

**Vocational Excellence Award
CITATION FOR CATHERINE JAYNE STOPANI**

Catherine Jayne Stopani (Jayne) is the owner, head chef and inspiration behind the Off the Rails Café in Wahroonga.

Recognising that there were several coffee shops in Wahroonga Village, she has created a unique venue for individuals and groups, where she provides fine coffee and delicious food items. She generously celebrates birthdays and anniversaries with her customers. Her team provides superb service to all who visit. She has undertaken this role in addition to her commitments as a mother of two sons.

Jayne has been determined to make the establishment a positive force in the local community by helping local organisations. This includes working with St Edmund's College at Wahroonga - a co-educational high school for students with some sensory or intellectual disability. Through this work she gives students the experience of shopping in a safe environment. She also purchased at a major Charity Dinner, a large picture painted by Studio Artes and displays it proudly in the shop.

Covid -19 has made the operation and even survival of businesses such as Off the Rails Cafe, very difficult.

The Rotary Club of Wahroonga is proud to present this Vocational Excellence award to Jayne Stopani in recognition of her enthusiasm and exceptional service to the local community.

**Janelle Speight
President**

**Kenneth J Broadhead
Vocational Services Chair**

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