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Vale Richard Haselgrove AM

Mallee Family Care has acknowledged the passing of one of their most enduring supporters, Mr. Richard Haselgrove AM. Mr. Haselgrove, who was born in Adelaide in 1936, spent many years living and working in the Mildura region, before he returned to South Australia in his later years. He died in December at the age of 85.

Chair of Mallee Family Care, Mr. Ross Lake, described Mr. Haselgrove as a remarkable man, who found significant satisfaction in supporting the community by creating local solutions to the challenges we face.

“Richard was a highly regarded patron of Mallee Family Care and he was president of the board for ten years, from 1991, during which time the Organisation was recognised with a Prime Minister’s Award for Excellence in Business and Community Partnerships.

“Richard was also one of the driving forces behind our Chances for Children program. He was always adamant that children are the best asset our country has and that as a community, we must support them and ensure they have access to the opportunities and services they need to reach their full potential.”

Beyond Mallee Family Care, Richard, like his father before him, had a lifelong association with the Australian wine industry, indeed it was winemaking that first brought both father and son to Mildura.

“Richard leaves an enduring legacy in Mildura, thanks to his contribution to the development of the region’s wine industry and also because of the incredible impact he had on our community, largely through his involvement with Mallee Family Care,” Mr. Lake said.

In 2003 Mr. Haselgrove was recognised in the Queen’s Birthday Honour List, appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for both his service to the Australian wine industry and to the community through Mallee Family Care.

Richard leaves behind his wife of 62 years, Suzanna. The couple first met when they were both just 15 years old and together they had four children and many ‘grand adventures’.

“Richard may be gone but the impact he had on this community will reverberate for many generations to come.

“On behalf of Mallee Family Care, its past and present board members, its Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Teresa Jayet, and all current and former staff, I thank Richard for his service and send our deepest condolences to his wife, family and friends,” Mr. Lake said.

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