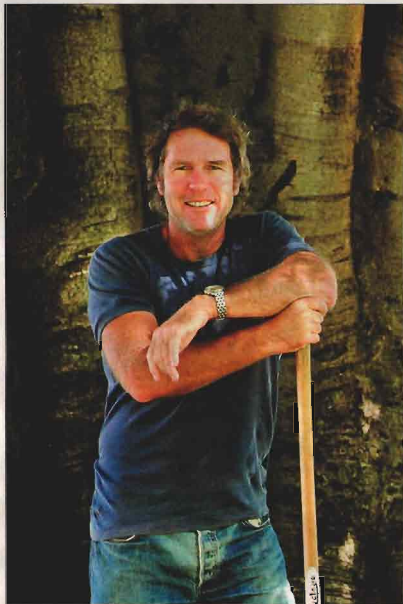


Star role for his city



Robert Taylor, Citizen of the Year. Pictures: DAVID SMITH N24CK307

A SUCCESSFUL acting career has not stopped Robert Taylor from rolling up his sleeves to help the community.

The St Kilda actor has a real passion for Port Phillip and doesn't mind getting his hands dirty for a good cause.

President of St Kilda's Veg Out Community Garden, Taylor was last week named Port Phillip's Citizen of the Year.

"I'm a big believer in working hard and making a difference where you live," he said.

The 46-year-old said he was proud of the efforts of volunteers who helped make the community gardens a reality and had kept it operating successfully for almost a decade.

Mayor Janet Bolitho paid tribute to the volunteer for his "inspirational work".

Taylor is best-known for his acting roles in the Hollywood blockbuster *The Matrix* and Australian thrillers *Storm Warning* and *Rogue*. He is set to appear alongside Jim Cavaziel in the Australian remake of '70s film *The Long Weekend*.