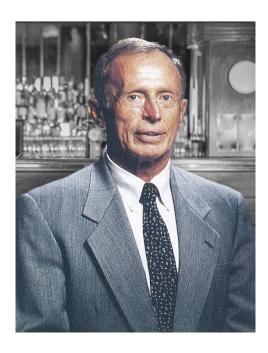


## **Clubs and Community Awards Speech**



About a year before he died, John Healy rang me. He didn't often do that, and he never rang to talk about what should be done in our Club. But this call was the one exception.

He said "Our Club should have a new award or trophy that acknowledges a member who works to promote a sense of community and mate ship among members. A person who goes out of his/her way to do things that bring members together, whether celebrating members' milestones and achievements, raising funds for members in hardship or just having a BBQ at home or in a park."

I agreed that such an award or trophy sounded like a good idea and things went from there.

A trophy was commissioned, and I unveil it now.



As this award was conceived and is to be first presented in our anniversary year, it seemed appropriate that the trophy is an image of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo (Pegasus) and as it was John Healy's idea, it is appropriate that the trophy be named after him.

"The John Healy Club and Community Trophy".

The intention is that it be awarded annually to a member who brings members together and promotes that atmosphere and feeling of mate ship, good fellowship, community and mutual support that our Club is so well known for and that we have all enjoyed.

Our Club now has long been badged as "the place where friends meet".

A silver plaque will be added to the trophy each year recording each recipient for posterity.

Returning to my conversation with John Healy, after agreeing with his suggestion that a new trophy be created, I sensed that he might have a view as to who the inaugural recipient might be. I asked the question, "John, who would you think might be a worthy front choice for the award?"

He said, "for mine, you couldn't look further then Ricky McVicar."

L&G, our first winner of the John Healy "Club and Community Trophy" is Mr. Patrick (aka Ricky) McVicar.

