



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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Garden City

QLD

Narelle Wyvill-Anstey supports thousands of people doing it tough through her local Lions Club.

Narelle joined The Lions Club of Brisbane MacGregor seven years ago and runs a program that has assisted more than 4000 people over the past year, including families in distress, the homeless, youths and the elderly.

Narelle has been an energetic volunteer with community service groups since her youth and is inspired by the Lions motto, "we serve". She also volunteers with Meals on Wheels and is a regular blood donor.

A special moment for Narelle was donating microwaves and kettles for rooms in a local domestic violence hostel to make it easier for mums to heat bottles for their babies.

Narelle and the Lions Club also support a breakfast program in 110 schools that has fed more than 9500 students over the past year.

She says it is an honour to be nominated as a Westfield Local Hero. "There are so many people who do such a great job helping others, and I am proud to be acknowledged as one of them. It is good to know that I've made a positive difference to many lives, and I hope I can continue to contribute."

*Narelle's nominator says:
"Narelle is a Westfield Local Hero because she displays the qualities that improve the wellbeing of those in need."*



**Supporting people
in need**

Narelle Wyvill-Anstey

The Lions Club of Brisbane MacGregor

Inspirational, Caring, Willing

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Beacon of hope

Rita Prasad-Ildes

World Wellness Group

Brave, Selfless, Compassionate

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Rita Prasad-Ildes has helped thousands of vulnerable and marginalised people in the 10 years since she co-founded the non-profit World Wellness Group which runs the World Wellness Clinic.

Rita is a former public-sector healthcare worker with no previous business experience. Still, she and her team have managed to juggle patient care and fundraising to make their thriving social enterprise a beacon of hope for people in need.

She started the clinic because she could not stand by while people fell through the gaps in the healthcare system

One of Rita's greatest rewards is when clients come back to the clinic to tell us how we made a difference to their lives.

The clinic provides medical, nursing allied health, and mental health care to people from all walks of life, including those who can't pay. It also offers a food

pantry for those in need and is a haven for people in despair.

The compassionate and resourceful team go beyond health treatment. They also tackle their patients' underlying issues such as housing insecurity, racism and domestic violence.

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Rita's nominator says: "Rita is a Westfield Local Hero because she has a strong moral compass. She sees things from the perspective of people in need and knows what needs to be done to help."

Skateboarding accountant Andrew (Andy) Gourley is the founder of Red Frogs and works with around 3500 volunteers to safeguard 1.4 million young Australians a year.

Andy is mostly known for the Red Frogs' role at 12 schoolies locations across Australia, Bali and Fiji in pre-COVID years, where he and the volunteers take care of more than 80,000 revellers by providing emotional support, walking people home safely, cleaning up messy rooms, ensuring they stay hydrated, supplying breakfast and generally being a calming presence.

The volunteers also safeguard around 750,000 people at over 42 festivals a year and provide crowd welfare support at sports events.

Andy often works late with young people at schoolies events or university residential colleges. Then he is up early at the BBQ, preparing the famous Red Frogs pancake breakfast.

Andy's journey of giving started at Mount Gravatt when he noticed a few skateboarders getting up to no good. He and some mates started a skateboarding youth club to keep them out of trouble.

"After five years, we had five clubs around the Brisbane south area looking after 120 local kids a week," says Andy. "Although some ended up in jail or passed away, some went on to be successful tradies and business owners."

Andy says he is honoured to be nominated as a Westfield Local Hero. "It is always humbling to be recognised by others, it should never be your motivation, but it's nice when it happens."

Andy's nominator says: "Andy is a Westfield Local Hero because he is always looking at ways he can help and serve. Andy has a very special gift of making the people he works with and those he is serving feel they are unique and important. Andy is a legend!"



Keeping young people safe

Andrew (Andy) Gourley

Red Frogs Australia

Genuine, Hardworking, Humble

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Your 2021 Finalists



Lynda Muller

The Shed Community Fitness Inc.

Lynda Muller's unwavering dedication helped The Shed Community Fitness get up and running last year. As a result, the non-profit is now a flourishing exercise space and a drawcard for people of all ages and abilities. Thanks to The Shed, people in Lynda's community are working out more often and making new friends.



Portia Lee

Loganlea State High School

Teacher Portia Lee has captured the imagination of students and colleagues with her innovative football academy at Loganlea State High School. Her Upper 90 program harnesses the students' passion for soccer to improve engagement with the school and community. As a result, participation in the academy has almost tripled in 2021 and absenteeism from school has fallen.



Olivia Hodge

Hillsong

Olivia Hodge helps young people overcome barriers like social isolation and mental health issues so they can step confidently into their future. The Hillsong CityCare community development worker oversees a program in which mentors support at-risk young people in Brisbane to pursue their dreams and make a difference in their communities.

Recognising all of our 2021 nominees

Ashlea Giles
The Kids' Cancer Project

Annette Foun
**Jindalee District Australian
Football and Netball Club**

Christopher Swan
**Preterm Infants' Parents'
Association Inc (Pipa)**

Anita Anderson
Touch of Hope

Scott Furry
**Buy Nothing Project
Sunnybank Hills**

Danielle Pritchard
**Little Village Café & Play
Centre**

Denzil Brunner
OzFish Unlimited

Julie and Mark Wallace
Sarz Sanctuary

Kevin Ruthenberg
**Somerset State Emergency
Service Unit**

Stephen Bullard
Club Southside

Rebecca van Trier
Woolworths

Colin McInnes
Colleges Little Athletics

Linda Jane Roberts
**Lockyer Information &
Neighbourhood Centre Inc.**

Jason Smith
Ocean Reeve Book Publishing

Jennifer Pearsall
Children's Tumour Foundation

Debbie Kilroy
Sisters Inside

Anita Hunt
Logan City Skate Around

Naseema Mustapha
**Global Community
Development Initiatives**

Gavin Boyce
Souths United FC

Nawfal Alemara
Global Mony

Germaine Arriagada
TAG 5 Ltd

Chris Boyle
StandbyU Foundation

Carrie McLeod
Charlie Teo Foundation

Tania Stewart
Priceless Life Ltd

Karyn Webber
Ocean Reeve Publishing

Irina Aleksandrova
EquusTerra

Kristian Atkins
**Ripley Valley State Secondary
College**

Portia Lee
Loganlea State High School

Rita Prasad-Ildes
**World Wellness Health and
Medical Centre**

Tyson Ray-Patena
Top Blokes Foundation

Malakai Tava
Spinal Home Help Inc

Jo Westh
4 Voices

Bobby Mearns
Fishers of Men

Narelle Wyvill-Anstey
**Lions Club of Brisbane
Macgregor**

Lynda Muller
The Shed Community Fitness

Olivia Hodge
Hillsong CityCare

Andrew (Andy) Gourley
Red Frogs Australia

**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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