



Lincoln University Medal 2018

Robert Latimer

Lincoln University Alumni Association's Melbourne Branch Ambassador, Robert ('Rob') Latimer, is a worthy recipient of the Lincoln University Medal in 2018.

Rob came to Lincoln University from Australia in 1978 and graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce (Agriculture) degree in 1982.

Returning to Australia, Rob's career path took him into the financial advisory sector, and although he has recently retired, he remains the co-owner of a financial advisory practice.

As a loyal Lincoln University alumnus, Rob served as the Alumni Association's Melbourne Ambassador for 11 years, stepping down at the end of 2016.

As an Alumni Ambassador, a voluntary role, Rob maintained the database of local contact details, liaised with the Alumni and Development Office back at Lincoln University, and organised at least one large function annually for alumni in Melbourne and the state of Victoria.

Maintaining Lincoln University's connections with alumni in Victoria has always been important, as there is a large cohort living and working in the state who are enthusiastic about staying in touch with one another and with the University.

Rob's contribution as Ambassador was immensely valuable to Lincoln, and his assistance as a dependable point of contact with the

University's Victorian alumni has always been greatly appreciated.

Lincoln's alumni add significantly to the culture, life and fabric of the University. The time and effort which Rob voluntarily put into his ambassadorial role, stands as a first-class example of loyal service that well meets the criteria for the award of the Lincoln University Medal.

Rob's voluntary work is notable in other directions too. Beyond his duties for Lincoln University, he is the co-founder and an energetic member of Medical Sailing Ministries, transporting medical supplies and health teams around the remote islands of Vanuatu. This he does using a 54-foot ocean-going yacht he co-owns with a friend.

Founded in 2008, Medical Sailing Ministries has also been instrumental in the formation of the locally run and staffed Vanuatu Dental Care Service. This delivers oral health education, prevention strategies and treatment to those in greatest need. Last year it coordinated a National Oral Health Survey in partnership with the Vanuatu Ministry of Health, covering the whole country.

Rob's long-standing voluntary work with Medical Sailing Ministries is well deserving of an accolade in its own right. Lincoln University's Alumni and Development Office is delighted to draw attention to it in this citation.

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