



March 2010

Melville Connell
The Rotary Club of Melbourne

Dear Rotarian Connell,

The importance of Service Above Self has long been recognized by Rotarians who understand the power and reward of helping their friends and neighbors in need.

In 1991, the RI Board of Directors created the *RI Service Above Self Award* to recognize those Rotarians who truly embody Rotary's principal motto. While many Rotarians distinguish themselves through service, it is important to recognize those outstanding few who have indeed made service a way of life.

Current and past officers and general officers of Rotary International were asked to submit the names and accomplishments of outstanding Rotarians. While a large response was received, only a maximum of 150 Rotarians may receive the RI Service Above Self Award each year. The Board was faced with the challenge of selecting the very best from a pool of exceptional candidates. It is my very great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to receive this honor.

With this award, you are being recognized for the contributions you have made through Rotary over the years. I believe you are an extraordinary example of how each Rotarian can make a difference. I am honored to have you as my fellow Rotarian and thankful that *The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands*.

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Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Kenny".

John Kenny
President, 2009-10

Enclosure

In March 2010 Past President Melville (Mev) Connell was presented this Award at the District Conference in Perth in particular recognising his work for Rotary in Bushfire recovery.

