

A vibrant red ribbon graphic that flows across the frame from the top left to the bottom right. The ribbon is three-dimensional, with visible folds and shadows that give it a sense of movement and depth. In the center of the ribbon, the text "Westfield Local Heroes 2021" is printed in white. "Westfield" is in a serif font, "Local Heroes" is in a large, elegant script font, and "2021" is in a clean, sans-serif font. The ribbon's color transitions from a bright red at the top to a deeper, more saturated red at the bottom.

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.

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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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North Lakes

QLD

Josh Malcolm started helping homeless people on a small scale five years ago. Now his efforts have turned After Dark Saints into a fully-fledged charity that provides cooked meals, bedding, warm clothes, sanitary products and other essentials to homeless people on a daily basis.

Josh and his fellow volunteers go out every night in their private vehicles. They not only provide material support but also share a human connection. Josh has experienced homelessness himself and says a simple conversation with someone can make a huge difference to their day.

Josh also advocates for homeless people and has managed to find housing for 21 people. A few years ago, Josh represented the homeless community at meetings with the local council after several people were fined. Now the council and After Dark Saints work well together.

"I enjoy doing what I am doing as I know I am making a difference in

someone's life, whether it be with a meal, making someone smile or helping them into a house," says Josh.

He is delighted to be nominated as a Westfield Local Hero. "We don't look for fame or anything, but it is absolutely amazing that people value the work we do."

Josh's Nominator says: "Josh is a Westfield Local Hero because he is selfless and gives up many hours to help the most vulnerable members of our community when everyone else has given up on them."



**Selfless supporter
of homeless people**

Joshua Malcolm

After Dark Saints

Motivated, Selfless, Inspiring

"I enjoy doing what I am doing as I know I am making a difference in someone's life, whether it be with a meal, making someone smile or helping them into a house."



Leading people to save wildlife

Byron Cann

Wildlife Rescue Queensland Inc

Kind, Generous, Tough

"I just want to make a difference. But I could not do the work I do without the massive group of wildlife carers and volunteers that I support."

Wildlife Rescue Queensland CEO Byron Cann is always on standby to help animals in crisis.

As the dedicated leader of the non-profit organisation, he works with 250 volunteers to rescue, rehabilitate and release wildlife and educate the community about the many issues related to native animals.

Volunteers are always top of mind for Byron. One of their most rewarding roles is to be trained as a volunteer carer to look after animals in their own home. But inclusive Byron ensures there are roles suitable to different skills. This includes making pouches, building possum boxes, staffing the telephone hotline or assisting with fundraising.

Byron leads by example and is prepared to jump out of bed at any time of night to rush to the aid of his beloved wildlife.

One of his many achievements was coordinating the rescue of over 450 grey-headed flying foxes from the NSW bushfires and

arranging transport for them to be cared for in Queensland.

Byron feels humbled to be nominated as a Westfield Local Hero. "I just want to make a difference. But I could not do the work I do without the massive group of wildlife carers and volunteers that I support."

Byron's Nominator says: "Byron is a Westfield Local Hero because his unwavering commitment to wildlife and his volunteers is second to none."

Peter Brady is driving social inclusion for people with disabilities through his passion for adventure road trips.

Over the past 14 years, Peter has raised \$100,000 for the Endeavour Foundation, playing a large part in its ability to provide accessible housing, employment and training to people with intellectual disabilities.

Peter initially started raising money as a means to participate in the Great Endeavour Rally. But his involvement has grown into much more than that. He has a passion for inclusion. He has got to know many of the people who Endeavour supports, and he is enthusiastic about the progress he has witnessed.

"They are extremely interesting people that have heaps to contribute to society if they are given a chance," says Peter.

His tangible enthusiasm has helped him recruit donors among businesses and community groups in Pine Rivers Shire.

Peter also runs trivia nights, sells Dayboro Day hamburgers and raises funds with raffle tickets.

It's all about setting people up for the future, he says.

Peter is thrilled to be nominated as a Westfield Local Hero. "I hope this will bring more exposure to the needs and vulnerability of people with disability, particularly intellectual disability, and how valuable it is to the community to actively include people of all abilities."

Peter's nominator says: "Peter is a Westfield Local Hero because, over the last 14 years, he has raised over \$100,000 for Endeavour Foundation. Although the figure is impressive, it is the community inclusiveness and the rare opportunity to meet and befriend remarkable community members and their families that drives Peter to be an active fundraiser."



Driving social inclusion

Peter Brady

Endeavour Foundation

Passionate, Dedicated, Generous

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Your 2021 Finalists



Sonia Colvin

Hairdressers with Hearts Ltd

Caring hairstylist Sonia Colvin has helped more than 200 clients get support for domestic violence and elder abuse. Now she has launched Hairdressers with Heart to train thousands of other hairdressers and barbers to notice if their clients have the signs of abuse and respond appropriately.



Ronnie Benbow

The Carers Foundation Australia

Ronnie Benbow is devoted to supporting the wellbeing of Australia's hidden heroes, who sacrifice their own needs to care for a loved one with a chronic illness or disability. The former nurse has set up The Carer Foundation Australia, a charity that provides free wellness retreats for adults and teens.



Breanna Redsell

A Brave Life

Tutor and counsellor Breanna Redsell works with care and dedication to help young mums complete their school and tertiary education and achieve their dreams. Breanna is a volunteer at A Brave Life and is available day and night for her young mentees. She meets them at weekends and answers late-night emails, on top of weekly tutoring with teenage and young mothers.

Recognising all of our 2021 nominees

Lisa Foster
SPOT on! Therapy

Harrison Vale
Blokes Prosper

Desmond Dewer
Deception Bay Meals on Wheels

Bruce & Denise Morcombe
**The Daniel Morcombe
Foundation**

Father Dan Berris
The Lakes Anglican Church

Catherine Bolck
SPOT on! Therapy

Bridgette and Paula Powers
**Twinnies Pelican and Seabird
Rescue**

Hope Anne Smart
A Brave Life

Ronelle Kriss
Moreton Bay Basketball Inc.

Marissa Taylor
**Mater Breast Cancer
Research Foundation**

Skye Shaw
Genies Netball Club

Renee Chopping
Collective Shout

Carolyn Wilson
Rosies – Friends on the Street

David Devine
**Pender RDA Horse Riding for
Disabled Association**

Catherine Barber
Rosies – Friends on the Street

Sarah Nelson (and Kylie Cox)
The Experience Collectors

Dagmar Scherer
Boxer Rescue Network

David Mareko
**New Creation Christian
Church Ltd**

Kym Heaney
Narangba Watch

Cindy Sykes
**Introspect Theatre
Company**

Colin Sorenson
Lions Club

Sam Hall
Able Cause

Ellen Pezet
**Bushwalkers of
Southern QLD**

Emily Davies and
Sophie Rees-Druitt
The Modern Generation

Michael Earl
**Unbound Athletics CrossFit
Speed**

Jeff
Young Veterans Australia

Elizabeth Vaughan
All About Autism

Reshma Seeburrn
Koolash Dental

Bryan Taylor
Rosies Friends on the Street

Joshua Dasey
Skechers

Daisy Cox
A Little Sparkle

Louise Feltham
Miracle Mums Movement

Trish Kearton
**Cooroora Historical Society
T/A Noosa Shire Museum**

Peter Brady
Endeavour Foundation

Breanna Redsell
A Brave Life

Konrad Sawczynski
Warrior K9

Sonia Colvin
Hairdressers with Hearts Ltd

Joshua Malcolm
After Dark Saints

Sophie-Jane Adler-Magee
A Brave Life Ltd

Les Barkla
Pristine Peninsula

Byron Cann
**Wildlife Rescue
Queensland Inc**

Bridget Russell
Fina Club

Ronnie Benbow
**The Carers Foundation
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

The background features a large, abstract graphic composed of overlapping, rounded shapes in various shades of red and white. The shapes create a sense of depth and movement, with some areas appearing to be layered on top of others. The overall composition is clean and modern.

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