

WESTFIELD 2021 LOCAL HEROES

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 Jocal 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.

Westfield Whitford City WA

Alanagh Godderidge gave up her previous job so she could bring joy to help isolated older people with an initiative called Cycling Without Age Sorrento.

Founding the Sorrento chapter of this worldwide movement, four years ago, has allowed for a stronger community. The aim has been to promote inclusivity, to build bridges between generations, whilst helping to diminish social isolation for our elderly and those of limited movement.

Alanagh and her team of 27 volunteers provide free daily Trishaw rides, cycling slowly along the dual path of West Coast Drive, allowing their passengers to connect with their environment, to feel the sun on their shoulders and the wind in their hair.

There are lots of jobs and talents required to keep our wheels turning. The Trishaws wouldn't be out and about if it wasn't for the support from our volunteer riders, local businesses, our governments as well as hands on support from the local community.

Her greatest reward is seeing the rosy cheeks of the seniors and hearing how much it means to them to be on a bike again and smell the sea.

Alanagh says it is a privilege to be nominated as a Westfield Local Hero. "It shows we are instilling trust and confidence and making for a richer, stronger community"

Alanagh's nominator says: "Alanagh is a Westfield Local Hero because she offers free trishaw rides to people who may not be able to get out much. She is filling a real need in the community." Love on three wheels

Alanagh Tolley Godderidge

Cycling Without Age Sorrento

Dedicated, Selfless, Amazing

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Teresa Tucker

Fostering Hope Australia Amazing, Irreplaceable, Dedicated

"I am passionate about these little lives, and this nomination fills me with loads more energy and love to give." Teresa Tucker has helped hundreds of vulnerable children as a volunteer at the Fostering Hope Australia.

Teresa has 14 years of experience as a foster carer and gives her time at the charity's store to ensure other carers have access to clothing, cots and other essential items at no cost.

The store is a gathering place where carers can find a listening ear and helpful information.

It still gives Teresa goosebumps to see other carers excited by the help available at Fostering Hope.

Teresa was motivated to give back in return for the warm welcome she received when she arrived in Australia from Ireland with her four children. She is admired for making herself available day and night for emergency placements.

She has three teens of her own and currently fosters six children, including a seven-year-old whom she took in as an emergency placement at birth and has not had the heart to let go.

However, her greatest hope is that the children can return to their families one day.

Teresa is excited to be nominated as a Westfield Local Hero. "I am passionate about these little lives, and this nomination fills me with loads more energy and love to give," she says.

Teresa's nominator says: "Teresa is a Westfield Local Hero because she makes the life of children in foster care so much easier. She is not only an amazing volunteer but an amazing friend to all." Generous Catherine Kolomyjec helps young people shine and learn leadership skills while making the world better with her charity Soul Gestures.

Catherine co-founded the charity to inspire youth of all abilities to engage in acts of kindness that bring positivity to their community, and to realise their potential.

She was thrilled with how young people responded to the challenges of the COVID-19 lockdowns.

They became more creative, delivering Easter goodies to a women's refuge after restrictions derailed plans to distribute them in a hospital.

Other acts of kindness included dropping off plants and soil to a garden-loving cancer patient, sourcing goodies to decorate a young refugee's sparse bedroom, dropping off hand-made fiddle mats for people with dementia and making up packages for exhausted nursing staff. One of Catherine's most rewarding moments was seeing the emotional response from the quarantined crew on the cruise ship Artania, to the 420 handwritten postcards from our local youth; "but I am just as inspired when a 12-year-old tells me 'my whole body felt warm when I did something good. "

Catherine is humbled to be nominated as a Westfield Local Hero. "I am continually motivated by the young people of Perth, who have an incredible ability, to engage, commit and change the world around them," she says.

Catherine's nominator says: "Catherine is a Westfield Local Hero because she is constantly helping others through the goodness of her own heart. She does so much for others while receiving very little recognition for her work."

Spreading love and kindness

Catherine Kolomyjec

Soul Gestures Inc

Selfless, Passionate, Kind

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Your 2021 Finalists



Philip Couper The Pantry WA

Philip Couper has been volunteering with The Pantry WA for six years, helping vulnerable people put food on the table. Last year, he and a dedicated team of volunteers fed over 68,000 locals. During the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the non-profit delivered food and support to people stuck at home.



Vicky Young Dandelions WA Inc

Retired police officer Vicky Young has helped distribute an astonishing \$150,000 worth of essentials to people doing it tough in the few short months since she helped co-found Dandelions WA. The non-profit has helped over 3000 people, distributing hundreds of kindness kits full of toiletries and gifting hundreds of children a backpack of school supplies.



Greg Hire A Stitch in Time

Professional basketball player Greg Hire started A Stitch in Time to save lives after a close friend tried to take their own life. His charity has reached 17,500 people through 318 psychologist-led mental health workshops that encourage people to seek help when they are struggling. Greg was a Westfield Local Hero finalist in 2018 and appreciates being nominated for a second time.

If you need support, please phone Lifeline: 13 11 14

Recognising all of our 2021 nominees

Lyn Swanson Kennedy Collective Shout: for a world free of sexploitation

Jacinta Bivona-Turle Dismantle

Jason Lewis Western Australian Powerchair Football Association inc

Paul Holliday The Human Excellence Project

Tony Burton High Flyers Trampoline and Gymnastics Academy

Troy & Shar Baird SABA Rose Foundation and Mullaloo Surf Lifesaving Club

Matthew Gollan Flash Market

Matthew Bartlett Red Frogs WA

Lindsey Francis Greenbatch Foundation and Rotary Club of Matilda Bay

Andrew Bannister Genetic and Rare Disease Network Simon Kane
The Kids' Cancer Project

Alanagh Marie Godderidge Cycling Without Age Sorrento

Sean David Nash Nashys Boxing Club

Paul Holiday
The Human Excellence Project

Bob Dayman
P2S Rugbyworks

Arthur Sturgeon Community Vision

Allanah Tolley Godderidge Cycling Without Age -Sorrento

Chris Howard Northern Beaches Cycling Club Inc.

Joy & Peter Mack-Heaven No Limits Perth Inc

Michelle Kwok Petition for the City of Joondalup

Cherilyn Hotchkin Mullaloo Community Kindergarten Kathleen Dunn Dunn's Herbal Farm

Kirsten Shearn Patricia Giles Centre for Non Violence

Karen Huggett Direction Psychology

Karen Slater Padbury Super Women

Catherine Kolomyjec

Kerry Gibbons **Rising Lotus WA**

Sarah Clancy

Care Bags – because children in care matter

Michelle Spiller Duncraig Outdoor Girl Guides

Teresa Tucker Fostering Hope Australia

Debbie Jordaan No Limits Perth Inc

Gordon John Hudson Wheelchairs for Kids Lachlan Beveridge Paint Me A Rainbow – Autism Awareness WA

Nicola Henderson Zephyr Education

Vicky Young Dandelions WA Inc

Greg Hire A Stitch in Time

Phillip Couper The Pantry WA

Alanagh Tolley Godderidge Cycling Without Age Sorrento If you or anyone you know would like more information 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

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