



WILLIAM WHYTE AWARD 2021

Russell Thomson

Each year the Queensland Philatelic Council can present the William Whyte Award on the recommendation of a club, to a member of the philatelic community, to recognize outstanding service to philately at local and club level.

Russell joined the Southport Afternoon Stamp Club in the early 1990s. He has been a hard-working member and served with dedication and distinction including more than ten years on the committee, as president, vice president, secretary and a committee member.

Russell was instrumental in arranging and giving monthly broadcasts on local Gold Coast radio, promoting stamp collecting.

As a member of Rotary for more than fifty years, Russell has raised over \$12 000 for charity from the sale of stamps.

Russell has served as a board member of Youth Hostels Australia for twelve years, where he has also taken every opportunity to promote stamp collecting.

Russell has been a contributor to Southport Afternoon Stamp Club's entries in the Queensland Inter-club Competition, which has included exposure of his long research into Rotary on stamps.

Imparting knowledge gained from stamp collecting to the Club's junior members was enhanced by meetings at his home with local media, resulting in articles published in the Gold Coast Bulletin.

In recognition of his service, Russell has been elected a life member of the Southport Afternoon Stamp Club.

He is currently the Club's liaison officer, charged with visits and interaction with other stamp clubs.

Russell epitomises the qualities of a William Whyte Awardee.

Mr Jeffrey Gunston (President)

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