2017 PREMIER’S VOLUNTEER CHAMPIONS AWARDS
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MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 VICTORIAN PREMIER’S VOLUNTEER CHAMPIONS AWARDS

The 2017 Victorian Premier’s Volunteer Champions Awards highlight the extraordinary contribution of 60 nominees across four categories of Victorian volunteers. They represent the tip of an iceberg of volunteerism that helps Victoria prosper.

These awards recognise the important contribution made to our community through the good work and generous spirit and support of our volunteers.

Each one of them gives freely and generously of their time and of themselves, and they do so without any expectation of praise or recognition. But each deserves to be publically acknowledged and thanked for their work.

It is fitting that the Premier’s Volunteer of the Year shall receive the Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Award, named for one of our State’s greatest philanthropists and volunteers.

It is my pleasure, on behalf of all Victorians, to congratulate and thank each of the 2017 Volunteer Champions Award nominees and to warmly welcome them, their friends and their family to Government House.

The Hon. Linda Dessau AC
Governor of Victoria
Message from the Premier

I am truly inspired by the Victorians who volunteer their time and energy to make our communities stronger.

Whether through their work protecting the environment, contributing to local clubs or helping other Victorians, these volunteers make our state a better, fairer place.

Although Victoria’s volunteers don’t seek recognition, these Awards are an opportunity for us to celebrate their many contributions.

I congratulate each of this year’s nominees, and thank all of Victoria’s volunteers for their generosity, passion and commitment.

The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP
MP Premier of Victoria
Introduction

The Victorian Premier’s Volunteer Champions Awards acknowledge and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of all volunteers in Victoria.

Across all ages and from all walks of life, volunteers provide a wide range of services, activities and support to Victorian people, communities and causes.

Volunteers respond to emergencies. They work with the vulnerable and the disadvantaged, reducing social isolation and improving health and wellbeing.

Volunteers teach, mentor and inspire, or represent their communities. They run clubs, groups and events, or fundraise and support causes.

Most significantly, volunteers sacrifice their own time and resources. They are the heart and soul of Victoria and without them, many groups and organisations simply would not exist.

To highlight the significant number of volunteers, and the variety and impact of volunteering effort across the State, 60 volunteers have been formally recognised for their achievements across four categories.

The "Premier’s Volunteer of the Year, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Award" was selected from all Award recipients.
Award Recipients
Premier’s Volunteer of the Year, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Award

Riley Briese
Gateway Health Impact

An outstanding advocate who established the Gateway Health Gender Service, Riley’s work is contributing towards a changed landscape of care and support for transgender people in regional Victoria. Over the past four years, Riley has spent countless hours co-facilitating events and his contribution has improved the lives of young transgender people in the Wodonga region and beyond. Riley has educated service providers across the state to understand some of the challenges and opportunities of being a transgender man in a regional area.
Leadership

**Cheryl Sculthorp**
*Ardoch Youth Foundation*

With vision and tenacity, Cheryl led a volunteer committee to develop, plan and execute a peer-to-peer fundraising event, Ardoch’s Great Race, raising $40,000 and increasing community awareness of educational disadvantage. Cheryl brought to this project leadership in mobilising other young professionals, strong communication with all stakeholders, business development, and most importantly, energy, passion and commitment.

**Susan Cole**
*Rotary Club of Prahran*

Susan’s exceptional leadership and relationship building skills have helped the Rotary Club to play a pivotal role in community support. She shows compassion and empathy, values others’ views, and actively promotes inclusion in membership, community programs and activities. Susan organised a forum on homelessness attended by over 100 stakeholders with an expert panel from five organisations. Susan has also increased club membership, focusing on diversity, helping to make Rotary Prahran “the heart of the community”.

**Helen Worcester**
*Neighbourhood Watch*

For 30 years Helen has been the key driver in the development of Neighbourhood Watch in North West Victoria. Her initiatives and stakeholder management have helped improve the level of credibility of Neighbourhood Watch, increasing police support, volunteer and member involvement, funding opportunities and education programs. Helen introduced Junior Neighbourhood Watch in the school curriculum and this program now services more than 600 children in the local area. Helen attends activities, meetings, programs, and functions on a daily basis and travels thousands of kilometres every year for the cause.
Elissa Simmons  
**Glenroy West Kindergarten**

Elissa led the local community to rebuild the kindergarten, ensuring every aspect was covered - planning, payments, meeting tight timelines and government regulations, and coordinating volunteers - all while maintaining a positive attitude. Elissa continues her work today in applying for grants and overseeing new projects. She has developed positive and ongoing relationships with many families and created a lasting legacy for the local community.

Suzanne Crellin  
**Banyule Community Health- 3081 Angels**

Suzanne is a dedicated volunteer leader of the thriving local community project, 3081 Angels. The group supports vulnerable children and families with essential baby goods and access to developmental literacy programs. The group has supported more than 900 families in five years. Suzanne’s astute leadership ensures there is a role for all volunteers to play, such as fixing prams, sorting and washing clothes, and training other volunteers.

Ella Angarane  
**Bass Coast Breakers Women’s Football Club**

Ella has been a pioneering leader for females in the Bass Coast region, initially with the introduction of a girls football league, and then a women’s team to provide a pathway for younger players. Players come from disadvantaged and diverse groups, including mothers, Indigenous women and people with disabilities. Through good planning and a sponsorship and grants strategy, Ella has created a sustainable platform with minimal participation barriers.
Jane Crozier
Macedon Ranges and Woodend communities

For more than 35 years, Jane has performed numerous volunteer roles including in aged-care, committee membership, first aid, fundraising and event management, garden maintenance, emergency services, transport, and coordination of many sporting activities. Jane always leads by example, encouraging others to volunteer and contribute to the community.

Maureen Fontana
Office of the Public Advocate

Maureen is a Senior Community Visitor who is a strong role model for other Community Visitors. She visits people with disabilities who live in group homes in the community to make sure their human rights are being upheld and that they remain free from abuse, neglect and exploitation. Through her guidance and wisdom, Maureen is able to successfully lead a diverse group of volunteers. She treats all her volunteers with respect, listens to their views and opinions, and actively engages them.
Sally Ritter
Backpacks 4 VIC Kids

Sally provides support for children who are taken into emergency and foster care by providing backpacks with essentials and personal items. Sally’s project has delivered more than 3000 backpacks, raised more than $100,000, grown a volunteer support base, made connections with local businesses and schools to support the project, established an op shop, and raised awareness of the needs of children facing difficult circumstances. Sally regularly visits schools speaking about kindness, empathy, success and choosing to help others.

Clare Gray
Stroke Association of Victoria

Over the past 30 years Clare has assisted with the establishment of 30 Stroke Support Groups across Victoria. She has developed the Association through effective governance and operational work, and was involved in Australia’s first Stroke Support Centres, now in Boroondara and Geelong. Clare has actively led fundraising campaigns to establish new programs and is a certified crisis counsellor. Her commitment has been exceptional, being available 24/7 for stroke survivors in crisis and their families.

Ian Holowko
Manningham Inclusive Community Housing

Ian showed strong leadership when helping to develop a housing project for young people with an intellectual disability in the City of Manningham, bringing together representatives from a corporate entity, a housing provider, carers, government and the local community. Ian was the spokesperson, treasurer, and strategic and business planner of the project, and also developed training and transition programs to prepare people with intellectual disabilities for the opportunities and challenges of living away from home.
Meryl Adams
Anglicare Victoria

Meryl is a foster carer who has cared for over 91 infants and young children in need over the past 12 years. Meryl noted foster carers’ difficulties in accessing clothing and resources for children in their care, and this led to the creation of a Carer Resource Centre, which she now runs. Meryl makes herself available as a mentor for new foster carers, and is always willing to listen and provide expert advice about foster caring.

Michael Gallus
Footys4all

Michael is the founding Director of the children’s charity, Footys4all, which has distributed over 20,000 new balls to children in need. He also voluntarily coordinates sporting clinics at juvenile justice centres and maximum security prisons, building independence and confidence in those he coaches. Michael also helps coordinate an annual initiative for 20 young female footballers to visit an Aboriginal community near Cairns. Michael is described as selfless, with never-ending energy, directed at achieving his goal of providing hope and a sporting opportunity to children in need.

Gail Dick
Doncaster All Abilities Basketball

Gail has shown dedication over 20 years, working with young people who often have a multitude of challenges in their lives. Gail has been instrumental in building a sustainable and affordable all-abilities basketball competition from scratch. The competition now caters for over 250 players. Gail is also involved in a leadership program that provides mentoring for young people with a disability, along with opportunities to develop professional skills. Gail has also established a formal peer support program for parents and carers, and is involved in related initiatives for people with intellectual disabilities.
**Cuc Lam**  
*Various- Hobsons Bay City Council Multicultural Advisory Committee, Migrant Resource Centre North West, Western English Language School, Western Health Community Advisory Committee.*

Through a desire to see new migrants and refugees thrive in Victoria, Cuc has volunteered for over 20 years, helping others to secure housing, learn English and integrate into the local community. She has also participated in several community advisory committees, imparting her experience and knowledge. Herself a refugee, Cuc uses her personal experiences along with a positive attitude to support others and is considered a pillar for the Vietnamese communities in Melbourne’s West.

**Bec Picone**  
*Peace of Mind Foundation*

As co-founder of the Peace of Mind Foundation, which holds Australia’s only brain cancer retreats, Bec works tirelessly to raise awareness about brain cancer, support sufferers and their families, connect families to services and fundraise. Bec works full time in this volunteer role and is on call around the clock for sufferers. She has been acknowledged as a leader in her field, and is one of only two in Australia who has been invited to attend the Brain Cancer Support Conference in the UK.

**James Simpson**  
*Merri Health*

Driven by strong social justice principles and community values, James has been committed to helping others for the past 18 years. James has supported young people through challenging life situations, assisted people with intellectual disabilities, contributed to literacy initiatives, and ensured people could participate in community based recreation programs. Most recently, James has supported people through their recovery from mental illness. Through a shared love of music, he has brought together isolated individuals to actively engage in the community.
Michael Lim
Community Health Advancement and Student Engagement (CHASE)

Passionate about empowering young people and giving them the tools required to achieve their potential, Michael volunteers to improve literacy for disadvantaged young people in Melbourne’s north-west. Michael is an ambassador for the NITOR program, a school-based program that aims to improve the educational and professional outcomes of disengaged secondary school boys. He has also volunteered for various local community organisations including Western Chances, Brimbank City Council, CHASE and Melbourne City Mission.
Service

Graham Symons  
Country Fire Authority

Diligent and determined to make Omeo a better place to live and visit, Graham sits on various local and regional committees. He is proactive in emergencies, skilled, enthusiastic and provides support for younger brigade members and general community members. He is Vice-President of the Omeo and District Agricultural Show, on the committee for the Recreation Reserve, Livingstone Park development group and on various committees for the Country Fire Authority. Graham has also volunteered for 30 years with Ambulance Victoria.

Judy Greer  
Rotary and Uniting Church Ocean Grove

Highly organised and a skilled manager of people, Judy has tirelessly contributed to the Ocean Grove community for more than 20 years. She has participated in various committees, cares for and transports the elderly who can no longer drive, organises markets, an op-shop, and social coffee mornings. As President of The Adult Fellowship she has organised fund-raising for a variety of causes, and has also organised many community projects such as the Anzac Day dawn service breakfast and school scholarships.

Wendy Burke  
Girgarre Community Group

For more than 10 years Wendy has been working tirelessly to ensure elders in the community receive relevant medical attention by undertaking the role of Care Coordinator, ensuring appointments and transport are organised. Wendy makes sure that all clients have their trips booked well in advance and coordinates their appointments to ensure the least amount of waiting and travel time occurs. Wendy also prepares monthly three-course meals for up to 20 people, and assists in weekly meal preparations and various fundraising activities.
Iris Mannik
Keep Australia Beautiful Committee, Australia Day Committee, Beechworth community

From successful grant seeking, to assisting with the start-up of the local information centre for tourists, Iris assists in attracting tourists to Beechworth and making it a great place to live. She has contributed to the Keep Australia Beautiful Committee, Australia Day Committee, Beechworth Harvest Festival, Beechworth Golden Horseshoe Festival, Beechworth Chinese Lantern Festival, Beechworth 150th Anniversary celebrations, and she set up and co-ordinated the Beechworth Chinese Cultural Centre. Iris is also Secretary of the Beechworth Lions Club.

Andrew Duncan
Country Fire Authority and State Emergency Service

Andrew has committed 33 years to the emergency services in front-line and support roles. Andrew has led teams of more than 30 trucks in major bushfires. He acts as a mentor to younger members, has led parade marches, and assisted with fundraisers. Andrew offers his services as an accredited trainer to train other volunteers in different aspects of the organisation, including driving the fire trucks, fire safety, confined spaces and much more.

Cynthia Patchet
Whitehorse City Council

A commitment to assisting the vulnerable and disadvantaged has seen Cynthia volunteer for 32 years with the Meals on Wheels Program, Blackburn RSL, the Red Cross, as well as ten years with the Canary Club. There are over 300 people requiring delivered meals in her community and Cynthia knows most of them by name because she takes the time to make a positive connection with people.
Sharon Flitman
Inclusion Melbourne

Sharon has been volunteering since she was a teenager creating inclusive, therapeutic and personal experiences for people with intellectual disability. Sharon is a valuable member of a team and has supported people in programs including PenPals, Leisure Buddies and Friendly Visitors programs. Sharon builds strong connections with services and clients creating natural supports for people with intellectual disability, ensuring they are safe and connected.

Kaitlyn Schurmann
Golden Plains Shire Council

Dedicated, thoughtful and hard-working, Kaitlyn was a lead in establishing the ‘People of Golden Plains’, a story telling initiative designed to bring people together in order to combat isolation, make friends and instil local pride. Kaitlyn found other like-minded young people and organised a committee who created opportunities to meet, listen and learn from other locals. Kaitlyn has helped deliver enormously successful events that brought the community together.

John Sharwood
Kellock Lodge Alexandra

A dedicated leader and board chair, John is on hand almost daily to support staff and residents at a residential aged care facility and oversaw the reconstruction of the facility. John is also a current member and chair of a local rural fire brigade and contributed significantly to emergency services in the 2009 Black Saturday fires. John has held various board positions over many years including with Landcare and Rotary, and has been the custodian, curator and gardener of a cemetery since 1991.
Charles McCarthy  
St Vincent de Paul Society

Charles has volunteered for over 30 years and displayed kindness and respect towards vulnerable community members. Charles has fostered friendships to make a positive impact on the lives of the poor, the elderly, those with disability or mental health issues to assist them regain hope, dignity, and autonomy. He has been a successful advocate, always reliable, patient and generous with his time and knowledge. He is passionate about equality and inclusion for all.

Angela Broadbent  
Werribee Softball Association, City Raiders Softball Club, Softball Victoria

Angela has been instrumental in the revitalisation of softball in Victoria through her social media initiatives, use of new technology and major event coordination. She helped to grow an annual event that now attracts more than 45 teams from across the country. Angela has created websites and Facebook pages for the state umpiring community, club history, and the events committee. Her attention to detail has meant a smooth transition for other club members who may be grappling with new technology.

Barbara Davis  
St John Ambulance Australia (Victoria)

For 64 years Barbara has provided first aid at countless public events and in many emergency situations such as bushfires. She was also in the original Mobile Nursing team, contributing her skills in the out-of-hospital environment and was part of the organising team for the 1986 Melbourne Papal Tour. Barbara has been a leader within the organisation, managing first aid rooms, contributing to national level training, providing mentorship to new members and student health professionals.
Todd Jolly
Uniting Bendigo

With his kind and gentle manner, Todd has been a team member at the Kangaroo Flat Emergency Relief centre for over 10 years. Todd supports other volunteers with the heavy work, manages the store, and collects and sorts deliveries. Todd always tries to put a smile on children’s faces when they visit the centre, recognising that their families may be facing tough times. Todd always arrives early and organised, but not before picking up his grandfather so that they can work alongside each other. Todd often takes on additional duties, even when he is not on a shift.

Katrina Antony
Life Saving Victoria and Barwon Heads 13th Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

Katrina holds multiple roles in her local Surf Lifesaving club, and within Life Saving Victoria. Displaying strong leadership and vision, Katrina selflessly gives up her time to mentor and provide guidance to others, impacting positively on young people and encouraging them to volunteer within their communities. Katrina also inspires older adults to participate in water safety and lifesaving skills which aims to boost a healthy, independent and active lifestyle.

Margaret Keech
1st Strathfieldsaye Scout Group, Forever Young Rock Choir, Bendigo Academy of Sport

Margaret’s leadership has been instrumental in making her scout group one of the largest and most successful in regional Victoria. She is a Cub Leader at three levels, manages 11 others and prepares weekly activities for more than 30 cubs aged seven to ten years old. Margaret also organises weekend activities and the Cuboree (a statewide, five-day camp held every three years). Volunteering for 26 years, Margaret is also on various committees including the Forever Young Rock Choir in Bendigo and the Bendigo Academy of Sport.
Noel Dunstan  
Moreland City Council

Keeper and custodian of the Glenroy Community Hall for more than 50 years, Noel ensures everything runs smoothly. Noel manages bookings and enquires, cleaning, maintenance, and meets with users and Council staff to make sure all involved in this vital community facility are well looked after. Since Noel moved to Hadfield 54 years ago, it is estimated he has devoted more than 30,000 voluntary hours to the Moreland community.

Abdisalan Mohamud  
Community radio and the Somali community in Victoria

Abdisalan is known for his skill and experience in public speaking and information sharing, contributing to events, community radio, and as an MC. On community radio for over 12 years, Abdisalan has made an outstanding contribution to the lives of many community members, especially Somali-speaking elders who rely on this service to obtain current news and stay connected. Abdisalan is a major contributor to community events and is also a member of the Somali Community Band.

Sam Atukorala  
Greater Shepparton City Council, Bourchier Street Primary School, GV Health, Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation, AFL Diversity Program, Cricket Victoria, Buddhist Association of the Goulburn Valley, Multicultural Arts Victoria

Over 15 years Sam has earned a reputation as a respected leader who is making a real impact. He works for better facilities and opportunities and has instigated many projects and events to support social cohesion in the community. Sam is a role model for inter-cultural harmony and his roles span sport, education, employment, finance, health and governance. With innovative approaches, Sam actively helps break down barriers and provides greater opportunities for new arrivals to connect with and contribute to the community.
Ana Ruffat-Ruiz  
South Yarra Public Tenants Association

For over ten years, Ana has assisted and supported public tenants across two high-rise estates. She has significantly contributed to the care, wellbeing and lives of many, from visiting the sick and elderly to hosting community safety forums, multicultural events and providing a Christmas dinner and toys for families. Ana is President of the South Yarra Public Tenants Association, committee member for the Neighbourhood Action Group and works closely with Prahran Police and others in maintaining safety and security for all residents.

Alan Bartolo  
Sudanese Australian Integrated Learning

Reliable and humble, Alan has spent every Saturday for the last six years ensuring the kitchen is clean and food is prepared for more than sixty Sudanese women and children and the thirty volunteers who arrive for their English lessons. Alan is very skilled in preparing up to 100 sandwiches in the short time available and takes care to ensure high food safety standards are met. There would be no lunch without him and he is well-respected by the Sudanese families in Sunshine for his amazing contribution.

Margaret Milne  
St Vincent’s Hospital Melbourne

Margaret has provided support and care for palliative care patients at St Vincent’s hospital for 21 years, assisting patients to die with dignity, compassion and love. Margaret treats everyone with the same amount of compassion and care, and builds trust with patients and their families through showing empathy at this most difficult time. The extent of Margaret’s kindness makes patients feel loved, cared for and, above all, never forgotten.
Sandra Lovell  
Special Olympics Australia

Sandra has contributed her time and talent to the effective running of the Special Olympics Barwon club committee. For 27 years she has held the role of Treasurer, but has also other roles including membership officer and club sports coordinator. Twenty years ago, she established the basketball program at the club and has grown the program successfully since. Sandra has contributed to running events as the state basketball coordinator and has assisted on national games teams for three years in support roles.
Teamwork

Sampling the Abyss
Guadalupe (Lupita) Bribiesca-Contreras, Jasmine Bursic, Asher Flatt, Phoebe Lewis

Sampling the Abyss was a sea research voyage making scientific discoveries by sampling the biodiversity of seafloor habitats off the coast of south-eastern Australia. In all, the voyage conducted 136 operations, collecting tens of thousands of specimens.

The team worked tirelessly in overlapping shifts in the processing, sorting and on-board research of specimens. The project volunteers contributed 12 hours a day for 31 days straight on a confined research vessel. Overall a contribution of 1,500 hours was made to further marine research including new species discoveries.

The Cranbourne Regional Uniting Church Food Truck
Graham Astfalck, Jillian Drysdale, Christine Marsh, Charica McCormack, Bob Neal, Helga Pitzer, Roy Snook, Sharon Start, Jacqui Symonds, Cath Taylor

For four evenings a week, in all weather, the Food Truck team creates a family meal experience and a safe environment for people who would otherwise go without. They also provide additional food parcels, share information about support services, and liaise with school cookery students to prepare the meals and fundraise.

The team pool their combined skills of planning, cooking, hospitality, communications, fundraising and promotion, transport knowledge, and administration in order to bring hope and dignity to those in the community who are hungry, lonely, and often without shelter.
Sunraysia Animal Rehousing Group (SARG)
Carleen (Charlie) Bayldon, Trudie Chant, Carolyn Dufty, Nicole Thiel, Ines Wendt

SARG was formed to drastically reduce the number of stray and unwanted animals being put down. The five committee members complete a combined minimum of 64 hours per week, and with support from community-based adoptions, educational programs, and fellow rescue groups, the re-housing rate has increased to more than 86 per cent of dogs and 54 per cent of cats - among the highest rates in Victoria.

Their annual Paws Walk along the Murray, Community Education Centre Training programs, Christmas appeals and Facebook presence have been instrumental in these fantastic achievements.
Highly Commended Nominees

**Leadership**

Peter Aguto  
Nigel Aiken  Softball Victoria  
Derek Amos  Barrier Breakers Inc  
Margaret Barwood  Beechworth Womens Shed  
Bob Beard  Lions Club of Rye  
Becc Brooker  YMCA Victoria  
Ian Burt  Country Fire Authority (CFA)  
Jim Claven  Lemnos Gallipoli Commemoration Committee  
Anita Donlon  Gulf Horizon Foundation  
Simon Ellis  East Gippsland United Football Club  
Barry Fitzgerald  Buninyong Community Development Association. Also, the RSL  
Roy Francis  
James Hale  Melbourne Deaf Cricket Club  
Ron Ipsen  Voices of the Valley  
Richard Johnson  Knox Softball Association and Bluebirds Softball Club  
Maurice Keating  Ballarat RSL Inc  
Barbara Nagaiya  3wbc 94.1 FM  
Tom Nolan  Foodbank Victoria  
Tony Penna  Southbank Residents Association  
Ada Pentz  Micare and Geelong Dutch Clubs  
Lou Ridsdale  Food Is Free Inc  
Adel Salman  Islamic Council of Victoria  
Rob Salvatore  Victorian Motorcycle Council Inc  
Roshan Silva  All Saints Inc  
Melinda Spencer  Link Health and Community / Uniting Care Life Assist  
Lee Tarlamis  
Carrie Vanderpol  Moriac Community Network  
Nicole Wall  
Mick Wongung  Australian Citizens Radio Emergency Monitors Inc.

**Service**

Cheryl Anderson  Salvation Army Westcare  
Harry Ashton  Rushworth Community House  
Frank Bertens  Avalon Centre Inc.  
Gillian Borrack  Friends of Westgarthtown (FOW)  
Geoff Brown  Stratford Football Netball Club  
Terese Button  Moorabool Shire Council-Active Ageing and Community Access  
Judith Clancy  bestchance Child Family Care  
Chris Codemo  Foodbank Victoria  
Chantelle Commissio  Australian Citizens Radio Emergency Monitors Inc.  
Baker Dawas  Country Fire Authority (CFA) Craigieburn  
Carmen De Los Santos  Whitelion
Genevieve Nightingale  YMCA Victoria
Patrick O'Donnell  Office fo the Public Advocate
Jenni O’Sullivan  Peninsula Health
Emmanuel Portelli  Altona North Senior Citizens Centre
Vinod Prasad  Uniting Lentara (formally Lentara UnitingCare)
Kimberley Prosser  Berry Street
Heather Renton  Syndromes Without A Name (SWAN)
Mary Rice  Alfred Health
Veronica Sari  Whitelion
Nadia Scroce  Bowen Street Community Centre Camberwell
Helen Sefton  Country Fire Authority (CFA) and St John Ambulance
John Simmons  Spina Bifida Foundation Victoria
Elaine Smart  The Smith Family
Andrea Spiller  Lethbridge Recreation Reserve, Tennis Club and Cricket Club
Kim Thien Truong  Kim’s Foundation of Hope and numerous others
Neil Thornton  Office of the Public Advocate
Christopher Tsiopelakos  headspace Hawthorn
Lynn Wells  West Gippsland Community Radio 3BBR
Elena Winterstein

Impact
Murray Aisbett
George Aquilina  Klabb Ghannejja Maltin Inc.
Jacqui Bennett  Humans in Geelong
Julia Bickers  The Bays Healthcare Group
Noel Bull  Beyond Blue
Sean Cassidy  TRY Melton West Preschool
Cyril Cram  VF17 Portland Coast Guard
Dolly Diamond  Michael Dalton performs under the stage name of Dolly Diamond
Sara Fenwick  Barwon Child Youth & Family
Julia Fletcher  Vision Australia
Anthony Foster  Alfred Health
Matthew Hooper  Manningham YMCA Youth Service
Howard King  Willing Older Workers W.O.W! Inc.
Leon Scott  Eaglehawk Rotary Club
Kellie Tait  AAA Sports
Spencer Unthank  Phillip Island Nature Parks (Penguin Study Group)
Derek Wagstaff  Kilmore and District Hospital
Shayne Wren  Ross Creek Recreation Reserve
Teamwork

**A Cuppa with Company**
Angela Draper
Heidi Evett
Tom Patterson
Gerard Willcocks
Ehlana Dodge
Jessica Stone
Brenda Long
Kristin Baldwin

**Afghan Health Champions**
Sayed Wahidi
Obaid Sadath
Weda Mohseni
Gheza Zara
Nilofer Nezami
Shokria Hakimi
Hamida Zaki

**Alice and Bert Van der Heyden**
Alice Van der Heyden
Bert Van der Heyden

**Boronia CFA Auxiliary**
Helen Sefton
Richard Smith
Donna Greaves
Ramon Relph
Lachlan Sefton
Linda Battison
Ros Holland
Russell Moon

Daniel Sefton
Noah Sefton

**The Briars’ Heritage Research**
Keith Murley
Shirley Murley
Chris Hackett
Ilma Hackett

**The Briars’ Nursery Volunteers**
Phil Tranter
Sue Milton
Barb Novotny
Graham Shaw

**The Briars’ Operations Volunteers**
Kevin Gibson
Geoff Donald

**City of Ballarat Multicultural Ambassadors 2016-18**
Rebecca Bol
Yvon Davis
Nikki Foy
Wenhua (Maggie) Liu
Hai Rong (Alisa) Ma
Sadiki Mukasa
Syed Muhammad Sami
Rod Serojales
Sid Tegally
Tuyet Yeardley
Combined Lions Golf Day for kids with CP
Bill Krough
Rod Moss
Hendy O’Toole
James Livingston
Graham McLeod
Kingsley Fiske
Graham Mackay
David Englefield
Brian Wales
Malcolm Middleton

Food Is Free Inc
Ginelle Polanske
Lou Ridsdale
Ange Elson
Shiree Pilkinton
Kate Roberts
Marianne Hendron
Virginia Wilson
Kerry Hartmann
Leigh Dumpleton

Friends of Cranbourne Libraries
Richard Crago
Helen Crago

Geelong RSL Home and Hospital Visiting
Robert Bell
Susan Bell

KC Dog Program
Debbie Medley
Maureen Fowler

Local Food Connect (LFC)
Chris Chappel
Guy Palmer
Felicity Gordon
Bev Robertson
Pam Jenkins
Fay Loveland
Kate Rothacker
David Hicks
Richard Rowe
Ann Strutt

Melba Meals on Wheels Team
Cecilia North-Coombs
Ashley Whitrod
Jacqui Fraser
Margaret Mackay
Deva Frijlink
Stephanie Drummond
Melanie Robertson

Parents of Gender Diverse Children
Karyn Walker
Meagan Macdonald
Scouts Victoria - Cuboree Organising Committee 2017
Dan Voet
Russell Bradd
Karen Downes
Nikki Coffey
Su Perrins
Andrew Rothwell
Mike Graham
Danny Attard
Gary Steinhardt
Trevor Howlett

St John Youth Victoria
Alistair Dunn
Theresa Sprekos
Deborah Taylor
Timothy Duncan
Lucas Drew
Maree Pritchett
Catherine Taylor
Christine Morrison
Simone Pearce

Tamil Health Champions
Kumaradevendra Narayanaswami
Geetha Manickavasagam
Bhagya Etta
Kanmani Barthasarathy
Steven Shanmuganathan
Ambika Sivan