

# Glenorchy 2024 Community and Volunteer Awards

## Sports Achievement

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### Nominees:

#### Chloe Humes

Chloe's remarkable talent in Inline Hockey has earned her recognition both nationally and internationally, highlighted by her representation of Australia at prestigious tournaments, and selection to the Australian team for the upcoming Inline Hockey World competition in Italy. Beyond her own achievements, Chloe actively mentors aspiring athletes, demonstrating a selfless commitment to uplifting the community and instilling a passion for the sport in players of all ages and skill levels.

#### Michael Kirkwood

Mike's volunteer work at Glenorchy Rodman Bowls Club (GRBC) has been transformative, steering the club from financial struggle to prosperity through securing government funding and promoting its facilities for community use. GRBC, under Mike's stewardship, serves as a vital hub for the Glenorchy community and beyond, offering both recreational and social opportunities.

#### Jackson Mellor

Jackson's journey in athletics began at the age of five, showcasing early promise in Discus, Shot Put, and Javelin. Over the years, he has excelled in Discus, representing Australia three times, and has extended to Hammer throw, achieving success at both national and international levels.

#### Abigail Mitchelmore

Abigail has shown exceptional dedication to soccer and futsal, playing for various teams including St Therese's Primary School, Clarence Zebras, and University Football. Her commitment extended to training for the U11 State team, participating in the National Club Futsal Competition, and receiving an invitation to join the Australian Futsal Team tour of Spain.

#### Jane Triffitt

Jane excelled in both eight-ball and women's cricket in 2023, transitioning from lower grades to elite teams with remarkable success. She secured a place in the TAS Ladies Masters Team for eight-ball and was appointed Vice Captain, while also impressing in women's cricket, earning player of the match honours at the Veterans Nationals in NSW.

#### Tristan Styles

Tristan made history in November 2023, by winning the Double Mini Trampoline event at the World Age Gymnastics Championships in Birmingham UK, becoming Tasmania's first World Champion gymnast. Tristan secured his victory through three rounds of intense competition, ultimately finishing in 1st place and solidifying his place in Tasmanian gymnastics history.

### Winner: Tristan Styles

## Business Person of the Year

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### Nominees:

#### **Renee Brown**

Renee Brown is the General Manager of MyState Bank Arena, she is nominated for her exceptional leadership and dedication to the Glenorchy community. Renee's visionary approach has propelled the arena to new heights, driving economic growth, fostering community engagement, and promoting diversity and inclusivity.

#### **Rob Harris**

Rob Harris has been an integral part of the Berriedale community through his ownership of the family-operated Berriedale Service Centre, a vital hub serving locals and travellers for over 40 years. While providing essential repair services for a wide range of vehicles, the Berriedale Service Centre has fostered local economic activity, created jobs and supported several Glenorchy community groups.

#### **Janine Michell**

Janine's successful establishment of the Collinsville market has united the community, serving as a vital gathering space. Through collaborative efforts, the market has become a significant fundraising platform, benefiting groups such as the school association and the volunteer fire department, while also fostering job creation and empowerment for locals.

#### **Lesley Van Tuil**

Lesley Van Tuil is the co-founder, and General Manager of Brewlab craft brew café at Gepp Parade, Derwent Park. With her exceptional hospitality and management skills, Lesley has grown Brewlab into a beloved community hub, fostering social connections and revitalizing the surrounding area.

**Winner: Rob Harris**

## Local Hero Award

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### Nominees:

#### **Aimen Jafri**

Aimen is a prominent multicultural advocate in Tasmania, leveraging her lived experience, networks, and community knowledge to bring people together. Through platforms like ABC Radio and her significant contribution to the Multicultural Council of Tasmania, Aimen has amplified the voices of multicultural communities, fostering inclusivity and collaboration.

#### **Jeff & Jacqui Milkins**

For the past 7 years, Jeff and Jacqui have been dedicated to serving the Glenorchy community, providing vital support to those in need through the Salvation Army. They've facilitated thousands of meals and food hampers, offered practical and emotional assistance during difficult times, and fostered community connections through initiatives like their "Onsite Art" program.

#### **Peter Vogelsanger**

Peter assumed the position of Joint Coordinator for the Montrose/Rosetta Neighbourhood Watch group in 2021. Recognizing the need for broader Neighbourhood Watch coverage he utilized social media for outreach and organised community events.

**Winner: Aimen Jafri**

## Senior Citizen of the Year

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### Nominees:

#### Michael Kirkwood

Mike's dedication to the Glenorchy Rodman Bowls Club (GRBC) has been exemplary, serving in various leadership roles and transforming the club into a thriving business. His efforts in securing government funding and promoting the club to various organizations have significantly improved its facilities and community outreach. As Bar Manager, Mike not only oversees operations but also volunteers his time for maintenance tasks, ensuring the club's success and saving on operational costs.

Additionally, his involvement with the Claremont RSL Board demonstrates his commitment to community service beyond the club. Mike's remarkable leadership, time management skills, and effective communication have been instrumental in the success of GRBC.

#### Peter Vogelsanger

Peter Vogelsanger's dedication to community safety and well-being in Glenorchy is exemplary, demonstrated through his leadership and commitment to Neighbourhood Watch. Serving as a Joint Coordinator for the Montrose/Rosetta Neighbourhood Watch group, he actively promoted core objectives and engaged with community members to establish similar groups in other suburbs.

Recognizing the need for broader Neighbourhood Watch coverage, Peter proposed and coordinated the unique Greater Glenorchy Neighbourhood Watch trial, utilizing social media as a primary platform. Beyond Neighbourhood Watch, Peter organizes community events, such as Cuppa with a Cop, fostering positive relationships between locals and law enforcement. His efforts extend to promoting online safety, facilitating "Get Online Week" events, and providing guidance at the

Botanical Gardens, showcasing his unwavering dedication to community service and connection.

### Winners: Michael Kirkwood and Peter Vogelsanger

## Young Citizen of the Year

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### Nominees:

#### Kodie Kamaric

Kodie is a passionate young volunteer whose presence is felt in the smiles of residents enjoying cleaner and safer parks, and the bonds formed through the community projects in which he participates. He embodies the spirit of compassion and empathy, making him a beloved figure in the Glenorchy City Council area.

#### Jackson Mellor

Jackson is an exemplary young athlete, excelling in the sports of Discus and Hammer throw. He has represented Australia three times in his career already and surely has a bright future in athletics, and as a role model.

Jackson has served as the Muscular Dystrophy Tasmania Youth Ambassador for two years, representing the brand at multiple events.

### Winner: Jackson Mellor

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### **Jeff & Jacqui Milkins**

Jeff and Jacqui have been pivotal figures in the Glenorchy community for the past seven years, dedicating themselves to serving those facing hardship and injustice. Since the opening of the Salvation Army Glenorchy building in 2019, they have transformed it into a welcoming and supportive space, providing thousands of meals and food hampers while offering practical and emotional support to those in need. Their attentive listening and tailored programs have addressed the community's needs, fostered connections, and combatted isolation, notably through their art program. Collaborating with various organizations and schools, they've strengthened Glenorchy and educated future generations about social justice. Through their leadership and selfless commitment, they've inspired a team of volunteers and set an exemplary standard of putting others first, making them deserving recipients of the Citizen of the Year award.

**Winner: Jeff and Jacqui Milkins**

## Volunteer Recognition

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### **Stephen Denholm**

Serving as President of the Historical Arms & Military Society of Tasmania (HAMST) since 2020, Steve has revitalized the club and fostered community engagement in Glenorchy and greater Hobart.

### **Chritine Carr**

Dedicating over 20 years of her time to supporting the community, Christine serves as the Treasurer of the Claremont Cricket Club, actively engaging with sponsors, organizing fundraising events, and volunteering at the canteen on weekends.

### **Dr Craig White**

Focusing on improving sexual and reproductive health for Tasmanians of all backgrounds and identities, Dr. White's unwavering commitment to community health shines through his efforts in not-for-profit leadership roles.

### **Margaret Mangan**

Margaret volunteered with the Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania since early 2023, providing support to English Conversation Classes and Multicultural Accommodation and Learning Centre activities, fostering empowerment, and facilitating pathways to employment within the community.

### **Madaleine Rhodes**

Madeleine has been member of the State Emergency Service for over four years, responding to numerous calls for assistance in the Glenorchy municipality and greater Hobart area. Recently promoted to unit training officer, she now oversees the training of over 60 volunteers.

### **Marie Smith**

Volunteering for Cancer Council Tasmania since 2004, Marie has been a participant and organizer of fundraising events like Relay for Life and Daffodil Day for over 21 years.

### **Kishor Nepal**

Kishor volunteers at Glenorchy Library as an Adult Literacy and Numeracy teacher. He is also involved in assisting migrants from diverse cultural backgrounds with settling into their new lives in Hobart.

### **Goodwood Community Centre**

The following volunteers all volunteer at the Goodwood Community Centre, a progressive, safe and sharing environment, offering access to a strong network and a wide range of activities and learning opportunities to encourage a connected and vibrant community.

### **Annette Rankin**

Annette has been a dedicated volunteer at the Centre's Eating with Friends program, contributing her time and skills to kitchen duties such as food preparation and maintaining cleanliness.

### **Emma Cowie**

Emma contributes to various programs including the Community Garden and food relief initiatives, completing tasks like garden maintenance, event setup, and food preparation.

### **Hailey Jarvis**

Whether assisting in canteen sales, packing, or aiding in event setups, Hailey consistently demonstrates a proactive attitude and readiness to help wherever needed, already showcasing leadership and altruism at only 14.

### **Nola Steele**

Nola has dedicated herself to the upkeep of the community garden and assisting with the food relief program.

### **Pam Cleaver**

Pam is a longstanding member and volunteer. She assists with the Eating with Friends program, the food relief initiative, and is actively involved in the garden.

### **Ruth Crossingham**

Ruth has been a dedicated volunteer at the Community Centre for years. Her contributions include food preparation, serving, and ensuring kitchen cleanliness.

### **Saxon McDonald**

Saxon, has been volunteering at the Community Garden. He enthusiastically assists with various garden tasks, including harvests, event setups, and maintenance duties.

### **Therese Vincent**

Therese has been a valuable volunteer for several years, primarily assisting with administrative tasks such as answering phones and providing support to clients.

### **St Johns**

The next group have volunteered thousands of hours of support and care through St Johns Ambulance Tasmania. Their work primarily involves transport assistance and shopping access to elderly and disabled individuals. This includes transport medical appointments and assisting with shopping needs, which fosters independence and community and social engagement.

### **Carol Smith**

Transport driver and shopping assistance, over 1,000 hours of service.

### **Clare Moore**

Shopping assistance, over 120 hours of service.

### **Danny Tringrove**

Transport driver, over 4,800 hours of service.

### **Kathryn Gilmore**

Shopping assistance, over 340 hours of service.

### **Lance Rowbottom**

Transport driver, over 600 hours of service.

**Lorraine Simonds**

Transport driver and shopping assistance, over 150 hours of service.

**Peter Collin**

Transport driver and gardening volunteers, over 1400 hours of service.

**Peter Fitzgerald**

Transport driver, over 8000 hours of service since 2010!

**Preety Maharjan**

Shopping assistance, over 430 hours of service.

**Remedios Hawkins**

Shopping assistance, over 2000 hours of service.

**Sharanpreet Singh**

Shopping assistance, over 70 hours of service.

**Tim Steel**

Transport driver, over 1100 hours of service.

**Valerie Kluver**

Shopping assistance, over 550 hours of service.

**Vanice Wigmore**

Transport driver, over 2400 hours of service.