



CISVic Honour Roll 2015 inductees

Community Information & Support Victoria is pleased to formally recognise some of the many people who have made a significant contribution to the community information and support sector through their work at the local, regional and/or state level. All of our workers, both voluntary and paid, at member agencies are eligible for nomination. This is not simply a long-service award. It is with great pleasure that we congratulate the inductees listed below, and acknowledge their contributions to the community by recording their names on our Honour Roll.

Vicki Martin, Community Support Frankston (CSF)

Vicki has been associated with the CSF since 1982 as both a volunteer and in paid managerial positions. Her leadership, insight and drive have helped place CSF as a leading provider of information and support services in Victoria, particularly by her work in developing and sustaining comprehensive networks of individuals and organisations that share common interests with the CSF. Vicki ensured that the CSF not only had the resources to undertake its functions but also the policies and procedures that supported the smooth and efficient delivery of those services across the CSF catchment area.

Vicki was instrumental in establishing the Frankston Volunteer Resource Centre and served as its Treasurer for many years. She also participated fully in the Westernport Regional Association of Community Information Centres that were of great value enabling the sharing of ideas and seeking solutions to mutual problems experienced by agencies.

Vicki's contributions to the CSF and her community have also been recognised by her election to Life Membership of the CFS and by Rotary International via her awarding of the Paul Harris Fellowship. The Australian Government awarded Vicki the Centenary Medal in 2001.

Vicki is co-author of a highly acclaimed book on the provision of emergency relief. This high quality publication was purchased by the Australian Government for distribution to emergency relief agencies across the country.

Diane Lucas – Box Hill Citizens Advice Bureau

Over her time at the Box Hill CAB, Di has achieved significant change and growth for the bureau, especially in the new environment of reduced funding. In particular, Di re-vamped the emergency food arrangements by installing commercial food storage and establishing a foodbank of donated goods that has resulted in clients receiving far more food parcels than the previous food voucher system.

Di has introduced new and much needed HR processes along with a proactive recruitment drive that has significantly improved the calibre and number of volunteers. Other initiatives include partnerships with Monash University to provide free counselling services utilising experienced counselling students and accessing the

Governments “Work for the Dole” program to bring in needed skills, provide employment opportunities and support funding.

These initiatives plus Di’s passion and strong advocacy skills have greatly raised the profile of the CAB to such a degree that a range of dignitaries, including the State Premier have visited the agency to observe how it carries out its role in support the community.

Judy Peake – Monash Waverly Community Information & Support (MWCIS)

Judy has been a tireless worker in her local community and had held many key roles at the MWCIS over many years. These roles have not only included direct work with clients, but also as a committee member holding various roles including President and Emergency Relief Coordinator. In all these roles Judy would contribute countless extra hours.

Over the years Judy’s initiatives and new programs have greatly benefitted the clients in her local area on an ongoing basis. These include implementing a Tax Help service, organising fund raising initiatives such as the Charity Christmas Card initiative as well as being instrumental in implementing the agency’s standard services such as arranging vouchers, food parcels and other goods, and sourcing partners for these projects.

Judy is well known locally, particularly for her advocacy work as well as her many speaking engagements at private functions, organisations, churches, clubs and businesses. In these roles she has greatly raised the awareness of her agency and the needs in the community. She has been particularly effective in publicising the agency’s critical work.

Through this work, Judy has raised thousands of dollars as well as generated considerable material donations for the agency that have resulted in incalculable benefits to the local community.

Judy has also been recognised by:

City of Monash 2013 Senior of the Year

Sir John Monash Volunteer of the Year

Rotary Int. Paul Harris award for services to the community

Carolyn Chisholm Award for Community Service