



Westfield

Local Heroes

2021

Westfield Local Heroes is a community recognition and awards program, designed to shine the spotlight on those people across Australia and New Zealand who make a positive impact to their local community and environment.

Individuals are nominated by their local communities, with the outcome of a public vote determining the three successful 2021 nominees for every Westfield centre.

Westfield Local Heroes

Now in its fourth year, we have awarded \$4.88 million to 489 community organisations.

Every year, we recognise more than 120 Westfield Local Heroes and provide more than \$1.2M in community grants to their affiliated organisations.

We congratulate all the 2021 nominees for being recognised by their communities and thank them for the important contribution they all make.



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Lloyd Clarke has channelled grief into determination to prevent domestic violence tragedies through his Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation.

Lloyd lost his daughter Hannah and three grandchildren last year in a fatal domestic violence tragedy.

He wants to save other families from his pain by educating the community about the red flags for coercive control, which his daughter experienced from her partner.

With his wife, Suzanne, he has organised what they hope will be an annual HALT walk to stop domestic violence. HALT is made of the initials of their daughter and grandchildren, Hannah, Aaliyah, Laianah and Trey.

The couple have given talks to girls aged 16–17 and their mothers to help them recognise coercive control red flags. Similar talks will be offered to boys and their fathers later this year.

Lloyd's greatest hope is that his efforts will make other women more aware of coercive control so they can escape.

Lloyd says he is humbled to be nominated as a Westfield Local Hero. "We didn't see the signs of coercive control and, more to the point, we didn't know about it, so we want to educate the community, so this doesn't happen to anybody else," he says.

Lloyd's Nominator says: "Lloyd is a Westfield Local Hero because he has risen from his grief and found strength in providing support, education and advocacy to halt the cycle of domestic and family violence."



Preventing family tragedies

Lloyd Clarke

Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation

Selfless, Inspirational, Survivor

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Homes for the vulnerable

Horowai Rameka

Redland Community Centre – Homeless United

Heroic, Kind, Generous

"I am only a small part of a great team with the same passion for helping the less fortunate and vulnerable."

Horowai Rameka has provided life-changing help to homeless people during his four years with Redland Community Centre.

He has helped over 200 people gain back independence and dignity through Homeless Connect and supported others to find employment.

Horowai started as a volunteer at the centre when he was sleeping rough himself, he would arrive for his shift from his tent to help others access clean clothes, a shower and laundry facilities and is now a paid employee and a role model for others facing homelessness, with many keeping in touch long after they have found a home.

He is proud his program gives vulnerable people a sense of belonging and raises awareness in the community that some people are just down on their luck and need help finding support.

Horowai's greatest reward is seeing a homeless person smiling

from ear to ear when they receive the keys to their own home.

He says he is honoured to be nominated as a Westfield Local Hero. "I am only a small part of a great team with the same passion for helping the less fortunate and vulnerable. I do it because I know what a wet blanket feels like and what it's like to wonder where the next meal is coming from."

Horowai's nominator says: "Horowai is a Westfield Local Hero because he gave what little he had to others when he had nothing. Over the last four years, he has helped hundreds of people."

Peter Breen brings comfort to thousands of seriously ill people through his hospital music initiative, The Stairwell Project.

Peter, a former radiographer, set up the innovative social enterprise to harness the healing power of music. Thanks to his vision, professional musicians are paid to play on hospital wards to bring comfort and joy to patients undergoing aggressive cancer treatments and those receiving palliative care. Families and hospital staff also find solace in the entertainment.

The music often helps soothe patients to sleep, and families sometimes ask the musicians to play at the bedside of their loved ones during their final hours.

Peter's character and integrity convinced three major Brisbane hospitals to embrace the program, which includes harpists, doublebassists, flautists, classical guitarists, keyboardists, hand-pan musicians and singers.

Peter's greatest reward is

receiving feedback that the music makes a positive difference to how people feel and the life-changing effect this has had on these professional musicians.

Thanks to Peter's tireless efforts to secure grants, the program was able to keep going during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Peter says being nominated as a Westfield Local Hero will motivate him to grow the musical program. "The recognition is enormously encouraging and means my idea has impacted more people than I realised," he says.

Peter nominator says: "Peter is a Westfield Local Hero because he demonstrates enlightened citizenship, putting the needs of others before his own."



Showing love through music

Peter Breen

The Stairwell Project: Jugglers Art Space

Inspiring, Generous, Compassionate

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Your 2021 Finalists



Kimberley Robertson

Redlands Special Olympics

Kimberley Robertson was 16 when she started volunteering at Redlands Special Olympics. Over the past 10 years, she has coached over 100 athletes with an intellectual disability to achieve their sporting dreams at local and national competitions. Her greatest reward is witnessing an athlete win their first medal.



Sabeel Burgess

Open Haven Ltd

Sabeel Burgess felt compelled to act when she discovered four women who she knew were experiencing domestic violence. In 2017 she set up Open Haven to provide the practical help survivors need to get back on their feet after leaving a shelter. The charity has helped 500 women with food and support to find work and housing.



Allan Prestwood

Southern Moreton Bay Islands Coastcare Inc.

Allan Prestwood has helped make his local community more beautiful since co-founding Southern Moreton Bay Islands Coastcare. His constant litter patrols have encouraged others to follow his lead, with rubbish reducing despite a growing population. Among his group's biggest achievements was a clean-up of the remote Cobby Cobby Island.

Recognising all of our 2021 nominees

Julie Dixon
Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre

Sam Haddad
Coorparoo Kings AFC

Stiven Kuss
The Walking Group

Ian Thomson
Ocean Crusaders

Sally Chapman
Happy Tails Animal Rescue

Michael Kevin Harrison
Tri 21 Series and Down Syndrome Queensland

Trenton David Gay
Aussie Kidz Charity Ltd

Dr Phillip Wuth
The Doctor's Kitchen Australia

Carolyn Robinson
Beyond DV

Rebecca Louise Idiens
Lemonade Kids

Wayne C Pascoe
Ladybird Care Foundation

Leanne Claussen
Parents on a Mission

Jodi Salmond
Reef Check Australia

Christine Jewel Rafter
Secretary / Social Media volunteer

Muhammed ANsary
Merciful Servants

Michael Kearney
Fair Go Australia Foundation

Damien Thompson
Chimera Legacy Foundation

Bruce and Denise Morcombe
Daniel Morcombe Foundation

Kim Stokes
Bulimba Community Centre

Jaydon Cowan
SBH Queensland

Chris George
Red Frogs Australia

Melissa Parr
Belmont Saints Basketball Club

Faye Lawrence
Untoxicated

Peter Rayson
Vision Australia

Colin Apelt
St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane

Natasha Horne
Lifestyle Solutions Child and Family QLD

Rachel Grace Pick
Magic Moments Foundation Limited

Kristie De Brenni
Queensland Pathways State College

Jean Nichols
Girl Guides Qld – Belmont District

Kenneth Paul Wilson
Truck Friendly Caravan Road Safety Program

Cindy Corrie
ASD Learning Ltd / The Sycamore School

Peter Pollock
RedCity Basketball Association

Brett Peterson
Lions Club

Julie Wallace
Sarz Sanctuary

Shonel Balsillie
Kurshonbrooke Lodge

Peter Breen
The Stairwell Project: Jugglers Art Space

Horowai Rameka
Redland Community Centre – Homeless United

Sabeel Burgess
Open Haven Ltd

Ineke Unsworth
The Australian Free School

Nick Warwick
Scouts Australia

Katherine Hoyle
Making a Difference – Brisbane

Kimberley Robertson
Redlands Special Olympics

Allan James Prestwood
Southern Moreton Bay Islands Coastcare Inc.

Lloyd Clarke
Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation

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on what support is available:**

AUSTRALIA

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

MensLine: 1300 78 99 78

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636

1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732

NEW ZEALAND

Lifeline: 0800 543 354

Suicide Crisis Helpline: 0508 828 865

Kidsline: 0800 54 37 54

Depression Helpline: 0800 111 757

Samaritans: 0800 726 666

Family Violence Information Line: 0800 456 450

The background features a large, abstract graphic composed of overlapping, rounded shapes in various shades of red and white. The shapes are layered, creating a sense of depth and movement. The colors range from a bright, vibrant red to a deeper, more muted red, with white areas interspersed throughout the composition.

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