



Human Rights Week Award Winners 1991 - 2006

1991

Jennie Herrera

For her commitment to minority cultures and in particular for her dedicated struggle to uphold the civil and political rights of the East Timorese People.

Rodney Croome

For his courageous stance in promoting freedom of expression and the human rights of gay and lesbian people in Tasmania.

George Castley

For his energy and resourcefulness directed towards the alleviation of poverty and starvation amongst People of the Third World.

1992

Mary Parkinson

For her compassionate and innovative service to young people and children, and her practical and energetic support for refugees in Australia.

ARAFMI (Launceston) Inc.

For its dedication to and support for the mentally ill and their carers through direct service, public advocacy and the raising of the community awareness.

Jean Perkins

For her tireless and unassuming commitment to the human rights of women, children, Aboriginal people and people of non-English speaking background.

1993

Ida West

For her long, unselfish and consistent work in fostering understanding between people of different cultures and backgrounds.

Joy Cairns

For her insight, initiative, dedication, commitment and advocacy for the benefit of people with disabilities.

Julian Punch

For his ability to encourage homeless and unemployed youth to exercise initiative and self-help, and for his work for justice and peace.

Commendation: Department of Parks, Wildlife and Heritage

For displaying positive attitudes and taking initiatives towards providing equal opportunity for people with disabilities to access the community.

Sheraton Hobart Hotel

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1994

Diana Hodgetts

For her devotion to the advancement of services to the deaf, and in recognition of her personal qualities which have encouraged harmony and greater understanding between the deaf and hearing communities.

Topsy Evans

For her outstanding commitment to human rights issues, particularly her involvement both locally and overseas in education and prevention of domestic violence and HIV/AIDS.

Dr Judy Henderson

For her dedication, unstinting commitment, and wide-ranging initiatives she has taken on environmental issues, and her valued work in the fields of child health and overseas aid.

Tasmanian Gay & Lesbian Rights Group

For their courageous, energetic and unyielding efforts to uphold basic human rights of tolerance, acceptance of diversity and understanding, which are fundamental to the recognition of the inherent dignity of all human beings.

1995

Mr Barry Smith

For his tireless, energetic and unselfish commitment and dedication to the promotion and creation of harmonious relationships between people of different races, cultures and abilities.

Mr George Burton

For his vigorous and uncompromising adherence to principles of fairness and equity in pursuing just treatment for people who are drug dependent.

Special mention: Terrapin Puppet Theatre

The Terrapin Puppet Theatre will also receive a Special Mention for its work in bringing forward to the public human rights issues by means of the performance "Freedom of the Heart"

1996

The Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness (ASSPA) of Margate Primary School.

For their unselfish and energetic efforts to eliminate barriers between the wider community and Aboriginal people and their enhancement of the reconciliation process.

Mrs Audrey Moore

For her tireless advancement of the cause of peace both locally and internationally particularly through the Women's International League For Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

Mrs Draga Port

For her tireless dedication and commitment over fifty years to the welfare and betterment of the migrant community and her fellow human beings.

Special Mention: Mrs Chrissie Vine and Mrs Olive Lonergan

For their many years of untiring and supportive dedication to the work of UNICEF in Tasmania.

Community Refugee Settlement Scheme

For their compassionate and humanitarian work in the settlement of refugees in Tasmania.

1997

Pym Trueman

For her dedication, voluntary service in the areas of: peace, Aboriginal reconciliation, and Inter-faith relations.

Pierre Slicer

For his many years of personal commitment to, and courageous and inspirational involvement in, an all-embracing range of social justice, equity and environmental issues.

1998

Youth Awards

Tam Tran

For his innovative work in promoting racial harmony and social justice within organisations and to the wider community.

The Friends' School – One World Group

For their efforts through awareness raising and taking action particularly in the areas of civil, political and social rights.

Verbal commendations

Emma McGrath (year 9 student at McKillop College)

For her efforts in fundraising for victims of the tidal was in PNG – funds then channelled thru' World Vision.

Rhea Psereckis (year 10 student Mr Carmel College)

For her efforts through St. Vincent de Paul Conference group, and other community service involvement as well as social action initiatives within the school.

Tasmanian Awards for Humanitarian Activities

David Pearce

For his lifetime commitment to advocacy with and on behalf of Tasmanian living with Disabilities and their families, his courage, humour and persistence in the face of adversity, and his outstanding contribution to the cause of promoting respect and value, social justice and equality of opportunity for people with disabilities.

Brenda Hodge

For many years of support for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students at Margate PS and personal commitment in the promotion of reconciliation and cultural awareness in the wider community

Vonny Helberg O.A.M.

For her long-time personal efforts towards harmony and peace, by her assistance of other people in need, both in Australia and overseas.

1999

Mrs June Fassina

For her outstanding and long time commitment to human rights issues, particularly through her dedicated involvement with Amnesty International and Human Rights Week in Tasmania

Mrs Bronwen Meredith

For her extensive, lifelong commitment and advancement of Peace and Justice, and her work with a broad range of non-government organisations including Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Quaker Service.

Mr John Robert Newton

For his work and commitment in advancing and promoting humanitarian activities and in particular, rights for people with disabilities, including the establishment of Tasmanian with Disabilities.

Ms Robin Wilkinson, AM

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2000

Maxine Griffith

For her long-time work in personal advocacy for people with disabilities and her commitment to community development.

Roz Houston

For her courageous work with the Tasmanian Transgender Support Group in raising awareness and educating the community to understand and accept transgender issues.

2002

Robin Bowden

For her years of tireless dedication, advocacy and support of global social justice.

Debra Chandler

Human Rights Committee Launceston

For their commitment to human rights and harmony through networking, awareness raising and organising events within the community.

2003

New Norfolk High School

For showing outstanding commitment to challenging homophobia and affirming sexual diversity in the school communities.

Rosetta High School

For showing outstanding commitment to challenging homophobia and affirming sexual diversity in the school communities.

Newtown High School

For showing outstanding commitment to challenging homophobia and affirming sexual diversity in the school communities.

Tasmanians for Refugees

For supporting the rights of refugees and asylum seekers in Australia.

2004

Ms Anne Bevan

For her compassion, dedication and commitment to the mentally ill and their carers through direct service, public advocacy and raising awareness through ARAFMI.

Bridgewater and Gagebrook Urban Renewal Project (BURP)

For its energetic and enterprising work in the Bridgewater and Gagebrook region which has promoted confidence and increased self-esteem amongst the members of that community, has drawn people together and has immeasurably enhanced the quality of life for them.

Ms Alison Wiss

For her untiring commitment and contribution to the promotion of human rights, particularly through her involvement with Amnesty International.

2005

Awards for Humanitarian Activities

Martin O'Bryan

For his initiative and energetic commitment to the settlement of newly arrived refugees, for encouraging colleagues and friends to assist both in their settlement and in different tutoring programs.

Mental Health Tribunal Representation Scheme

For the generous commitment and dedication of the team members, to the needs and welfare of the mentally ill, through advocacy, support and caring legal representation.

2006

Awards for Humanitarian Activities

Ms Eva Richardson

For her gracious, unstinting and selfless service to both her own Aboriginal people and those of the wider Tasmanian community by promoting harmony and understanding between all people.

Mrs Ros Lewis

For her tireless and committed work in social justice, particularly through Oxfam and Launceston Human Rights Committee and as a mentor for young people.

Mr Robert Rands

For his initiative and dedicated work in raising awareness about cluster munitions through MiVac (Mines Victims and Clearance Trust) and his compassionate involvement with orphans in Sri Lanka.

Glenorchy Reconciliation Group

For its energetic, creative and long-standing commitment to, and work towards, reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people within the local communities of Hobart, Glenorchy and beyond.