

2025 ACT CHILDREN'S WEEK AWARD RECIPIENTS - by Award Category x Organisation

Award Category	Awardee	Position Held	Organisation
ACT Children & Young People Commissioner's Exceptional Young Person Award	Felicity Gribble	Student, Year 5	Holy Trinity Primary School, Curtin
Community Services Directorate / Office for Seniors & Veterans Exceptional Senior Award	Stuart Thorn	Volunteer and Southside Organiser / Trainer	Story Dogs
Business Contribution	Ravi Krishnamurthy	President	Australian Multicultural Action Network Inc.
Business Contribution	Bee and Luna Selde	Owners / Creators	Canberra Queer Directory
Business Contribution	Zabeen Fakre	Early Childhood Educator	Communities at Work
Business Contribution	Communities at Work - Taylor CCEC	Early Childhood Educator Team	Communities at Work
Business Contribution	Joe Hedger	Founder	Cuz Boxing
Business Contribution	Charuni Weerasooriya	Founder & Director	EDII (Maker2Market Program)
Business Contribution	Chloe Lim	Director	Twistyfic
Community for Children	Sally Campbell	School Leader - Early Years	Ainslie School
Community for Children	Rebecca Elias	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Community for Children	Dewi Gurnitha	School Leader - Early Years	Ainslie School
Community for Children	Leah Jackson	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Community for Children	Cordelia McColl-Griffiths	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Community for Children	Zaza Mohd Zainee	School Leader - Early Years	Ainslie School
Community for Children	Hannah Sparks	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Community for Children	George Stewart	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Community for Children	Adit Taruna	School Leader - Early Years	Ainslie School
Community for Children	Rosy Garg	Dental Assistant	Canberra Health Services Dental

Community for Children	Maree and Helen Wilson	Teachers	Canberra Physical Culture Club
Community for Children	BJ Anyos	Founder and Artistic Director	Child Players ACT
Community for Children	Farah Junaid	Manager/Educational Leader	Communities at Work
Community for Children	Glenn Tindall	President	Forrest Primary P and C Association
Community for Children	Kayleigh and Tom McGlynn	Carer and author	Foster Carers and Author
Community for Children	Dennis Ogden	Secretary	Kids in Care ACT
Community for Children	Melinda Wise	Director / Teacher	Koala Playschool
Community for Children	Alethea White	Volunteer	Macquarie Primary School
Community for Children	Christina Schwarz	P & C President	O'Connor Cooperative School
Community for Children	Wayne Dunn	Classroom Teacher	St Clare of Assisi Primary School
Community for Children	Katherine Austin	Classroom Support Assistant	St Clare of Assisi Primary School, Conder
Community for Children	Kate Blenkin	Classroom Support Assistant	St Clare of Assisi Primary School, Conder
Community for Children	Cherie Ruzvidzo	Classroom Teacher	St Clare of Assisi Primary School, Conder
Community for Children	Cheyenne Symons	Classroom Teacher	St Clare of Assisi Primary School, Conder
Community for Children	Shianne Sahariv	Teacher	St Michael's Primary School, Kaleen
Community for Children	Penny Vanzwol	Student Welfare Officer	St Thomas More's Primary School, Campbell
Community for Children	Nat Bannerman	Co-founder	Zorsimos Curra
Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children	Nathan Snow	Early Childhood Educator	Communities at Work - Taylor Child Care and Education Centre
Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children	Tegan Bonner	Koori Pre Teacher	Ngunnawal Primary School
Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children	Emily O'Rourke	Teacher	St Michael's Primary School, Kaleen
Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children	Wanniassa School		
Exceptional STEM Contribution	Linda White	Family Day Care Support Coordinator	Communities at Work

Exceptional STEM Contribution	Katie Jakab-Van Dooren	Assistant-Manager	Daydream Machine
Exceptional STEM Contribution	Elizabeth Mihalopoulos	Library / STEM teacher	St Joseph's Primary School, O'Connor
Exceptional STEM Contribution	Jessica Hallahan	Teacher	St Michael's Primary School, Kaleen
Exceptional STEM Contribution	Wendy Rodriguez	Early Childhood Teacher	YWCA Canberra
Exceptional STEM Contribution	Women in ICT - Work Experience Connection Program		
Exceptional STEM Volunteer	Maria Batool	Early Childhood Educator	Communities at Work
Exceptional Young Person	Sofia Di Dio	Support Assistant	Daydream Machine
Exceptional Young Person	Dakoda Leach	Educator	Communities at Work
Exceptional Young Person	Chhimi Wangmo	Diploma Educator	Communities at Work Abacus Child Care and Education Centre
Exceptional Young Person	Katarina Elix	N/A	Daydream Machine
Exceptional Young Person	Hunter Lambert	N/A	Daydream Machine
Exceptional Young Person	Felicity Gribble	Student Year 5	Holy Trinity Primary School, Curtin
Exceptional Young Person	Jackson Hasler	School Captain	St Edmund's College, Canberra
Exceptional Young Person	Amalie Schwarz	Student	St Michael's Primary School, Kaleen
Exceptional Young Person	Queenie Smith	Trainee Educator	Wonderschool Dickson
Intergenerational Award	Belinda Loveless	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Intergenerational Award	David Sloper	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Intergenerational Award	Terry Walker	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Intergenerational Award	Charmaine Savage	Casual Relief Teacher	Chapman Primary School
Intergenerational Award	Nicole Smith	Founder - COO	Community Home Australia
Intergenerational Award	Robert Greeney	Vice President	School Volunteer Program ACT Inc
Intergenerational Award	Stuart Thorn	Volunteer and Southside Organiser / Trainer	Story Dogs
Significant Support	William Knight	Chess Coach	ACT Junior Chess League

Significant Support	David Barber	Meccano / Mentoring	ACT School Volunteer Programme
Significant Support	Alison Burrows	Supporting with Reading	Ainslie School
Significant Support	Julian Davies	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Significant Support	Rhyl Hurley	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Significant Support	Eskindir Gavel	Student Support	Ainslie School
Significant Support	Catherine Gough	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Significant Support	Claire Hazlett	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Significant Support	Edward Neeman	Chess Coach	Ainslie School
Significant Support	Jess Richardson	Volunteer	Ainslie School
Significant Support	Ravi Krishnamurthy	President	AMAN
Significant Support	Santosh Gupta	Principal & Coordinator	Canberra Hindi School
Significant Support	Emi Hirai	Early Childhood Educator	Communities at Work Abacus CCEC
Significant Support	Ciska Leemhuis	Cert 3	Communities at Work Abacus CCEC
Significant Support	Angus Lockley	Leadership Team	Communities at Work Abacus CCEC
Significant Support	Ashlea Nicholson	Centre Manager	Communities at Work Abacus CCEC
Significant Support	Chhimi Wangmo	Diploma	Communities at Work Abacus CCEC
Significant Support	Thi Ngan Ho	Diploma Educator	Communities at Work Abacus CCEC
Significant Support	Joy Lin	Educator	Communities at Work Abacus CCEC
Significant Support	Katelyn Palmer	Early Childhood Educator	Communities at Work Taylor CCEC
Significant Support	Sapna Sapna	Team Leader	Communities at Work Taylor CCEC
Significant Support	Wai Ling Ho	Educational Leader	Gowrie NSW, Phillip
Significant Support	Diana Davison-Mowle	Volunteer	Holy Trinity Primary School, Curtin
Significant Support	John Davison-Mowle	Volunteer	Holy Trinity Primary School, Curtin
Significant Support	Nikki Beljanski	Learning Support Assistant	Macquarie Primary School

Significant Support	Leanne Platts	Learning Support Assistant	Macquarie Primary School
Significant Support	Leeanne Walls	Library Tech & Administration Officer	Maribyrnong Primary School
Significant Support	Rosemary Solano	Year 1 Teacher	O'Connor Cooperative School
Significant Support	Beth Fear	Inclusion teacher	St John the Apostle School, Florey
Significant Support	Trina Jelfs-Smith	Learning Support Assistant	St John Vianney's Primary School, Waramanga
Significant Support	Louise Osbourne-Goldsbrough	Teacher	St John's School
Significant Support	Shannon Thewlis	Classroom Support Teacher	St Michael's Primary School, Kaleen
Significant Support	Veronica Melville	Teacher-Librarian	St Monica's Primary School, Evatt
Significant Support	Rachel Rasmussen	Head of Performing Arts	St. Edmunds College Canberra
Significant Support	Sara Luscombe	Regional Manager	The Shepherd Centre, Canberra
Significant Support	Kirsty Dixon	CEO	The Y Canberra Region
Significant Support	Ruby Christensen	Youth Worker	Turner School
Significant Support	Youth Volunteering Working Group		VolunteeringACT
Significant Support	Ashley Cox	Head of Training	Warehouse Circus Inc.
Significant Support	Leki Tshering	Program Manager and Educational Leader	YWCA Canberra
Significant Support	Yu - Chaun (Finley) Lai	Assistant Centre Manager/Educational Leader	YWCA Canberra - Winyu Early Childhood Service
Youth Commitment	Year 1-2 Readers, Yr 5-6 Restoration	Students	Bonython Primary School
Youth Commitment	Liz Stephens	President	Diversity ACT
Youth Commitment	Kate Marshall	Principal	Wanniassa School