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## **14th Asia Pacific Eldercare Innovation Awards 2026 Honours Leaders Shaping the Future of Ageing**

**Singapore, 16 April 2026** – The **14th Asia Pacific Eldercare Innovation Awards 2026** celebrated the region’s most outstanding achievements in ageing innovation at a gala dinner held at **Marina Bay Sands**. Organised in conjunction with the **17<sup>th</sup> World Ageing Festival 2026**, the Awards honoured trailblazing organisations and leaders who are redefining ageing and transforming eldercare through forward-thinking solutions. Winners were recognised for their impactful solutions, transformative models and dedication to advancing eldercare across the region.

Recognised as one of the most prestigious accolades in the sector, the Awards honour industry leaders, influencers and change-makers who are making significant contributions to the sector and shaping the future of ageing. These include demonstrating excellence and innovation across business, operational and service models that elevate the ageing experience. This year’s edition attracted over 420 submissions across 46 categories, reflecting the growing momentum and innovation within the eldercare landscape.

Guests were welcomed with a cultural opening performance, followed by welcome remarks from Janice Chia, Founder and Managing Director of Ageing Asia. The evening continued with remarks by Dr Cheong Wei Yang, Vice Provost (Strategic Research Partnerships), Interim Co-Director of Longevity Societies and Economies Institute, Singapore Management University, Senior Adviser (Health Economics), Ministry of Health, Singapore. Followed by Dr Paul Ong, Deputy CEO and Chief Strategy Officer, Tsao Foundation, Singapore.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards across 46 categories, celebrating outstanding innovators and organisations whose leadership and commitment are driving meaningful change and enabling ageing with dignity. The following winners represent the pinnacle of innovation and excellence in advancing eldercare across the Asia Pacific region:

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## CATEGORY: PRODUCT

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – ASSISTIVE LIVING**

*Best product that supports ageing-in-place, independence and enablement for older persons*

**Winner : Kradal Smart Foam Soft Furniture & Safety Edge System by Kradal, Australia**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – HOME MONITORING SOLUTION**

*Best monitoring product that supports ageing in-place, independence and enablement for older persons*

**Winner : Nobi Falls Prevention Technology Implementation by Harbison, Australia**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – HEALTH & VITALS MONITORING SOLUTION**

*Best monitoring product that supports track physiological data, medical adherence, and health indicators to support early intervention and better care decisions*

**Winner : Spritely: Independence Delivered by Qestral Corporation Limited, New Zealand**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – COGNITIVE TRAINING & REHABILITATION**

*Best product or equipment to engage, enable rehabilitation and to increase happiness outcomes for older persons living with dementia*

**Winner : “Play Your Way to Health!” by Globalwide International Pte Ltd, Japan**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – PHYSICAL TRAINING & REHABILITATION**

*Best product or equipment that supports physical function and enhances mobility, fitness and happiness for older persons*

**Winner : Pahi: The Balance Brand by Pahi, USA**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – FOOD & NUTRITION**

*Best food product developed to improve health for older persons*

**Winner : Variety is the spice of life! by RFBI, Australia**

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## CATEGORY : OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY & ICT

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT SOLUTION**

*Best operational management technology innovation that creates operational efficiency and care support in an organisation*

**Winner : Agentic Innovation in Home Care Operations by PlanCare, Australia**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT SOLUTION BY OPERATOR**

*Best operational management solution innovation by operators that creates efficiency and support*

**Winner : Nobi Falls Prevention Technology Implementation by Harbison, Australia**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – PRODUCTIVITY**

*Best practices that demonstrate improved productivity in organisational efficiencies and quality of care delivery*

**Winner : Transforming Productivity in Residential Care through Integrated Digital Care Systems by The Jesmond Group, Australia**

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## **CATEGORY : TECHNOLOGY**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – DEMENTIA MONITORING**

*Best technology innovation that engages, supports safety, and enhances quality of life through effective monitoring tools for older persons living with dementia*

**Winner : EeviCare Dementia Care Monitoring: Enabling Dignity and Safety Through Intelligent Technology by Eevi Life, Australia**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – COGNITIVE THERAPY**

*Best technology innovation that engage, enable rehabilitation and happiness for older persons living with dementia*

**Winner : MACG x SilVR- reimagining dementia care with virtual reality (VR) by Medical & Aged Care Group, Australia**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – SMART HOME**

*Best IoT solution that helps to enhance safety, comfort, and ease of mind for older persons*

**Winner : Nobi Falls Prevention Technology Implementation by Harbison, Australia**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – AI SOLUTION**

*Best AI solution technology that helps to enhance safety, comfort, and ease of mind for older persons*

**Winner : TRIDENT LIVING AI+R - Redefining Air Quality by Plasma Science Pte Ltd, Singapore**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – AI SOLUTION BY OPERATOR**

*Best AI solution technology by operator that helps to enhance safety, comfort, and ease of mind for older persons*

**Winner : Redefining Outreach with the Power of Voice by Lions Befrienders Service Association (Singapore), Singapore**

**INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – TECHNOLOGY - SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT**

*Best technology innovation that combats social isolation and promote better social outcomes for older persons*

**Winner : Olive Express: immersive travel that connects residents by Olive Express, Australia**

**INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – TECHNOLOGY - SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT BY OPERATOR**

*Best technology innovation by operator that combats social isolation and promote better social outcomes for older persons*

**Winner : Bridging Seniors into Technology by Lions Befrienders Service Association (Singapore), Singapore**

**INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – ASSISTIVE LIVING SOLUTION**

*Best technology innovation that supports older persons or their caregivers to ensure their health, safety and wellbeing*

**Winner : LaserStick Collection: Smart Mobility Solutions to Overcome Parkinson's Freezing by Bekind Solutions Pte Ltd (Agegracefully), Singapore**

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**CATEGORY : OPERATOR**

**OPERATOR OF THE YEAR – AGEING-IN-PLACE**

*Best operator that enables people to age in their own home with access to social, health and care services as they age*

**Winner : Sawtell Catholic Care, Australia**

**OPERATOR OF THE YEAR – ACTIVE AGEING**

*Best operator that encourages participation of older persons to support active ageing*

**Winner : Allkin Singapore, Singapore**

**OPERATOR OF THE YEAR – SENIOR LIVING**

*Best independent living/assisted living/co-living operator that supports older persons to live as independently as possible*

**Winner : Qestral Corporation Limited, New Zealand**

**OPERATOR OF THE YEAR – SENIOR LIVING (NEW ENTRANTS)**

*Best independent living / assisted living/co-living operator that supports older persons to live as independently as possible*

**Winner : Zhen Living, China**

### **OPERATOR OF THE YEAR – RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE**

*Best residential aged care operator that demonstrates improvement in quality of life for older persons*

**Winner : Qestral Corporation Limited, New Zealand**

### **OPERATOR OF THE YEAR – HOSPITAL**

*Best operator that supports older persons with an ecosystem of services, in rehabilitation and cognitive memory care*

**Winner : St Luke’s Hospital, Singapore**

### **OPERATOR OF THE YEAR – HOME CARE**

*Best operator that delivers integrated, high-quality services that enable older persons to age safely, independently, and with dignity at home.*

**Winner : Orange Medical & Social Services Group, Japan**

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## **CATEGORY : FACILITY (CENTRE-BASED)**

### **FACILITY OF THE YEAR – ACTIVE AGEING**

*Best facility that encourages participation of older persons to support active ageing*

**Winner : PCF Sparkle Care Active Ageing @ Boon Lay by PCF Sparkle Care Limited, Singapore**

### **FACILITY OF THE YEAR – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

*Best social engagement facility that reaches out to older persons and actively support their participation within the community*

**Winner : Building Community Through Care at Tampines Active Ageing Centres by Lions Befrienders Service Association (Singapore), Singapore**

### **FACILITY OF THE YEAR – DAY CARE**

*Best social, health and care facility that enables older persons to age-in-place*

**Winner : RUKUN Senior Care - Life Enrichment for Seniors with Dementia by Rukun Senior Living, Indonesia**

### **FACILITY OF THE YEAR – HEALTH, WELLNESS & REHABILITATION**

*Best health, wellness, and rehabilitation facility that promotes improvement in physical or cognitive health outcomes for older persons*

**Winner : Healthy Connections: Empowering Older Adults Through Accessible Allied Health by Burnie Brae Ltd, Australia**

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## CATEGORY : FACILITY (RESIDENTIAL)

### **FACILITY OF THE YEAR – SENIOR LIVING**

*Best independent living/assisted living/co-living facility that supports older persons to live as independently as possible*

**Winner : Community Care Apartments at Harmony Village by Housing and Development Board, Singapore**

### **FACILITY OF THE YEAR – RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE**

*Best residential aged care facility that demonstrates improvement in quality of life for older persons*

**Winner : EverJoy by Sindora, where quality and accessibility coexist by Sindora Living (Keppel Ltd), Singapore**

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## CATEGORY : PROGRAMME

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – ACTIVE AGEING - LIFESTYLE PROGRAMME**

*Best programme that encourages participation of older persons to support active ageing through lifestyle activities*

**Winner : Khyaal 50Above50 – India’s biggest recognition platform for seniors by Khyaal, India**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – ACTIVE AGEING - HEALTH & WELL-BEING PROGRAMME**

*Best programme that encourages participation of older persons to support active ageing through health and wellbeing activities*

**Winner : Sing My Best: Bridging Vocal and Social Wellness for the Elderly - Empowering Elderly Well-being through Integrated Speech and Social Training Program by Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited, Hong Kong SAR China**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – ACTIVE AGEING - MUSIC & CULTURE PROGRAMME**

*Best programme that encourages participation of older persons to support active ageing through music and dance*

**Winner : Taurite Tū: a kaupapa Māori solution to ageing well by Taurite Tū Limited, New Zealand**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – DEMENTIA**

*Best empowerment programme to engage and empower older persons living with dementia to live with dignity*

**Winner : Memory Moments: Weaving Memory and Spirituality by St Luke's ElderCare, Singapore**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – COGNITIVE THERAPY**

*Best memory support programme to engage and enable cognitive rehabilitation for older persons living with dementia*

**Winner : MEMORY LANE ADVENTURES-A Reminiscence Journey for Residents living with Dementia by All Saints Home, Singapore**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – EMPOWERMENT**

*Best programme that empowers older persons to live well and age with dignity*

**Winner : Taurite Tū: a kaupapa Māori solution to ageing well by Taurite Tū Limited, New Zealand**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – REHABILITATION**

*Best rehabilitation programme that has proven results in improving health outcomes for older persons*

**Winner : “E2: Engage to Empower” by Ang Mo Kio - Thye Hua Kwan Hospital Ltd, Singapore**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT - EXPERIENTIAL**

*Best social engagement experiential programme that helps combat social isolation and improve social outcomes for older persons*

**Winner : From Bupa pilot to national model: the Olive Express Social Engagement Programme by Olive Express, Australia**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT - INTERGENERATIONAL**

*Best social engagement programme that helps combat social isolation and improve social outcomes for senior living*

**Winner : The Sparkle Shop by PCF Sparkle Care Limited, Singapore**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR - HEALTH & WELLNESS**

*Best health & wellness programme that supports older persons to maintain their physical and mental health*

**Winner : Wellbeing Coordinators (WBCs) reduce healthcare utilisation and provide safety net for seniors by Singapore Health Services Pte Ltd (SingHealth), Singapore**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – COMMUNITY ACTIVATION**

*Best programme that activates and creates a community care model to support ageing for older persons*

**Winner : With seniors, for seniors: A sustainable peer-to-peer care model by Allkin Singapore, Singapore**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – HEALTH LONGEVITY**

*Best programme that supports older persons to increase healthspan*

**Winner : Sindora Living’s Healthy Longevity Management Programme rejuvenates the biological health of seniors by Sindora Living (Keppel Ltd), Singapore**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR - END OF LIFE**

*Best programme that transforms end-of-life experiences through dignity and wellbeing for individuals, families and communities.*

**Winner : The Palliative Aged Care Outcomes Program (PACOP), The University of Wollongong, Australia**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – COMMUNITY CARE**

*Best programme that enables integrated, community-based care to support older persons to age well in place*

**Winner : Transforming Community Care: Intergenerational Co-living and Elder Empowerment Model by Minquan Community Development Association, Taiwan ROC**

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## **CATEGORY : MANPOWER**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

*Best implementation programme that support opportunities for professional career growth in the ageing sector*

**Winner : Development of SingHealth Wellbeing Coordinators to Support Seniors’ Wellbeing by Singapore Health Services Pte Ltd (SingHealth), Singapore**

### **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – CAREGIVER MODEL**

*Best implementation that demonstrates talent development, ageing awareness and care training for caregivers and the public*

**Winner : Empowering the Invisible Workforce of Home Care by KnowingMe, Australia**

## **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – EMPLOYEE WELLBEING**

*Best implementation that has support programmes to improve employee satisfaction and well-being in the ageing sector*

**Winner : Care & Joy @ Work by Ren Ci Hospital, Singapore**

Awards were also presented to outstanding individuals and organisations across Asia Pacific. These winners have demonstrated impactful leadership, innovation, and dedication to improving the lives of seniors and redefining ageing in their communities.

Recognitions were also presented to the **Ageing Asia Global Ageing Influencers**, and **Ageing Asia Global Ageing Trailblazers** awarded to remarkable thought leaders driving change in ageing care globally.

### **Special Recognition**

In acknowledgement of the team's outstanding contributions to their work and the promise it holds for future innovation within the sector.

- **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT – INTERGENERATIONAL** - Rauawaawa Kaumātua Charitable Trust, Aotearoa New Zealand
- **OPERATOR OF THE YEAR – SENIOR LIVING** - Bolton Clarke, Australia
- **FACILITY OF THE YEAR – ACTIVE AGEING** - Reimagined Retirement Living at Sunway Sanctuary by Sunway Sanctuary, Malaysia
- **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR – OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT SOLUTION** - Regis Enterprise Care Analytics Platform (ECAP) by Regis Aged Care, Australia

### **Ageing Asia Global Ageing Influencers:**

- Dr Alice Tso, Founder, Board Chair & CEO, Florence Nightingale Home Health & Nursing Limited, Hong Kong SAR China
- Dr Bogdan Chiva Giurca, Clinical Lead and Global Director, National Academy for Social Prescribing, United Kingdom
- Ms Honor Barratt, Chief Executive, Birchgrove, United Kingdom
- Mr Daniel Reingold, President and CEO (Ret.), RiverSpring Living, United States of America

- Ms Yuke Wang, General Manager, Senior Living, Ping An Life, China
- Mr Tony Randello, President - Retirement Living Council Australia and CEO – Aveo, Australia
- Professor Axel Börsch-Supan, Executive Director, Munich Research Institute for the Economics of Aging and SHARE Analyses, Germany
- Mr Stephen Becsi OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Director and Co-founder, Apollo Care, Australia
- Mr Thierry Costanzo, Chief Operating Officer, Sindora Living, Asia
- Professor Paulin Tay Straughan, Professor of Sociology (Practice); Director, Centre for Research on Successful Ageing (ROSA), Singapore Management University, Singapore
- Mr Herman Kwik, Founder, RUKUN Senior Living and Chairman, Asosiasi Senior Living Indonesia (ASLI), Indonesia
- Ms Francien van de Ven, Director, Zorggroep Grootenhout, The Netherlands
- Mr Martin Yap, Chief Executive Officer, Care Concierge, Malaysia
- Prof Teruyuki Katori, Representative Director, Future Institute Wolong, Senior Advisor, The Asia Group, Japan
- Professor Gustav Strandell, CEO, International Care System Inc., Faculty of Wellbeing, Musashino University, Japan
- A/Prof Dr Amornpun Sereemasun, Programme Director, Vitality Enhancement & Longevity Academy (VELA), Thailand
- Mr Mansur Dalal, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Association of Senior Living India (ASLI), India

#### **Ageing Asia Global Ageing Trailblazers:**

- Ms Neha Sinha, Co-Founder & CEO, Epoch Elder Care, India
- Mr Danny Turner, General Manager - Residential Care, Harbison, Australia

- Dr Kenny Chui Chi Man, Deputy General Manager & Dementia Care Specialist, Jockey Club Centre for Positive Ageing, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China, Hong Kong SAR China
- Mr S Devendran, Chief Executive Officer, Sree Narayana Mission (Singapore), Singapore
- Dr Raymond Leong, Group Director, Healthcare Services, Methodist Welfare Services, Singapore
- Mr Samuel Tan, CEO, All Saints Home, Singapore
- Ms. Akiko Yata, Founder and CEO of CNC Ltd, Japan

The Eldercare Innovation Awards continue to be a vital platform for championing forward-thinking solutions to support longevity, independence, and quality of life. Innovations like home monitoring systems, AI-powered care, and community-based models are no longer futuristic—they are here, shaping a better tomorrow.

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## About the Organisers

### Ageing Asia Pte Ltd

Ageing Asia is Asia Pacific's first industry alliance on the business of ageing. We are an independent network and social enterprise that seeks to unite business, government, community leaders and the media, to drive change for APAC's ageing landscape. Our vision is to lead an advocacy and educational role in improving quality and standards of eldercare, nurture partnerships and curate development of solutions that address the new opportunities and market demands of the ageing baby boomer population. Ageing Asia is a member of the Singapore Business Federation and raiSE. For more information on Ageing Asia, please visit <https://www.worldageingfestival.com/>

### About Singapore Management University (SMU)

A premier university in Asia, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is internationally recognised for its world-class research and distinguished teaching. Established in 2000, SMU's mission is to generate leading-edge research with global impact and to produce broad-based, creative, and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. SMU's education is known for its highly interactive, collaborative, and project-based approach to learning. Home to over 13,000 students across undergraduate, postgraduate professional and postgraduate research programmes, SMU comprises eight schools: College of Integrative Studies, College of

Graduate Research Studies, School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Economics, School of Computing and Information Systems, Yong Pung How School of Law, School of Social Sciences. SMU offers a wide range of bachelors', masters', and PhD degree programmes in the disciplinary areas associated with its schools, as well as in multidisciplinary combinations of these areas. SMU emphasises rigorous, high-impact, multi- and interdisciplinary research that addresses Asian issues of global relevance. SMU faculty members collaborate with leading international researchers and universities around the world, as well as with partners in the business community and public sector. SMU's city campus is a modern facility located in the heart of downtown Singapore, fostering strategic linkages with business, government, and the wider community. In March 2026, SMU is recognised as the World's Most Improved University in the QS 2026 World University Rankings by Subject.

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