

2017 Griffith Australia Day Awards

Recipient Profiles



TERRIBUTLER MP
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Lois Angus

Lois has volunteered extensively for both the Cannon Hill Community Sports Club and the Cannon Hill Ladies Bowling Club.

Throughout her time at both clubs she has served on every committee, and held the positions of Secretary and President.

Lois tirelessly worked as the organiser for the recent 50-year celebrations at the Club. She has also coordinated several successful grant applications for the Club, enabling significantly improved disability access, solar panelling, and air-conditioning.

Lloyd Barron

Lloyd has held the voluntary position of Warden at St Paul's Anglican Church, East Brisbane, for the past 42 years. Every Sunday, Lloyd is the first to arrive to setup the service, and is often the last to leave after its completion. He regularly assists in collecting elderly parishioners who depend on Lloyd to make it to church every Sunday.

Lloyd's can-do attitude is greatly valued. In addition to his normal activities, he regularly assists with fundraising, gardening and other important tasks at St Paul's.

Elaine Callick

Captain Elaine Callick, or "Dixie" as she is known, has inspired and empowered girl guides for the past 52 years. Dixie is committed to community service and has given her time freely to enable young girls to grow into confident, self-respecting and responsible adults.

Dixie continues to give her time, energy and passion to pass on leadership skills to many young girl guides.

Geoff Cave

Geoff has volunteered on the management committee of Flexi Care since 2001. Flexi care is a not-for-profit organisation that supports people with disabilities in our local community.

Geoff has served as on the finance committee and as the Treasurer. During this time Geoff was instrumental in Flexi Care being able to purchase its own premises, greatly enhancing the organisations ability to help those in need.

Kenneth Cort

Kenneth is a dedicated volunteer at the National Servicemen's Sub Branch of the RSL. He has served on many sub-committees and held many offices throughout his time volunteering at the Sub Branch. Currently, Kenneth serves as the Vice President.

Kenneth was also heavily involved in the planning and construction of the Sub Branch's Norman Avenue memorial. He still devotes his time to keeping the memorial site and surrounding gardens pristine.

George Gee

George is an inspiring asset to the South Brisbane community. George was a founding member of the Queensland Maritime Museum in 1972, helping to set up the printing section.

Ever since, George has been hard at work keeping the Museum's printing machines operational.

Even at 94 years of age he can often be found teaching locals, particularly children, about the craft and sharing his knowledge, either at the Museum or with his very own printing press.

Patricia Gollschewski

Trish is a dedicated volunteer at UnitingCare. Since 2008 Trish has supported the Lifeline Bookfest, lending a hand in a program that altogether has raised over \$14 million for Lifeline services.

More recently, Trish volunteers for the UnitingCare Community Holiday Program. This is a vacation care service for children aged between 5 and 18 with a disability. Her role can either be in an organisational capacity, or during the vacation period a more hands-on role with the children who love her outgoing and positive personality.

Nasreen Herold

Nasreen is a positive, energetic and welcoming presence at the Annerley Community Hub. She volunteers at the Hub whenever the 'Drop in Centre' is open, has organised the 'Swop Shop', engages with the visitors, cooks emergency meals, and supports multicultural programmes.

Nasreen is also an essential member of the Small Change Café team. This café aims to provide a safe and inclusive environment for community members to enjoy a coffee or a cake for an optional donation. Nasreen supports the Café's barista who is hearing impaired and they work well as a team.

Harold Holland

Harold, also known as Happy, is a long serving volunteer at 60 and Better Cannon Hill. Happy is always willing to help in any way required. He always helps with the setup and clean-up of meetings, ensuring everyone at 60 and Better are comfortable.

Before being a member of 60 and Better, Happy has offered his time and effort in a similar manner for other local groups and sporting organisations.

Keith Kirkpatrick

Keith certainly goes above and beyond what is asked of him at the Annerley Friendship Club. Keith is very active in organising and setting up morning teas at the Club.

Keith has been a keen helper of Stan Jesberg, who has previously been honoured with a Griffith Australia Day Award, and together they organise community BBQs.

Keith has volunteered at the Club for a long time without fuss or fanfare.

Norma McInturff

Norma is a valued and much loved volunteer in the Seville Road State School community. When volunteering, Norma starts her day by bringing breakfast fruit platters for the students helping support a healthy eating program.

After breakfast, Norma can be found offering literacy and numeracy support in classrooms. She devotes particular attention to disadvantaged students, providing individual support and equipment to those who don't have their own.

Norma is a much loved member of the Seville Road State School community.

James McNeill

James, known to most as Jim, is a volunteer at the Balmoral Uniting Community Centre. He is mainly involved as a team leader of the Centre's Friday playgroup. During school terms he sets up and supervises the playgroup, and leads musical activities with the children.

When playgroup is in recess, Jim volunteers at the Centre's group, Friday Friendly. This group consists of clients of all ages with a disability. He is well liked and has empathy with the disabled members of the group.

Jim's contribution to the Southside Community is through his enthusiastic, caring and musical ways when he volunteers at the Balmoral Uniting Community Centre.

Ernie Melville

Ernie was the founder and inaugural president of the Brisbane Amateur Beer Brewers in 1977. His work with the local association led to Ernie helping establish other clubs around the Brisbane area. Ernie's volunteer work at the club led to the development of local competitions, and ultimately the Queensland Amateur Brewing Competition.

The Brisbane Amateur Beer Brewers meet monthly at the Coorparoo Bowls Club, and in 2017 are celebrating their 40th anniversary.

Susie Molloy

Susie's volunteer service in the local community has stretched across several organisations. Throughout the last 10 years she has offered her time to Meals on Wheels helping deliver food to those who need it, and also to Rosies assisting the homeless and disadvantaged.

More recently Susie volunteers at the Balmoral Uniting Community Centre, helping organise morning teas, singing and other exercises. She regularly puts her skills as a registered nurse to good use showing patience and care to those in the Centre's community.

Don Neander

Don first became involved in the St Oliver Plunkett's School P&F at their first meeting in 1967, and served as its president until 1979. When his children finished their schooling he stayed active throughout the school's wider parish. He is still volunteers as a member of the Parish committee.

Don's service in the local community has had positive impacts for the last 50 years. As a professional builder, he's performed voluntary maintenance work at many organisations. In addition to St Oliver Plunkett's this also includes Southern Cross Care and the Bulimba Hockey Club.

Currently, Don holds the position of Treasurer at the Cannon Hills Bowls Club, of which he's been a member for 20 years.

Hannah Nelson

Hannah has been a dedicated volunteer with Let's Talk Developmental in Stones Corner, a service committed to helping children and young people with speech, language and associated disorders.

In what is a very busy environment, Hannah diligently carries out her volunteer work every week letting nothing get her down. Her commitment and good nature has meant Hannah is an asset to both the staff and young attendees at the practice.

Beverley Perry

Beverley is a long serving volunteer at the Belmont Services Ladies' Bowling Club. Throughout her time at the Club she has served in many roles, notably as President, and as Secretary from 2011 to the present.

Whether it's maintaining an organised club, convening extracurricular excursions, or assisting less able-bodied members attend events, Beverley's service can be felt throughout the bowling club and the residential community in which she lives.

Louise Pierce

For the past 19 years, Louise has been a team leader for the Casserole Bank at Sts Peter and Paul's Church in Bulimba.

The Casserole Bank was established 19 years ago to support the local St Vincent de Paul Society that operates in the Bulimba, Hawthorne and Norman park areas. It has operated uninterrupted since its inception.

The Casserole Bank operates on 4 teams of volunteers, each with a leader. Louise was an original Group Leader and has continued to perform this role to the present day.

Heather Williams

Heather's voluntary service to the community is exemplary. While being an active volunteer at 60 and Better Cannon Hill, she has also dedicated her own time, effort and money in helping fight cancer.

For nearly 20 years Heather has organised an 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' event, raising a significant amount of money for the Cancer Council to help fund cancer research.

It is because of Heather's courage and dedication that her morning tea has continually outgrown venue after venue, and raised much needed funds for a worthy cause.

Stewart Wyer

Stewart is a life member of the Carina Junior Rugby League Club, of which he has actively served for a decade. He's volunteered as a team manager, member of the management committee, ground organiser and club registrar.

Additionally, he also serves as a referee and the referee coordinator, helping to organise and mentor the Club's referees. Stewart particularly encourages and supports young referees, helping them grow their skills and confidence.

Bulimba Judo Club

The Bulimba Judo Club can attribute much of its great success to two of its hard working volunteers, Robert Borchert and Meryl Power.

Robert is the Club's President, chief instructor and coach. Robert volunteers his time on several evenings during the week to coach and mentor club members for teenagers to masters. Whether just at club training, competitions or championships, Robert uses his 40+ years of experience to help extend his students both in their sporting and other endeavours.

Meryl is the Club's Treasurer. While she does not play, she has been involved through her children and served on the committee for over 10 years. Other than the important

role of looking after the finances, she also attends training sessions to register attendees, welcome new members, clean club equipment, and acts as the first aid officer.

Greening Australia

Greening Australia is a locally based environmental organisation that aims to protect, restore and conserve Australia's native vegetation.

The 2017 Griffith Australia Day Awards Committee would like to honour two of Greening Australia's longest serving volunteers, Gordon Watson and Robert Matthews.

Gordon has been a volunteer with Greening Australia for the past 15 years. He has dedicated over 10,000 hours to a broad range of services with the organisation in the local community. Robert joined the organisation 10 years ago and has been volunteering alongside Gordon ever since.

Gordon and Bob, as they are affectionately known, maintain the green space at the Greening Australia Centre on Bennetts Road, Norman Park. The site was formerly the quarry which supplied material for local roadworks in the Belmont, Balmoral and Coorparoo shires.

With help from Gordon and Bob, the area is now a vibrant park that has become a habitat to over 50 species of birds and range of native plants and bushland.

Please join me in congratulating Gordon and Bob on their outstanding service to Greening Australia.
San Sisto College Volunteers

The 2017 Griffith Australia Day Awards Committee would like to honour three of San Sisto College's dedicated volunteers, Phil Jackson, Georgia Robinson and Lisa Anthony.

Phil, affectionately known at the school as "Pizza Phil", happily takes time off work to attend school tuckshop days and other voluntary tasks. He makes fresh pizzas for the children when at the tuckshop, helps out at open days, sausage sizzles and puts his trade skills to good use at working bees.

Georgia and Lisa are the on-call volunteers at the school. Whenever they are needed, often at extremely short notice, they always make themselves available to volunteer in all sorts of roles. Both Georgia and Lisa were described to the Committee as the "saviours" of San Sisto on many occasions.

Campbell's Club by Micah Projects

Micah Projects is a community based service organisation that works with many vulnerable people in the Brisbane community, including people experiencing homelessness, disability and mental illness.

In 2017 the Committee would like to honour long serving volunteers with the 'Resident Support Program' and the Campbell's Club. The Resident Support Program first started in 2001 and provides mental health and disability support services. The team works with people living with a disability, mental illness or acquired brain injury, who reside in their own homes or privately owned hostels. The program aims to break social isolation and re-engage members in the community.

Many of the volunteers at Campbell's Club have volunteered there for 10 years. The Club operates on several days every week. Activities are varied, and participants often engage in anything from a simple morning tea, to the "grooming corner" where they can cut, style or colour hair.

Please join me in congratulating the core volunteers of Campbell's Club by Micah Projects for their outstanding work, Mary MacMahon, Joy Reiken, Kate Doolan, Nancye Reid, Kris Bentley, Jenny Dex and Teresa Smyth.

Scarlett May Foundation

The Scarlett May Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to provide meals support for families with critically ill children during hospital stays, as well as funds for bereavement counselling, keepsakes and mementos.

The foundation began in 2014 when the founders, Renee and Aidan Lamberth, lost their daughter Scarlett May to a rare genetic disease at the age of 10 months.

South Brisbane Hebrew Congregation

The South Brisbane Hebrew Congregation, based in Greenslopes, was established in 1915, and last year celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Without the significant and sustained efforts of Gary and Myriam Goldman, there is no doubt that this important milestone would never have been met, let alone celebrated. The Goldmans are integral to the community, and support it through finance, leadership, vision, and the countless hours of voluntary labour.

The Goldmans' role in ensuring special festivals are celebrated is critical - they plan, meticulously organise and promote events.

Myriam also runs a weekly craft group in her home, and it seems the Goldmans' home is just an extension of the synagogue.

Mental Awareness Foundation - Walk For Awareness

The initiative was founded in 2011 after organising members' sadly lost two close friends to and saw the need to speak openly mental illness. The event has grown to over 1300 participants and raised nearly \$200,000.

In the lead up to and on the day of the 2016 event, the organising team pushed the valuable message: help is out there, and easily available, and that self-harm is not the final way of dealing with problems; we are all here for each other, as friends, family and community.

To accept the Griffith Australia Day Award on behalf of the Mental Awareness Foundation, please welcome the directors, Wes and Tudor Vasile, Liam Gordon and Jita Sarai.

