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VOLUNTEER CHAMPION HONOURED

Volunteer champion and respected local resident Randall Edwards received the most prestigious Volunteer of the Year award at the Australia Day celebrations for the Blayney district.

Randall Edwards' contribution to the Millthorpe village is a remarkable 12 year achievement of pure dedication to raise the Millthorpe flag.

Twelve years ago Millthorpe was a little unknown village and is now one of the most popular destinations for food, wine and general shopping.

Millthorpe village would not be on the map if it wasn't for the diverse skills and expertise of Randall.

As a young boy Randall grew up in Millthorpe living with his aunt and uncle in the school residence before heading to the lights of Sydney forging ahead in a career in IT, retail and marketing.

Returning to Millthorpe he took up residence and developed Millthorpe's first bed and breakfast which still operates today.

It was at this time he sat down with the infamous Ada Clark ten years ago at the bottom pub and together they formed the Millthorpe Village Committee.

Together they became the founders of the Millthorpe Village Committee starting with a couple of people to over two hundred members.

He soon formed the Millthorpe Business Committee as president for eight years developing publicity and advertising across the district and State.

There are now 70 business members on the Millthorpe Business Committee.

Randall's hard work and dedication is the reason the village has become a great success.

His meticulous accounting skills paid off as Treasurer for eight years. He set the template for the future of Millthorpe.

His role in marketing and branding the village along with initiating the Millthorpe website brought Millthorpe from a quiet sleepy village into a modern village with heritage and style attracting many tourists and local people.

In addition, Randall conducted visitor surveys to gauge the marketing needs of the village and produced the visitor booklet for the past five years.

Thanks to Randall, the village is now known as the village hub of the central west.

On the day of the award ceremony, Randall commented that his proudest achievement was the upgrade of the Millthorpe tennis courts.

“Above everything else I did, the tennis courts were important,” said Edwards. “I am humbly honoured to receive this award.”

He owns Millthorpe B&B and has no immediate plans of his future but now hands over the reins of his hard work to a few other volunteers to keep Millthorpe on the map.

Randall continues to work at the Wood Blind Factory.

President of the Millthorpe Village Committee, John Mason stated that the village is forever grateful for all the hard work Randall has contributed to the community.

“Randall is truly the brains behind Millthorpe forging ahead,” commented Mason.

“We will always be in debt to Randall for his foresight, time and effort in growing Millthorpe into the village it is today.

“I cannot think of any other person who has given up all their time and energy to give so much back to the community.

“He certainly deserves this honour, he is a champion.”

CABARET FOR EVERYONE

An eclectic cabaret show is the highlight for the family at a free, fun filled afternoon concert on Saturday 25 February from 4pm at the Millthorpe Public School.

Sponsored by the Golden Memories Millthorpe Museum, the concert features a unique collection of instruments and singers.

As part of the Millthorpe & District Historical Society’s fundraising program, donations are gratefully accepted towards the audio-visual displays in the museum.

Check out the Golden Memories Museum Facebook page or visit www.millthorpemuseum.com for further details.

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