

Rotary

Club of Gosford City



Peter Turnbull Community Service Awards

2025

An award made to outstanding community service volunteers who have performed meritorious, dedicated and inspirational community service.



Please note that the following pages contain images of people who have died.

Community Service Awards

Our club has named these awards after our former Rotary member and friend, the late Peter Turnbull.



Peter grew up on the Central Coast and after starting his working life in finance, moved into real estate, establishing Citicoast Realty. It became highly respected for selling industrial and business real estate. Peter was passionate about the region, and particularly the potential of Gosford as the city of the future. He generously donated time and money to a variety of causes working tirelessly in support of the Gosford Performing Arts Centre. A dedicated Rotarian for over 40 years, Peter served two terms as President and became a Charter Member of the Gosford City Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. A true gentleman, he acknowledged and supported the work of others in the community. It is fitting that these awards recognise his selfless contribution.

Community service comprises varied efforts that community members make to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality. Today we acknowledge 9 members of our community who all contribute to making where we live and work a better place. What they do is exceptional and enhances our society. Sometimes the efforts of volunteers go unrecognised. Today we pause to say thank you.

OUR 2025 COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Aliya Husain



Aliya Husain is the Social Media Co-Ordinator for Safelink Alliance that formed earlier this year to ensure continuation of essential community service in Gosford. She produces, edits, and distributes all the social media for Safelink Alliance across all platforms. Her work supports the alliance's mission to relieve poverty, distress, and disadvantage by creating spaces of care, connection

and dignity. Her work has been invaluable in raising the profile and visibility of the charity. Aliya also fundraises and recently ran a Pre-Loved Flea Market in Long Jetty, which raised over \$500 with the proceeds going to this public fund that can be seen each Monday evening undertaking its work in Central Gosford.

Erin Rutherford

Erin is the Volunteers Co-ordinator for SafeLink Alliance and a valued member of the SafeLink Alliance organisation. She gives a great deal of her time co-ordinating all volunteer activities such as rostering, designating duties and administration. Erin also oversees the alliance's donated clothes section at service on Monday nights. It's a vital role, as many people who come to the organisation's Monday night service need clothes and other essential items. She also prepares and cooks meals for service, her speciality being curried dahl and rice, which is greatly appreciated by those coming for the Gosford for Safelink services.



Sandro Nocentini



Sandro Nocentini is a Sulman Prize-winning artist, who joined the FunHaus Factory volunteer team during the 2025 Coastal Twist Festival as a guest curator. Bringing over 30 years of international artistic experience, Sandro has gone above and beyond to share his expertise, refine processes, and elevate the FunHaus exhibition space. His leadership and generosity have transformed the venue into a thriving community gallery in Gosford. As Curator

of the Basement Gallery, Sandro is a mentor to volunteers and delivers high-quality, accessible exhibitions. His willingness to share his time and expertise has strengthened the volunteer-led team and continues to deliver meaningful cultural opportunities with professionalism and heart.

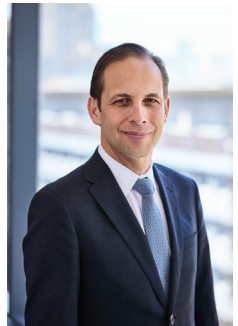
Vicki de Carle



Because We Care Boutique exists to support women who have experienced adversity, by building resilience and connections. Volunteer, Vicki, has had an exceptional year as fundraising coordinator by contributing over \$50,000 through events such as the Christmas in July, and Bling It Up Gala Ball - even organizing overseas events like Bali Boutique Sistas on Tour. Her energy, passion, and smile shine through as she takes on extra responsibilities, including being a guest speaker at local fundraisers. Vicki's compassion, empathy, and unwavering commitment make her a true Gosford Community Champion. She also volunteers with Hospital Art, providing art therapy to aged care residents across NSW.

Trent Dickeson

As Technical Convenor at Coast FM, Trent ensures the station's broadcasts reach 75,000 listeners each week. His technical expertise and dedication allow over 70 volunteers to hone their broadcasting skills, delivering vital news, music, and community programs to the Central Coast. Trent's passion for sport, particularly football, led him to design the format and then volunteer for the Central Coast Mariners' A-Team commentary – something he's been doing for over 20 years, even overcoming challenges such as equipment confiscation on a trip to Oman. His commitment to community radio's hyper-local impact and his willingness to support colleagues, day or night, make him a true community asset.



Angus Hamil



Roar Youth Disability Radio, does just what its name suggests, and proudly showcases the incredible achievements of individuals within the community of young people living with disability in Central Coast. The show's volunteer presenter, Angus Hamill, has been working at Coast FM, in Gosford for seven years. Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at the age of six, Angus's lived experience in the world of disability has helped him authentically present the talk show each Monday night. Since October 2024, Angus has also

managed to secure casual employment at national youth music broadcaster Triple J, presenting a weekly late-night show that showcases up and coming Central Coast artists.

Cimi Ross

Cimi has been an invaluable volunteer for over five years, contributing to both the FunHaus Factory and Coastal Twist Festival. Known for their reliability, can-do attitude, and tireless dedication, Cimi takes on the toughest tasks — painting, cleaning, and venue transformations — with exceptional care. They consistently go above and beyond, bringing a calm, positive energy that lifts the entire team, staying until the job is done. Cimi's leadership skills shine through in their ability to guide new volunteers with patience and clarity. Their commitment to teamwork, community pride, and initiative has made a lasting impact; strengthening and enriching the organisation.



Mim Mcinnes



GUST (Grow Urban Shade Trees) has a mission to address the urgent urban heat crisis on the Peninsula by planting street trees for residents and lobbying council to increase urban greening budgets and activities. Mim, who runs a habitat gardening program for a Sydney based council, is proud of her voluntary involvement in GUST. Earlier this year she delivered a speech to Central Coast Council that led to a community consultation, which in turn led to a \$150,000 pilot street tree planting project for the

Peninsula. In her words: "I crave the cooling shade and calls of birds that an urban canopy layer permits. I want my son to be able to walk to school in comfort and beauty, surrounded by trees."

Lana Ratapu

Lana Ratapu is a passionate advocate for community safety and justice reform. As the Founding Director of Stand with Audrey, she combines over 20 years of experience in business strategy, marketing, and leadership development and was a key organiser of the recent Light-Up event held to commemorate the life of Audrey Griffin, who died in March this year. It illustrates Lana's drive for systemic change and dedication for fostering collaboration and empowering communities. She has led numerous high-impact initiatives, facilitated strategic planning for diverse organizations, and built partnerships to achieve measurable results within the small business community. Her commitment to creating safer futures and her unwavering advocacy for justice make Lana a real community leader.



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