



# 2021

# SA Women's Honour Roll

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Acknowledging and celebrating the  
achievements of South Australian women



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# Minister's Foreword

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2021 South Australian Women's Honour Roll. The Women's Honour Roll supports the formal recognition of contributions by women to the South Australian community. Formal recognition is vital to achieving gender equity for women and girls, as "you cannot be what you cannot see."

Since it was introduced, the Honour Roll has shone a light on the myriad ways that women make a difference in the South Australian community. It enables the contribution made by women to be more visible and acknowledges women who may not previously have been recognised.

The women nominated for this year's Honour Roll come from all backgrounds, communities and ages, and represent a diversity of sectors. Each of these women has made a difference in someone's life, addressed a need, and helped make their community stronger.

The 19 nominees showcased in this publication have gone above and beyond and made exceptional contributions as leaders, role models and champions of change. Their inspirational stories are a testament to what women can achieve, and their achievements serve to launch the dreams of our next generation of leaders by showing what is possible.

The recently launched South Australian Women's Leadership and Economic Security Strategy 2021-24 affirms the Marshall Government's commitment to make South Australia a leading state for women to live and work in. One of the pillars of the Strategy, Leadership and Recognition, focuses on ways to increase the number and visibility of women leaders and role models.

South Australia has a long and proud history of championing women and of women trailblazers. This new Strategy will continue the Marshall Government's commitment to achieve even greater opportunities for women and recognition of their efforts.

I congratulate our outstanding nominees for their contribution and commitment to leading change in our communities.



**Hon Michelle Lensink MLC**  
Minister for Human Services



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**OUTSTANDING  
NOMINEES**

# Shazia Choudhry

A champion for women from CALD and Muslim backgrounds

Shazia Choudhry is a strong, community minded leader and trailblazer in South Australia's Muslim community.

She has worked to empower women from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and Muslim backgrounds and inspire their participation in sports, public speaking, leadership and community activities.

As Vice President of the Muslim Australian Connections of South Australia (MACSA), Shazia has developed programs to assist members of the Muslim community and new arrivals to adjust to life in a new country. She designed and led the Women Wellbeing program, encompassing sports, art, parenting coaching, career counselling and information on health, family and relationships.

Shazia also designed the Social Inclusion through Sports program, featuring Junior Girls Cricket League and Junior Cricket coaching and implemented Learn to Swim and Beach Safety courses.

Shazia is the first Muslim woman appointed an Australia Day Ambassador, and the first woman and first Muslim woman to have played in the inaugural Inter-Nations Football tournament.

She selflessly volunteers countless hours to providing counselling and support to vulnerable people facing domestic violence, homesickness, bullying and harassment, financial hardship, sickness, and the challenges of disability.

To make her community safer, Shazia worked with White Ribbon Australia and the Australian Refugee Association to design an education program for perpetrators of domestic violence, to help them become more responsible towards women and their families.

During COVID-19, Shazia supported Muslim international students and others experiencing hardship by providing free meals. She regularly fundraises, participates and volunteers in the Adelaide Multicultural Eid and Al Salaam Festivals and has served as a Youth Leadership mentor for the Intercultural Youth Leadership Program.

A dedicated leader, in times of need, Shazia gladly steps in to provide assistance.

# Maureen Christie

Environmental champion and  
community educator

Maureen Christie has been working tirelessly for the environment and her community for over 26 years.

After retiring, Maureen moved to the South East of South Australia, and as a full-time volunteer served the community on several committees, including Friends of Mount Gambier Area Parks and the Country Women's Association.

Since 2001, her focus has been on shorebird conservation, community education and research and she has gone on to build a formidable reputation as a respected shorebird expert.

In that same year, she received her A-Class bird banding authority, becoming the first woman in South Australia and the second in Australia to hold an endorsement for cannon-netting, which is required to trap, tag and release shorebirds for research.

Her shorebird fieldwork, which has included surveying and catching in the South East, has resulted in numerous reports, peer-reviewed articles, newspaper items, and a book chapter.

In 2005 she initiated the founding of Friends of Shorebirds South East (FoSSE) and has been its Secretary and Treasurer ever since. In addition to conducting weekly shorebird surveys, the group monitors beach nesting birds that are listed as vulnerable, rare and endangered, contributing to their protection. She has played an important role in liaising with stakeholders and educating the public about the life and needs of resident and migratory shorebirds local to the area.

In a male dominated field, Maureen has been an inspiration to other women, and by providing training and mentoring, has contributed to empowering other women to follow in her footsteps.

Her exceptional contribution has raised public awareness of shorebirds and achieved tangible results for shorebird conservation through research, on-ground management actions, and shaping of policy.

# Rikki Cooke

## Supporting women and children living in poverty

Foster carer, social worker, single mum and CEO and founder of Treasure Boxes Inc., Rikki Cooke has been described as an all-round superwoman, working to reduce the number of women and children living in poverty.

Rikki's passion has always been helping children. After gaining her Bachelor of Behavioural Science degree and Master's degree in Social Work, Rikki worked as an Emergency Carer with the Department for Child Protection in residential care facilities across Adelaide. She also welcomes foster children into her home, and it was after four young children arrived on her doorstep in 2015 for emergency care with nothing but the clothes they were wearing, that the idea for Treasure Boxes began.

After seeking donations of clothes and toys for the children on her Facebook page, she realised there were countless other children in South Australia in the same position.

The generosity of her friends and the community inspired her to create an organisation to help children in the foster system experiencing disadvantage and living with nothing to provide them with comfort during a traumatic time.

Treasure Boxes began in her home but as it started to fill with donations, she expanded into a storage space and finally a warehouse with a small paid staff and a passionate, caring group of volunteers who work to provide for babies and kids in need.

To date, Treasure Boxes has supported over 722 babies and children, distributed over 4,473 treasure boxes and other items to families in need, at a retail value of over \$1 million.

Rikki is now setting her sights on expanding Treasure Boxes into remote communities in South Australia and the Northern Territory. An enthusiastic advocate of collective action, she believes 'a little effort from a million people can change the world'.

# Georgia Davies-Thain

## Campaigner for sex worker rights

Union organiser and researcher, Georgia Davies-Thain, is the Convenor of the Sex Industry Decriminalisation Action Committee of SA (SIDAC SA), campaigning for sex worker rights in South Australia.

In 2019 Georgia was awarded the Augusta Zadow Award to undertake research into the work, health and safety (WHS) requirements of the sex industry. She recognised the need for learning and practical tools to assist the industry to transition from a criminalised environment to a decriminalised model, where workers and persons conducting a business or undertaking will need to operate according to WHS laws.

As part of this work, Georgia conducted focus groups, surveys and face to face interviews, to ensure the needs of workers and employers were taken into account. She also produced guidance material to assist sex workers in writing and speaking about their lived experiences as sex workers.

Georgia has worked as an Organiser at the Health Services Union and is active in the Young Greens, supporting their women's committee and other initiatives. She is also a member of the Board of Seeds of Affinity, a not-for-profit organisation that supports women with lived experience of prison.



# Sabrina Davis

Helping rebuild communities by sharing stories of resilience

In 2008, after leaving Germany to explore the world, Sabrina Davis found her new home in South Australia. She lived on Kangaroo Island on a remote sheep farm with her family for 11 years before their property was destroyed by the 2020 bushfires.

After re-locating to a new community with her children and navigating life during COVID-19 lockdowns, Sabrina founded the not-for profit project Humans of Kangaroo Island to inspire and uplift her community.

Utilising her passion for writing and extensive experience in storytelling, communication and marketing, Sabrina used the Humans of Kangaroo Island platform to share the stories of locals and disaster-affected communities around Australia.

In her efforts to re-build Kangaroo Island communities, Sabrina instigated a fundraising campaign, raising \$60,000 to replace critical firefighting equipment for local farmers.

In acknowledgement of Sabrina's commitment to rebuilding communities following the 2019/20 Kangaroo Island bushfires, she was named Community Champion of the 2021 Advertiser and Sunday Mail Women of the Year Awards.

# Estela Fuentes

## Building wellbeing and resilience in the Spanish speaking community

Supporting others to build stronger and more resilient lives is Estela Fuente's passion.

Estela is a member of and volunteer in South Australia's Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and Spanish speaking communities and has worked on various projects dedicated to community development and wellbeing.

Estela has been instrumental in helping the community develop the Mariposa Trails Cross Cultural Education project, which aims to destigmatise mental health, recognise the fragility of human experience and the importance of resilience.

The project has launched a website providing information and resources on suicide prevention in English and Spanish, which seeks to raise awareness and engage communities by sharing lived experiences.

An engaged member of the Salisbury Suicide Prevention Network – Every Life Matters, she regularly volunteers for community events including RUOK Day, helping to spread the word about suicide prevention and mental health and wellbeing.

Estela is also a volunteer with Northern Volunteering, a volunteer resource centre in the northern Adelaide region, which has a large CALD community. She has contributed her knowledge and experience to support events including National Volunteer Week, where she has promoted the connection between wellbeing and resilience and volunteering.

# Alison Hams

Acclaimed musician and  
dedicated philanthropist

Alison Hams has dedicated her life to making a difference through music. Alison is well known for her contributions to Australian country music and as a professional and versatile performer, having performed around Australia and overseas, from New Zealand to Nashville, Tennessee.

Alison is a graduate of the elite Australian College of Country Music and her qualifications include a Diploma of Music and Specialist Certificate in Music Theory from Berklee College of Music in the United States.

In addition to her work as a musician, Alison is a dedicated philanthropist, giving her time and funds to causes including research into children's genetic and auto-immune diseases and environmental issues. She has also supported a variety of fundraisers and charities in her home base in Whyalla.

As co-owner of Stormfront Productions, Alison provides opportunities for First Nations, disadvantaged, and special needs students through education and mentoring.

Initiatives such as her self-funded Whyalla Recording Scholarship launched in conjunction with the Whyalla City Council, continue to support these aims.

A proudly South Australian artist, Alison has claimed a prestigious S.A.M.I. (South Australian Music Industry) Award and performed at the Young Australian of the Year awards at the Adelaide Hilton International. In 2006 she was presented with an esteemed SA Great! Regional Arts Award for her contribution to regional arts and music. In 2019 she added to a long list of awards, nominations and wins spanning 25 years, when she became a finalist in the Australian Women in Music Awards 'Humanitarian Award' category.

# Genevieve Handley

Health activist for people  
with cystic fibrosis

Genevieve Handley is an advocate for people with cystic fibrosis. She was diagnosed with this condition at the age of three and has refused to let it stand in her way.

Living with cystic fibrosis has meant that Genevieve has spent more than one and a half years of her life in hospital. She has survived a stroke, kidney failure, respiratory challenges and other major health concerns. This didn't stop her achieving a TER of 99.6, despite spending six weeks in hospital during her schooling and placing in the top 15% of her Biomedical Science and Physiotherapy studies.

Since 2012, driven by a thirst for knowledge, Genevieve has used her education to voluntarily lead campaigns for life saving cystic fibrosis medications to be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Through the YesToKalydeco, WeNeedOrkambi and YesToTrikafta campaign groups, she has tirelessly advocated through lengthy campaigns, for these medications to be added. The medications, the first to assist people living with cystic fibrosis, are projected to add decades to the life of people with the condition but are extremely expensive. Without these medications, life expectancy is 37 years of age.

Genevieve's work and desire to help others has contributed to Kalydeco, the first drug to treat the cause of several cystic fibrosis mutations, being placed on the PBS, saving lives and improving the health of many others living with the condition.

She was recognised for her work in 2016, when she was selected as a Finalist for the South Australian Young Australian of the Year award.

# Dr Annie Hensley MBE (1901–1989)

## Pioneering doctor in the treatment of diphtheria

Born on the Limestone Coast, Annie Hensley moved with her family to Victoria, where in 1918, she became one of only 23 women students at the University of Melbourne's medical school.

Annie graduated with five first class honours in her final year, and as one of the top 12 graduates, was offered a residency at Melbourne Hospital. Following her residency, she began her pioneering work with diphtheria, which had reached epidemic scale following the First World War.

Annie established the first large scale testing and immunising campaign in Australia, treating thousands of children in the 1920s. On her appointment as coordinator of the Melbourne City Council's first campaign to combat diphtheria in 1924, she undertook an education and vaccination campaign.

In 1924, she tested 11,270 children for the disease, and in 1925 treated over 16,000. Annie even designed the campaign posters and would spend half a day a week preparing the anti-toxins. In time, all the states set up immunisation programmes following the method she had established.

Ready for her next challenge, Annie received and accepted an invitation to establish a hospital in Fiji for Indian women whose religion forbade them from being examined by a man. After meeting and marrying her husband in Fiji, she returned to the South East, where she began a new medical life as a locum doctor. She went on to practice and consult until the age of 81.

In 1978 Annie was awarded the Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for her services to medicine.

# Vicki Holmes

Tirelessly working to improve the health of Aboriginal people

A descendent from the Tanganekald South East and Western Arrernte Clan, Vicki Holmes is passionate about building a healthy Aboriginal community.

Forty years ago, Vicki started working at Nunkuwarrin Yunti, a culturally sensitive and responsive Aboriginal health and wellbeing service in Adelaide. She began as a medical receptionist doing whatever was needed to support the community.

Later as the Health Coordinator, she expanded and developed programs including women's health, diabetes, and mental health. She now leads the organisation as Chief Executive Officer, a position she has held since 2010.

Under her leadership, Nunkuwarrin Yunti has grown from two sites to six in metropolitan Adelaide, and one on the Yorke Peninsula. With staff numbers almost tripling, she oversees the provision of health and chronic condition management for Aboriginal people.

Vicki supports her community through membership of various boards including the Aboriginal Health Council of SA, Research Excellence in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health and the First Peoples Congress.

Vicki remains passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal Community. She is always prepared to offer support and her door is always open for anyone who wants to have a yarn.

# Dorothy Hunt MBE

## (1900–1985)

Steadfast community member and founder of the Bordertown CWA

Dorothy Hunt spent her entire life dedicated to serving the Bordertown community and to improving conditions for country people. After establishing the Bordertown branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) in 1937, she served as its President and Secretary and would later serve as the CWA State and National President.

In Dorothy's time as State and National President, the CWA was a very real power in the land, with 268 branches in SA and 14,000 members. She was instrumental in purchasing the State headquarters on Dequetteville Terrace, Adelaide, and was both State and National President during the 1954 visit of Queen Elizabeth II, who she met in Canberra.

Dorothy was also instrumental in establishing Air Branches of the CWA and the Royal Flying Doctor base at Port Augusta, a memorial to country women who had lost their lives in World War II.

After concluding her terms as State and National President, Dorothy remained active in CWA affairs. She demonstrated her commitment to the local community as a long serving member of the Tatiara Institute Committee, including as Chair of the Ladies Committee, her involvement on the pre-school centre and swimming pool committees and as patron of the Bordertown Band.

In the 1958 New Year's Honours she received a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) award, for her service to country women.

# Dr Christine Kirby

Pioneering female gynaecologist  
and trailblazer in In Vitro  
Fertilisation

Growing up, Christine Kirby excelled in her studies and in her many interests and pursuits, which included playing A Grade basketball, swimming competitively and singing in a choir at St Peter's Cathedral.

Despite completing degrees in physiotherapy and medicine, in the late 1970s she was refused entry into the surgical training program at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH). Until this time, there had been no female surgical trainees, and after raising a discrimination case with the Professor of Surgery, she and a female colleague had the honour of becoming the first female surgical trainees at the hospital.

Christine worked in cardiothoracic surgery at the RAH and the Adelaide Children's Hospital, before commencing training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. In 1981 she passed her exams, becoming a member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in both England and Australia.

At the time, In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) was a fledgling science and Christine became closely involved with the first successful pregnancy of the newly formed infertility unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. She went on to run the unit and to further her experience by establishing a new IVF clinic in Auckland.

On her return to Australia, Christine took up a position in Reproductive Medicine with Repromed, a private company established by the University of Adelaide. As the unit expanded, she was the clinician responsible for the first IVF unit in Wakefield Street Hospital, which at the time was considered the best in Australia and among the best in the world.

Today, through her work at Repromed, Christine continues to help couples to conceive. Many of her patients, particularly in the early days of IVF, have honoured her by including Kirby in the name of their 'miracle' babies, a fitting tribute to a passionate and determined pioneer.



# Genéne Kleppe

Dedicated advocate for women in STEM and champion for women in the workforce

Genéne Kleppe is the CEO of Digital Twinning Australia, a female founded, owned and operated business in a male-dominated industry of big players.

Genéne began her career at a mine, where, as the only woman, no accommodation or facilities were provided for her. She has since dedicated much of her career to helping women in the mining and energy sectors and has led the way in the mining industry as a role model and mentor.

Genéne is now at the forefront of an emerging technology, Digital Twinning, and sees the opportunities this provides women in the work force. A digital twin is a tool to help engineers and operators understand not only how products are performing but how they will perform in the future.

Digital Twinning creates virtual real-world scenarios so work can be completed anywhere, reducing the need to work onsite for extended periods, and supporting ways of working anywhere and at any time.

Having seen first-hand how few women were entering STEM education, Genéne is passionate about creating opportunities for women in STEM. She recently worked with St Mary's College on a digital twinning project for their newly constructed sports centre. Her goal is to expand to other schools so girls can find a passion for STEM subjects in a practical, hands-on way.

# Kathy Lilis

## Champion of the domestic and family violence sector

Recognised for her dedication and leadership, Kathy Lilis has made an invaluable contribution to the domestic and family violence sector for more than 25 years.

Kathy is regarded as a manager who approaches each woman accessing a domestic violence service with a fresh set of eyes and a level of understanding and compassion that all clients appreciate. Her passionate, caring and supportive nature has her colleagues describing her as the heart of Women's Safety Services South Australia.

Kathy has shown great commitment to the domestic violence sector, organising fundraising and community awareness events for the betterment of the women and children accessing these services.

Kathy's fundraising efforts include raising \$250,000 for an Education Centre at Eastern Adelaide Domestic Violence Service (EADVS). This funding allowed the EADVS to build a space which supports and empowers women and children who have experienced domestic and family violence to make lasting and meaningful changes to their lives.

As a manager, Kathy will roll up her sleeves and do what's required when the need is great and necessary. Respected and trusted by those who work with her, she demonstrates unwavering strength and commitment to her work.

# Vida Maney OAM

Committed leader and volunteer  
in the Mundulla community

Vida Maney has been committed to serving the Mundulla community in many ways for many years.

Vida was born with a disability which led her to attend the Somerton Crippled Children's Home as a young child. She overcame its challenges and has gone on to make a significant contribution to the lives of others.

On completing her teacher's college training, Vida came to the Tatiara district to teach at the one teacher school at Cannawigra. After marrying, she settled in the area and had four children.

Vida's community service has included becoming involved in the Mundulla show in various roles and as President.

She documented Mundulla's history for the town's centenary in 1973 and in 1985 was invited to contribute Mundulla news for a section in the local paper, including reporting on the annual debutante ball. She continued to 'write up the ball' for the next 55 years.

The Tatiara District Council celebrated 150 years in 1995 and Vida became involved in compiling 'Great Women of the Good Country', a book featuring the stories of women from the earliest days of settlement to the sesquicentennial year. She researched and wrote the stories of more than 50 of the 92 women featured. Recognising the extraordinary achievements of women from her community, Vida nominated three women featured in the book for the 2021 SA Women's Honour Roll. All three are recognised as outstanding nominees in this publication.

# Caroline (Carol) Murray

## (1916–1988)

Determined leader in  
the Bordertown community

Caroline (Carol) Murray will forever be remembered in her home of Bordertown as the namesake of the local kindergarten. The Carol Murray Kindergarten was renamed in her honour in 1957, in recognition of her 'vision in face of difficulties and discouragement' and for being the driving force behind its establishment.

Carol spent her life giving to her community. She joined the Country Women's Association in 1937, the year it was established in Bordertown.

During World War II Carol became a foundation member of the Red Cross, sewing soldiers' clothes with the women of the district. She became the maintenance officer and armed with her screwdriver and can of oil, kept the sewing machines going.

Her primary contribution to the District came about after taking her daughter, Lyn, to her first day of school.

Witnessing crying, frightened children and distraught mothers, she saw the real need for a kindergarten, and set about calling a public meeting and gaining community support for the idea.

A committee to advance the idea was established and Carol was elected President, a position she held for the next 10 years. In 1949 a kindergarten was set up in the local church hall and Carol worked as one of two volunteer assistants. The hall was far from ideal, as each night everything had to be packed away for other users of the space.

Carol set her sights on fundraising for a dedicated building and permanent home for the kindergarten. Fundraising efforts included catering, mannequin parades and selling hundred-pound debentures (a debt not backed by collateral, but by the creditworthiness and reputation of the issuer). All were paid back within five years and in 1955, after 10 years of determination, the kindergarten was completed.

# Dr Pamela Schulz OAM

## Mentoring women leaders and supporting veterans

Academic and educator Dr Pamela Schulz was awarded an OAM in 2013 for services to public relations and the community. As Senior Adjunct Research Fellow at the University of South Australia (UniSA) in the School of Communications and International Studies (Creative Industry), Pamela continues her longer than 25-year career in communication management and community education.

She has qualifications in sociology and communications, as well as a Master's degree in education, and has worked as a print and radio journalist, teacher, and lecturer at UniSA.

During her career, Pamela has also worked as a public relations and communications specialist for SA courts, and has given presentations on language and its effect on public understanding and outcomes at conferences and venues around the world.

Pamela has volunteered many hours of her time to mentoring and supporting young women to develop their leadership potential and made an important contribution to reservists and veteran wellbeing, particularly through serving on the Defence Reserves Support Council in South Australia for six years and the Veterans Advisory Council of SA for five years.

# Dinah Thomasset-Hearn

Supporting women to value themselves as mothers

Dinah Thomasset-Hearn founded Villagehood Australia to provide the village all women need when they become mothers. She wanted to create a place where mothers could connect, collaborate and access life-enhancing classes and learning experiences, all while their children are being looked after.

Growing up in Casablanca, Morocco, Dinah enjoyed the love and support of a big village. She first moved to France at age nine, then to Australia as an adult. She went on to gain two Master's Degrees, in Marketing and Business, and establish a successful career in the design industry.

Although she had always felt the loss of the support network a village provides, it wasn't until she became a mother in Australia that she felt isolated. Experiencing post-natal depression and the frustration of trying to juggle part-time work and motherhood, Dinah decided to recreate the love and support of her childhood village by founding Villagehood Australia.

The first Villagehood Australia centre opened in 2020 and operates from Fulham Community Centre. For Dinah, Villagehood provides mothers with a place to feel loved, visible and valued.

A range of classes are offered, including meditation, groove dance, Pilates and art. Spaces are provided for mothers to work, while their children are looked after in the creche. Dinah experienced firsthand the cost of going back to work and considered providing affordable childcare at Villagehood of vital importance.

With Villagehood, Dinah has created an environment to support herself and other women to survive and thrive as mothers, and in their careers.

# Belinda Valentine

Advocate for vulnerable children  
and safer and stronger families

Belinda Valentine experienced the systems and supports available to families in crisis under tragic circumstances.

Belinda has since worked tirelessly as a child protection advocate over the past decade to achieve positive changes that keep children and families safe.

Belinda has contributed to recent changes in the child protection system, leading to better protection for vulnerable children. She was involved in lobbying for the appointment of a Children's Commissioner and helped establish a lived experience network within the Department of Human Services, to inform the child protection sector of vital community experiences and expectations.

In 2017–18 the South Australian Government commissioned Belinda to investigate existing community supports providing services to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect in our state. Her proposals for the reform and restructure of the service sector were considered an essential starting point, particularly in establishing the voice of the consumer in the reform process and increasing the community's capacity to self-report.

In 2020–21, the Department for Human Services appointed Belinda as a Senior Community Consultant and Co-Chair in the development of the Adults Supporting Kids (ASK) website. The website development involved parents, child protection advocates and the state government. It now provides 24/7 advice and opportunities to connect families to relevant services, and helps strengthen and empower families to identify and respond to risk by accessing information, help and support before reaching a point of crisis.

Belinda's passion, vision and dedication has contributed to making children and families safer, stronger and better supported.

# 2021 Nominees

## **G**

Ellen Carson  
Shazia Choudhry  
Maureen Christie  
Helen Connolly  
Rikki Cooke

## **D**

Georgia Davies-Thain  
Sabrina Davis

## **F**

Estela Fuentes

## **H**

Alison Hams  
Genevieve Handley  
Dr Annie Hensley MBE  
Vicki Holmes  
Dorothy Hunt MBE

## **K**

Joanne Kegel  
Dr Christine Kirby  
Genéne Kleppe

## **L**

Kathy Lilis

## **M**

Vida Maney OAM  
Paula May  
Caroline (Carol) Murray

## **P**

Rachel Perkins  
Wendy Perry

## **R**

Eman Rahim  
Mergho Ray

## **S**

Dr Pamela Schulz OAM

## **T**

Dinah Thomasset-Hearn

## **V**

Belinda Valentine  
Sandy Verschoor

## **W**

Shirley Wiese  
Meredith Wyles



# Past Nominees (2008–2021)

## A

Jane Abdilla	2009	Sue Balde	2008	Dr Helen Bradley	2011
Intessar Abou-Hamdan	2015	Heather Lorraine Baldock	2009	Winifred Branson	2009
Rachel Abdulla	2009	Penny Baldock	2013	Emeritus Professor	
Zulfiya Abdulla	2017	Valerie Ball OAM	2008	Freda Briggs AO	2008
Dr Wendy Abigail	2017	Elizabeth Ballinger	2008	Gloria Bristow	2008
Laura Adzanku	2019	Joy Baluch AM	2009	Dr Heather Brook	2019
Zita Adut Deng Ngor	2015	Kate Barnett	2013	Janet Brook	2017
Josie Agius (Auntie Josie)	2009	Kristina Barnett	2008	Nishelle Brooks	2017
Deb Agnew	2009	Karen Bartel	2009, 2017	Pauline Brooks	2009
Betty Alberton	2017	Eliza Bartlett	2017	Dr Mary Brooksbank AM	2015
Gillian Aldridge	2009	Mary Barton	2019	Eileen Brown	
Angeliki Alexiou	2011	Marjorie Bateson	2009	Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta	2009
Marg Allen	2015	Ali Beck	2009	Lorraine Brown	2015
Linda Allery	2008	Joy Bedford	2008	Margaret Brown	2015
Rose Alwyn	2019	Maggie Beer	2008	Sandra Kaye Brown	2008
Yvonne Norma Amey	2009	Alicia Beik	2019	Dr Janet Bryan	2009
Cintra Amos	2017	Mary Ellen Beilby	2009	Megan Bryant	2011
Donna Amos	2008	Patricia Veronica Bell JP	2009	Lee-Ann Tjunypa Buckskin	2017
Maureen Andrews	2008	Dorothy Belperio	2013	Mary Buckskin	2011
Franca Antonella OAM	2008	Vicki-ann		Pat Buckskin	2015
Mahamati Anutosh	2017	Bendessi-Whichello	2015	Virginia Bullock	2017
Fiona Arney	2017	Susan 'Grace' Benny	2019	Anne Bunning	2011
Elaine Ashworth	2009	Margie Berlemon	2009	Sam Burgess	2015
Catherine Atkinson	2013	Rose-Marie Berry	2009	Antoinette Burns	2009
Margaret Atkinson	2011	Linda Bertram	2015	Karen Burns	2008
Elaine Jillian Attwood	2009	Eva Bezak	2019	Muyuru Burton	2009
Emily Austin		Betty Bignell	2011		
Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta	2009	Patsy Biscoe	2008		
Sue Averay	2009	Lenora Bishop OAM	2009		
Cheryl Axelby	2013	Beverley Blacklock	2008		

## B

Anne Bachmann JP OAM	2009	Dyan Blacklock	2009		
Sue-Anne Badawee	2008	Pru Blackwell	2008		
Amanda Bailey	2019	Ann Bloor	2009		
Associate Professor		Dulcie Boag	2011		
Barbara Baird	2019	Elizabeth Bolton	2015		
Montesse Baker	2017	Penny Bonney	2017		
Dr Eva Balan-Vnuk	2019	Karen Emma Boss	2009		
		Lois Boswell	2013		
		Barbara Boulton	2008		
		Haidee Bound	2019		

## C

Melissa Jayne Marilyn	
Cadzow	2009
Shirley Callaghan	2009
Nicola Esti Caon	2009
Wendy Campana	2008
Toni Caputo	2017
Susan Jane Caracoussis	2009
Suzanne Carlton	2013
Ellen Carson	2021
Dr Jenni Caruso	2019
Pam Catcheside	2015
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