the District Exchange committee, again along with John.

Trish has been a major volunteer and organiser of our Rotary Bookshop, spending thousands of hours helping arrange the books and helping customers find books, giving them support in their lives beyond the store as well. She took particular care to contact customers who had a particular request, and would be delighted when a book, long searched for by the customer, could be located and safely delivered to them.

It is for these reasons with pride and respect we honour her Service to the Community.