

The HARRY M BALLANTYNE AWARD

International leaders, Y's members from all around the world, family and friends, it gives me great pleasure to be speaking about this award and making this presentation today.

The Harry M Ballantyne Award is the highest honour awarded by Y's Men and is given from time to time by the International President to an especially deserving friend of Y'sdom "who over a long period has rendered service of special value and helpfulness" to the Y's Men's movement.

It is also a special moment, in that the award will be presented today to a fellow Australian club member, somebody that you may not have met before. It's not that I'm being parochial about the award. This person has faithfully served our movement for more than 36 years rendering a unique service to Y's Men International.

I now announce that the winner of the Harry M Ballantyne Award is Murray Stevens from the Ballarat Club in Victoria, Australia. Murray has provided support for the International Brother Club records for the last 36 years, being responsible for the official record keeping of all IBC connections. Murray transferred these records some time ago into a computer-based system which he designed and continually keeps updated, working with the current ISD and IHQ to make sure that an accurate presentation is achieved.

Congratulations and well-done Murray. May you enjoy your evening even more with your Ballarat friends now. Looking forward to seeing you in person one day soon.