



## 2022 Glenorchy Community Awards Nominees and Award Recipients

Each year, the Glenorchy Community Awards aim to recognise and celebrate outstanding achievement in the Glenorchy community.

We had a fantastic response to this year's awards with 21 nominations received. Read on below to learn about some of the amazing work carried out by our nominees and who were the well-deserved recipients of the awards.

### Citizen of the Year

**Maria Jakob** - Maria has done volunteer work for 40 years. Maria worked in the tuck shop at Dominic College from 1970 to the late 80's, she was the president of Glenorchy Red Cross and has been a working member for 29 years, worked every Monday in the op shop for 20 years and received her Long Service Medal in 2008. Maria has door knocked for the Red Cross and Heart Foundation. Maria has also spent many years singing in German Choir visiting nursing homes in Glenorchy and around the state. Maria has received volunteer Awards with GCC.

**Eric Myers** - Eric has a history of volunteering going back to the 1980's. More recently Eric has been involved with Claremont Rotary as board member, Secretary and Treasurer. He has been an exchange host for adults and children for Rotary International, an 'E' team mentor and a young achievers Australia mentor. Eric also helped organise the 'Postie' bike ride from Hobart to Cairns. Eric has also been a board member for the YMCA. A recent and continuing project is Eric's involvement with TadTas, a not-for-profit organisation that helps give technical aid to health aid users by modifying equipment used by people with disabilities to suit their individual needs. Eric was the instigator and coordinator for Claremont Rotary to organise the 'Walk of Remembrance' in partnership with Claremont RSL, GCC and Cadbury using interpretive panels explaining the history of the Army camp that was located on the Cadbury Peninsular during WW1.

**Lenna Grainger** - Lenna is an outstanding candidate with her commitment to ongoing community service at Lady Clark Centre Inc. Lenna has enriched the resident community by supporting residents that live at Lady Clark Centre Inc. Retirement Village in the areas of activities, companionship, advocacy and service. Lenna has provided ongoing community service and enriched village life for those living in the retirement village by arranging and hosting activities over many years. Lenna was also elected to the Board of Management at LCRV in 2018 as a resident member and always endeavours to promote and advocate the needs of residents to the other directors, financial running of the business and transparency and open communication to residents.

**Agnes Frith** - Agnes has provided a community service by establishing the Golden Wattle Cafe in Glenorchy. The first of its kind in Tasmania, the Golden Wattle Cafe is for people living with dementia and their caregivers. The cafe is a safe and non-judgemental space for dementia sufferers and caregivers to socialise and have a good time in a relaxed environment. It was a heart wrenching blow for Agnes when the Golden Wattle Cafe had to close temporarily, due to COVID restrictions. However, the time away from the cafe proved valuable. When Agnes and her team of volunteers re-opened the doors of the Golden Wattle Cafe in October 2020, guests could take advantage of the introduction of art and craft activities. There are also plans for regular sing-a-long sessions, musical guests and other outside entertainment. Agnes should be recognised and congratulated for this initiative and her dedication to improving the lives of others.

## The 2022 Glenorchy Citizen of the Year Award goes to... Eric Myers.

### Young Citizen of the Year

**Eli Morrison** – Eli has been a Student Leader at Guilford Young College. Prior to this as a Year 11 student, Eli was actively involved in the Glenorchy Campus Just Act Student Committee. This Committee raises awareness of issues within the College and wider community of justice and aims to build a positive community spirit.

Eli has also been associated with the Scouting movement for over 9 years and has used this experience to encourage people to take a positive risk to be involved with the community. Eli has a positive and caring demeanor and is often seen around the campus, or when visitors are on campus, welcoming, helping people to feel comfortable and approaching people to assist with a dignified and inclusive manner. He has made a great contribution to the wellbeing of our community and represents the wider Glenorchy community as a fine young person with much to contribute to society.

## The 2022 Glenorchy Young Citizen of the Year Award goes to... Eli Morrison.

### Sports Achievement Award

**All About Fitness** - All About fitness has been going for 10 years after working with GCC for 2 years at the Chigwell Barn with Heart Moves, a gentle exercise program aimed at rehabilitation and specific exercise programs for people over 50. Instructor Paul found a gap and need for personal fitness tailored to individuals needs due to illness and injury and has found a gap between physio treatment and traditional exercise. All about fitness is not just about exercise. Paul promotes clear and positive thinking while conducting his classes, has a strong following in the industry and is well respected by clients and peers alike and promotes a friendly and social atmosphere within the group, offering social activities throughout the year.

The benefits are many, by collaborating with the individuals of a mature age and supervising their treatment and exercise he is able to keep them living at home longer, look after themselves better and keep them out of busy clinics and hospitals. His clients get to meet others with similar illness and injury and therefore feel less alone at their times of need. Diverse individual treatment, a good

social atmosphere helps clients to stay fit and healthy in body and mind to help face everyday challenges.

**John Clarke and Judy Latham - Glenorchy Rodman Bowls Club** - John and Judy were appointed as joint bar managers about 3 years ago and have not or will not accept any payment for the work they do for the club. Every day of the week you can find them both at the club first thing of a morning and often the last pair to leave of a night. Whilst John is organizing the bar, Judy is always finding something to do cleaning the clubrooms or outside in the gardens. They are there early in the morning to set up for Moonah Probus Club meetings or late to set up darts on Wednesday nights during winter and arrange meeting space for the Glenorchy Garden Club. They cook the BBQ on a Wednesday night and collect entry fees for social bowls.

Whilst as a Club we can express our thanks to them, an award such as this would express the thoughts of all members and members of the Glenorchy community who use the Club. They truly deserve the recognition they may receive because again, we as a Club cannot express how grateful we are for what they do to make life enjoyable for all who attend our great Club.

**Seishin Martial Arts** - Seishin Martial Arts call Glenorchy home in the YMCA building. Seishin head coaches Carla and Lewis Willing created a judo club that is for all abilities. Seishin runs a school program which Cosgrove high students have just completed recently another 5-week course. Each school term Seishin Martial Arts offer 12-week beginners No Limits course especially design to teach judo and adapt all coaching to each individual needs and abilities. Seishin also focus in being able support members with mental health like anxiety. Seishin members families and other support networks has noticed changes in members abilities with confidence, focus on learning spaces and mental health improving and much more. Seishin Martial Arts has created a community that has sense of belonging and local families have the support of the club and other families that are involved with them.

**Glenorchy Knights Football Club** - The Glenorchy Knights National Premier League (NPL) team won the NPL title in 2021, making them the best soccer team in the state. In 3 short years since re-entering the NPL State League, they have risen to be the best and strongest teams in the state. On top of the NPL success, the club has grown in all aspects. This year they had over 180 junior players, fielding 15 teams in the Central Region competition, over 100 youth players, fielding 7 teams in the Southern Region competition, and over 100 senior players, playing in teams from NPL to Division 4.

The Knights Women's and Girls programs are increasing with more female teams this year than ever before. The Knights are also striving to have a women's team in the WSL (Women's Super League) in the next couple years. The Glenorchy Knights Football Club gives all the young soccer players in the northern suburbs something to strive for. The whole Club's achievements should be recognised, and in particular the NPL team.

**The 2022 Glenorchy Sports Achievement Award goes to... John Clarke and Judy Latham- Glenorchy Rodman Bowls Club.**

## All Abilities Award

**Luke Rand - Ramp Up** - Luke's different abilities meant that he was unable to hold down a normal part time job like other teenagers. So, whilst in year 10 and from a maths project, he set up his own business and created his own job. His goals in doing this are to contribute to society and to save for a boat. In grade 10 Luke was the only student to receive a distinction for his schoolwork and he also won the Enterprise Award sponsored by the Lions club for his business 2018.

Luke business is growing, last year sold just over \$35K in toilet paper. This year he is already halfway there to meeting his budget of \$42K for this financial year - maybe he can reach \$50K by the end of the year. Luke has a passion for the environment and is careful in his selection of products. Luke also has a great sense of humour and a fun and cheeky personality. That is why Who Gives a Crap is a great fit for Luke. Luke's business is now employing a warehouse co-ordinator from the local council area to help grow his business to stock other products. Through selling some new products to increase sales, he is hoping to create another local employment opportunity with a 3 day a week store person role.

Through his generosity, he has made numerous donations to support those in need. He has donated over \$1,000 to Sleep Out for the Salvos, he participates in the Glenorchy City Council International Day for People with a Disability, he does Beyond the Classroom presentations at the Salvo's in Glenorchy. Luke donates toilet paper from time to time to those in need.

## **The 2022 All Abilities Award goes to... Luke Rand.**

## Community Group of the Year

**West Moonah Community House** - The West Moonah Community House has greatly benefited the Glenorchy community for the last 30 years. It is a vibrant, caring and community-minded organisation that is doing amazing things to support people in their community. It is a very welcoming place for people to come and participate in the many programs and activities they have to offer - from community classes (eg, cooking, dancing), information sessions, community men's shed, gardening activities, social activities, food support, children's activities, free counselling for members etc, all provided to meet needs in the community and improve health and wellbeing. The social connection it provides cannot be overstated, especially since COVID began. It is a vital support for many in the local community. For the last 8 years the Community House has joined forces with Rotary Tasmania to host an annual Wellness Expo to showcase to the community the many health and wellbeing organisations who are out there for them.

**CatholicCare** - CatholicCare Tasmania is the primary social services agency of the Catholic Church in Tasmania, with a mission to foster a love for the poor and the vulnerable. Services are available for all people of all backgrounds, beliefs, and circumstances. From its beginnings in 1960, the organisation is now an employer of over to 440 staff and 50 plus volunteers, providing services to over 11 ,800 Tasmanians in 2020/21. By partnering with state, federal, and local government, CatholicCare Tasmania delivers a diverse range of over 35 programs united by a shared commitment to improve the wellbeing of individuals, families, and communities in need.

**Langford Support Services Community Hub** - The Community Hub has gone from strength to strength in its first year of operation in Lenah Valley. The team have hosted a wide variety of community-based activities on-site and elsewhere in the community, the Hub has become a touchstone for NDIS participants, including people of all ages living with intellectual and/or physical disability and mental health diagnoses. The Glenorchy community has benefitted considerably from the Community Hub and individual participants have spoken up about how much it has impacted their lives in a positive way; to have an inclusive space where they can meet others with common interests and engage with whatever things they really have a passion for.

**Lions Club of Glenorchy City** - The Glenorchy Lions Club work hard and have a strong community spirit, taking an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of our community. The Glenorchy Lions provide an outlet for individuals to meet new people, take interest in issues of concern to the community and help out people in need. The Lions Club of Glenorchy City recognise that a socially inclusive and accepting community is a more productive, positive and happier community. In more recent times, the Lions Club of Glenorchy City has responded to the ongoing pandemic and adapted their services to provide for those in our community most in need. Located in Berriedale, the Club has established a community drop-in space accessible for the greater community. The club has a fully functioning kitchen which is available for other local organisations to hire.

**Glenorchy District Football Club** - The Glenorchy District Football Club have a proud history in the northern suburbs of Hobart. Within recent years, the club has undertaken a range of initiatives for the municipality, including; overseeing the development of the KGV sporting precinct, establishment of the Northern Heartland Community Project, establishment of the GDFC Cafe and multicultural food outlet and support for RSL members upon the closure of the Glenorchy RSL Club.

The club puts particular focus on juniors and youth in Glenorchy City and had an all-inclusive approach. This is reflected in programmes with disability organisations including support for New Horizons Tasmania's Southern Division to develop training sessions for their clients. The training sessions are carried out voluntarily by senior players and coaches. Most notably, the club's activities over the last eighteen months have been truly outstanding. Their activities have helped to maintain a reassuring sense of community during a truly unpredictable and challenging time.

**Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur (Australia) Limited** - Circle of Love & Care, free food service was started in Hobart at Mathers' House (Weekly Monday & Tuesday) from 29th March, 2021 and at The Multicultural Hub, Moonah (weekly Thursday & Friday) from 6th May 2021. The free food service benefits the community in need, in the Glenorchy Council area. The service is provided every week, 2 days a week, irrespective of public holiday. It is a truly selfless service provided by SRMD Australia for the community.

**Country Music Association of Southern Tasmania** - The club has been operating for more than 50 years within the Glenorchy Community. The club has entertained over these years at various venues within the municipality including nursing homes, outdoor country shows and other venues providing entertainment on a voluntary basis. For the past 30 years the Club has been operating from Glenorchy Golden Years Club providing entertainment each Tuesday and Thursday evening attracting a crowd of people including the elderly, disabled and anyone interested in live music and dancing. The club is very proud that it can provide this service to the elderly folk of Glenorchy, and we look forward to continuing to provide this entertainment for many years to come.

**Tasmanian Malay Cultural Society** - The society organised community activities at Multicultural Hub, MCOT in Moonah in 2021 including: Kompang (Malay Hand Drum) Workshop in January. The objectives were to connect the Malays communities surrounding Glenorchy with local Tasmanians through cultural activities and positively reflect Malays cultures enrichment and to promote Glenorchy city as a place that promotes culture diversity and inclusiveness.

Celebrate Eid Festival with Glenorchy City Communities at MCOT. This family friendly event was open to all and provided a chance for the Malay community largely from Malaysia, Indonesia, and Singapore to celebrate the end of Ramadan and to connect with friends from other groups and communities.

**Friends of Zafira** - With kindness and dignity, Friends of Zafira are facilitating the integration of many Hazaras into the Tasmanian community. Zafira means 'triumph over adversity'. It is reflective of a refugee's Journey. The Friends of Zafira journey started in 2017, when Kirsten Singleton purchased a takeaway store in Moonah. Kirsten had a plan to create a welcoming space for the local multicultural community. Kirsten had a long-term vision to establish the premises as a training provider for former refugees and asylum seekers. Since that time, the takeaway store - formerly known as the Gormanston Foodstore - has transformed into Zafira Fine Foods.

Friends of Zafira was established to advance the activities of Zafira Fine Foods; to nurture bonds with refugees who have engaged with Zafira Fine Foods. Friends of Zafira has so far provided employment to over 25 people who have worked at Zafira Fine Foods. This is in addition to offering training opportunities and social supports, food being the connection to learn, share culture and forge friendships. Friends of Zafira deserve recognition for their dedication to ensure migrant communities are presented with opportunities previously not attainable, particularly in the northern suburbs of Hobart.

## **The 2022 Glenorchy Community Group of the Year Award goes to... Lions Club of Glenorchy City.**

### **School Group of the Year Award**

**Student Representative Council - Springfield Gardens Primary** – The SRC have been instrumental in all areas of planning and implementing a Bush Food Garden within the school grounds. The planning commences in Term 1 and was completed in the final weeks of Term 3. The SRC identified the need for a space within our school to celebrate Aboriginal culture and to create a space for those students who identify as Aboriginal to call their own. The garden is a space where Aboriginal education can be provided for the whole school and the wider community to learn about Aboriginal culture. THE SRC particularly created the space to highlight the importance of Tasmanian native plants in Aboriginal culture.

Since the installation of the garden space, it has become a regular meeting place for the Aboriginal Student Group who meet during lunchtime to talk about culture and have a yarn. The garden has become a sensory space for students who need to regulate their emotions throughout the day. Others within the community find it a relaxing place to sit and interact.

The SRC are a worthy recipient of this award as they used their initiative to identify a need in our school community and consulted with stakeholders within our school and community to plan and implement the project.

**Rosetta Primary E-Team** - The School E-team group is a significant part of the culture of the school and consistently models good environmental practice. This group consists of students from prep-grade 6. They arrange events and highlight significant days of action like Clean up Australia Day, Earth Hour, Plastic Free Days and Tree Day.

The group volunteer their time and students interact on many levels to ensure support and interest is maintained throughout the school. Their work is widely accepted as they have gained consistent credibility in accepting challenges and maintaining purpose. Regular gardening and composting challenges are willingly undertaken. Recently the E-team undertook the Mobile Phone Muster and were winners of the state award 2021. The wider Rosetta community became fully engaged in the recycling initiative and participation results were outstanding. The E-team also promote separate recycling options around the school and classrooms.

Reducing green waste and plastic has been a big focus in recent years and regular weekly routines to manage this have shown a reduction in overall usage. With increased awareness has come student led and promoted action that embrace the concerns of climate challenges that the e-Team can make positive contributions to addressing.

**The School Group of the Year Award goes... both the SRC- Springfield Gardens Primary and the Rosetta Primary E- Team as joint recipients.**

**Congratulations to all the nominees and recipients of this year's awards!**