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Ten Australians

State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second

Chris Waller¹



Inductee, Australian Racing Hall of Fame

New South Wales

Chris Waller is a horse trainer whose significant contribution to Australian thoroughbred horse racing was recognised by his induction into the Australian Racing Hall of Fame².

Chris started as a relative unknown in the Australian horse industry whose humility, courtesy, candour and dignity has seen him progress to train multiple winning horses³.

These days, he is perhaps best known as the trainer of incredible mare Winx, a four-time winner of Australian Horse of the Year honours. Her Majesty The Queen, Elizabeth the Second even made an impassioned plea for the great mare to go to England⁴.

Chris also trained the gelding Chalk Stream⁵, owned by Her Majesty. Chris and Stephanie Waller were guests of Her Majesty for lunch during Royal Ascot in 2019 and gave her a shoe from Winx's final win in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes⁶.

<https://cwallerracing.com/>

¹ [Chris Waller Racing - CWR \(cwallerracing.com\)](https://cwallerracing.com/)

² [Australian Racing Hall of Fame](#)

³ [Chris Waller Racing - CWR \(cwallerracing.com\)](https://cwallerracing.com/)

⁴ [Queen Elizabeth dies: Gai Waterhouse, Chris Waller, Peter V'landys, Peter Moody remember a friend of racing \(smh.com.au\)](#)

⁵ [Chalk Stream Racehorse Profile, Stats, Form Guide, News & Results | Racenet](#)

⁶ [The Queen reveals her own horse racing failures to Winx trainer Chris Waller | Daily Mail Online.](#)

Danny Abdallah



Co-Creator of i4give Day and Foundation

New South Wales

Danny and Leila Abdallah suffered a devastating tragedy after losing their children on 1 February 2020.

The couple's children Sienna, 8, Angelina, 12, and Antony, 13 and their cousin Veronique Sakr, 11 were struck by an alcohol and drug affected driver as they walked on a footpath to get ice cream⁷.

In remembrance of the children, the family founded i4give Day (1 February each year), a national day of forgiveness and to help others who have suffered in a similar way. The family founded the i4give Foundation to increase community

awareness of the power of forgiveness to transform human relationship and to provide resilience toward human flourishing⁸.

Danny and Leila Abdallah were invited by the Pope to share their heartbreaking story at the 2022 World Meeting of Families in Rome on Saturday 25 June⁹.

<https://www.i4give.com/#!/home>

⁷ ['Our forgiveness is not contrary to justice': Victims' families stunned by sentence cut for Oatlands crash driver | SBS Arabic24](#)

⁸ [i4Give Day](#)

⁹ [Abdallah family deliver powerful Vatican speech - The Catholic Leader](#)

Dylan Alcott AO



Australian of the Year 2022

Victoria

As a teenager, Dylan Alcott never saw any role models like himself in the public domain¹⁰. His greatest ambition is to be that mainstream person who empowers Australians living with a disability.

Dylan is a world class athlete¹¹ who over his esteemed career has won multiple Paralympic gold medals in two sports, 12 tennis grand slams and in 2016 became the first athlete with a disability to win Tennis Australia's highest individual honour, the Newcombe Medal¹². In 2009, Dylan was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to sport as a Gold Medallist at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games¹³.

Amid his training and competition load, Dylan notes his most profound impact has come from beyond the field of play¹⁴. He founded the Dylan Alcott Foundation to provide scholarships and grant funding to marginalised Australians with a disability¹⁵. Dylan also founded Get Skilled Access, a consulting organisation specialising in disability and access for corporations and governments¹⁶ and Ability Fest, Australia's first and only inclusive, fully accessible music festival¹⁷.

In 2022, Dylan was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for his distinguished service to Paralympic sport, particularly to tennis, and as a role model for people with disability, and to the community through a range of organisations¹⁸.

<https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/recipients/dylan-alcott-ao>

¹⁰ [Dylan Alcott AO - Australian of the Year](#)

¹¹ [Dylan Alcott AO - Australian of the Year](#)

¹² [The GSA Team | Get Skilled Access](#)

¹³ [Award Extract - Australian Honours Search Facility \(pmc.gov.au\)](#)

¹⁴ [Dylan Alcott AO - Australian of the Year](#)

¹⁵ [Dylan Alcott AO - Australian of the Year](#)

¹⁶ [The GSA Team | Get Skilled Access](#)

¹⁷ [Dylan Alcott AO - Australian of the Year](#)

¹⁸ [Award Extract - Australian Honours Search Facility \(pmc.gov.au\)](#)

Kim Smith APM



Tasmanian Local Hero 2022

Tasmania

When Kim Smith APM retired as a police officer in 2010, he joined the Rotary Club of Sullivans Cove. His achievements as a member and volunteer have been truly legendary¹⁹.

Kim oversaw the formation and management of Reclink, which organises sporting activities for street youth becoming clean, as well as the Young Women's program, mentoring teenage girls who were survivors of abuse and neglect²⁰.

Additionally, Kim took on the role of L1 Learner's Licence Road Rules tutor for the West Moonah Community House. With the challenge of teaching refugees with a wide variance in English skills, Kim's solution was to develop Road Maps, using toy cars, as well as initiating videos to demonstrate the road rules in action. His idea was such a huge success, the program began receiving government grants, with 25 videos produced in five languages. Over 800 people have passed through the scheme²¹.

Kim was awarded the Australian Police Medal in 1999²².

A good and decent man, Kim has improved many lives in his years of dedicated service²³.

<https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/recipient/kimberley-smith-apm>

¹⁹ [Kimberley Smith APM - Australian of the Year](#)

²⁰ [Kimberley Smith APM - Australian of the Year](#)

²¹ [Kimberley Smith APM - Australian of the Year](#)

²² [Award Extract - Australian Honours Search Facility \(pmc.gov.au\)](#)

²³ [Kimberley Smith APM - Australian of the Year](#)

Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM



Senior Australian of the Year 2021

Northern Territory

Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM is an Aboriginal elder from Nauiyu and a renowned artist, activist, writer and public speaker²⁴.

In 1975, Miriam-Rose became the Territory's first fully qualified Aboriginal teacher. As an art consultant for the Department of Education, she visited schools through the Top End, advocating for the inclusion of visual art as part of every child's education²⁵.

Miriam-Rose later became the principal of the Catholic school in her home community before being appointed to the Federal

Government's advisory body, the National Indigenous Council. In 2013, she established the Miriam Rose Foundation, to bridge the divide between Aboriginal culture and mainstream society – driving reconciliation at a grassroots level²⁶.

Through her professional and creative life, Miriam-Rose has remained dedicated to maintaining the cultural independence of her people and being a spokesperson for the Aboriginal worldview. Miriam-Rose was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia medal in 1998 for service to the community of Nauiyu Nambiyu in the Northern Territory, particularly through the promotion of Aboriginal education and art²⁷. In recognition of her leadership, Miriam-Rose was awarded an Honorary PhD in Education from Charles Darwin University²⁸. In 2021, Miriam-Rose was awarded Senior Australian of the Year²⁹.

<https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/recipients/dr-miriam-rose-ungunmerr-baumann-am>

²⁴ [Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM - Australian of the Year](#)

²⁵ [Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM - Australian of the Year](#)

²⁶ [Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM - Australian of the Year](#)

²⁷ [Award Extract - Australian Honours Search Facility \(pmc.gov.au\)](#)

²⁸ [Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM - Australian of the Year](#)

²⁹ [Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM - Australian of the Year](#)

Saba Abraham



Queensland Local Hero 2022

Queensland

Since arriving in Australia as a refugee from Eritrea, Saba Abraham has dedicated her time to supporting other refugees, uplifting her community, and building multiculturalism more broadly in Australia³⁰.

During the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, Saba played a vital role in preventing its spread in Queensland as the Chairperson of the Brisbane Community Leaders Gathering. The group of leaders from culturally and

linguistically diverse communities ensured public health messages were translated directly into a range of languages³¹ so that all people could receive detailed and timely information³².

In addition, Saba is the founder and Manager of Mu'ooz Restaurant in Brisbane's West End. Since 2003, the not-for-profit social enterprise restaurant and catering business offers hospitality training, experience and employment opportunities for women from refugee and migrant backgrounds. Since inception, Mu'ooz has trained and employed more than 270 women³³. In 2014, Mu'ooz was awarded the 2013 Queensland Multicultural enterprise award³⁴.

<https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/recipients/saba-abraham>

³⁰ [Saba Abraham - Australian of the Year](#)

³¹ [Community Leader Bags Queensland Local Hero Award - West End Today](#)

³² [Saba Abraham - Australian of the Year](#)

³³ [Saba Abraham - Australian of the Year](#)

³⁴ [West End locals embrace award-winning Mu'ooz Restaurant | The Courier Mail](#)

Shanna Whan



Local Hero 2022

New South Wales

Shanna Whan is the founder of Sober in the Country, which is a grassroots charity with a national reach offering peer support, powerful broadscale advocacy and education³⁵. She is creating radical social impact and change around how we discuss and use alcohol in rural Australia³⁶.

Ms Whan has donated about 20,000 hours to the cause and now travels on invitation as the spokesperson for Sober in the Country. She has appeared on multiple major national media platforms, in person, in paddocks and at conferences³⁷.

She courageously shared her harrowing journey to sobriety on Australian Story in 2019. Now, through the national charity, she is amplifying the essential, life-saving message and charity campaign that it is always “OK to say no” to booze³⁸.

<https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/recipients/shanna-whan>

³⁵ [Shanna Whan - Australian of the Year, SITC | Content for Use \(soberinthecountry.org\)](#)

³⁶ [SITC | Content for Use \(soberinthecountry.org\)](#)

³⁷ [Shanna Whan - Australian of the Year](#)

³⁸ [Shanna Whan - Australian of the Year](#)

Dr Trudy Lin



South Australia Young Australian of the Year 2022

South Australia

As the youngest of only 20 practising specialists in Australia's Special Needs Dentistry sector, Dr Trudy Lin provides oral healthcare to people with disability, psychiatric illness, and complex medical issues such as cancer. She also treats people experiencing homelessness and domestic violence³⁹.

Trudy's passion for dentistry started as a child, after seeing the profound impact poor oral health had on her father's life, including his physical, social and psychological wellbeing. From then on, she was set on specialising in Special Needs Dentistry to care for the most vulnerable people – a place she believed her profession could create the most positive impact⁴⁰.

Trudy has completed a research thesis on implementing a triaging tool to improve oral healthcare access for people with disability. This work has received multiple accolades, including the 2020 Australian and New Zealand division winner of the International Association of Dental Research Poster Competition⁴¹.

Showing a strong work ethic and exemplary leadership skills, Trudy continues to dedicate her career to improving access to oral healthcare for all Australians⁴².

<https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/recipients/dr-trudy-lin>

³⁹ [Dr Trudy Lin - Australian of the Year](#)

⁴⁰ [Dr Trudy Lin - Australian of the Year](#)

⁴¹ [Dr Trudy Lin - Australian of the Year](#)

⁴² [Dr Trudy Lin - Australian of the Year](#)

Valmai (Val) Dempsey



Senior Australian of the Year 2022

Australian Capital Territory

Starting as a cadet volunteer while still in primary school, for more than 50 years Valmai (Val) Dempsey has dedicated her life to St John Ambulance⁴³. She's one of the Australian Capital Territory's most committed and longest-serving volunteers. Her distinguished service has seen her awarded Commander of the Order of St John, an Order of Chivalry bestowed in recognition of service⁴⁴.

In 2020, Val faced her biggest challenge yet as a St John Ambulance volunteer – first with the 'Black Summer' bushfires, followed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, she led 40 fellow volunteers as they supported fire-affected communities during the emergency that stretched over many weeks⁴⁵.

As part of Australia's platinum jubilee celebrations, she was honoured to meet virtually with the Queen alongside other 2022 Australian of the year award recipients, sharing some of her experiences volunteering with St Johns Ambulance⁴⁶.

<https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/recipients/valmai-dempsey>

⁴³ [Valmai Dempsey - Australian of the Year](#)

⁴⁴ [Chivalry | St John International/ Canberra, Australian Capital Territory | Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia \(gg.gov.au\)](#)

⁴⁵ [Valmai Dempsey - Australian of the Year](#)

⁴⁶ [The Queen meets Australians of the Year - YouTube](#)

Professor Helen Milroy



Western Australia Australian of the Year 2021

Western Australia

Professor Helen Milroy was Australia's first Indigenous doctor and is now a highly regarded expert in child and adolescent psychiatry⁴⁷. In 2021, Helen was awarded Australian of the Year for Western Australia⁴⁸.

For more than 25 years, Helen has been a pioneer in research, education and training in Aboriginal and child mental health, and recovery from grief and trauma. She has supported the Aboriginal and medical workforce in applying Indigenous knowledge and cultural models of care⁴⁹.

Helen has played a key role on numerous mental health advisory committees and boards, including the National Mental Health Commission and was appointed as

commissioner for the Australian Government's Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse from 2013-2017⁵⁰. In 2018, Helen was appointed as the first Indigenous Commissioner to the Australian Football League⁵¹ and in 2021 was appointed Co-Chair of the league's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council⁵².

⁴⁷ [Professor Helen Milroy - Australian of the Year](#)

⁴⁸ [Professor Helen Milroy - Australian of the Year](#)

⁴⁹ [Professor Helen Milroy - Australian of the Year](#)

⁵⁰ [Professor Helen Milroy - Australian of the Year](#)

⁵¹ [Professor Helen Milroy: Strengthening support services for children's mental health - Australia Post \(auspost.com.au\)](#)

⁵² [Statement: Helen Milroy appointed co-chair of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council \(afl.com.au\)](#)