

Australian Rotarian receives humanitarian honors

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Rotarian Alex Buchanan is the 2008-09 recipient of The Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award.

Buchanan, of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, is a retired food technologist and scientist. He studied agriculture and science as a 1959-60 Ambassadorial Scholar at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, USA. His research has led to improvements in food production to support developing nations and emergency relief activities.



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Among Buchanan's accomplishments are the development of the Australian milk biscuit, a high-protein biscuit used by the Australian government and many Rotary clubs for emergency food aid, and the creation of affordable, nutritionally balanced infant food for health centers in Thailand. Buchanan also helped implement the first successful cooperative food research projects between Australia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. On 26 January, he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for service to food science and technology and to the community.

Currently, Buchanan helps to manage the Royce and Jean Abbey Endowment Fund. He was nominated for the award by District 9800 and was the winner for Zone 8.

The Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award was created to honor outstanding former Foundation program participants whose extraordinary service to humanity and professional achievements exemplify the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self.

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