

# Mayor's Inspiration Speech

I first met Ross Vogt in 1992 when I applied for a position as 'part time' Tourist Officer with the then Kapunda District Council. Ross was a Council member and heavily involved in tourism in Kapunda - he was on the selection panel. I was fortunate to be appointed to this position and this began our relationship along with a strong and lasting friendship that continues to this day. I feel so proud to present this award to a person who I admire and respect that has done so much in promoting and supporting Kapunda and the many projects he has been involved in.

It would be fair to say Ross Vogt's life's journey has been quite extraordinary full of many highlights and challenges and wonderful events which include being a former 'Citizen Of The Year' recipient. The Kapunda Museum, possibly the finest 'Folk Museum' in Australia was initiated by Ross and contains many of his own personal possessions. Ross consistently opens his home for people to visit and to explore his wonderful collection of memorabilia and recollections of days gone by, even coaches loads have stopped by. His passion has always included the Pines Conservation Reserve just out of Kapunda and remains of the committee and is a major benefactor of this contributing funds, equipment and labour.

Ross Vogt is currently 97 years old still a competent driver (he has an MG sports car among other vehicles) and has only just hung up the 'motor bikes' He continues to carry out repairs at the museum and anywhere else that can benefit from his excellent carpentry skills. I believe Mr Ross Vogt has not only been a great contributor to the region he is held in very high esteem by clubs and organisations across the state. A very worth recipient indeed for the Mayor's Inspirational Award for 2021...

