

# The Madge Tate Service Award

## **1994 | Maude Ham | Broadmeadows Auxiliary**

Maude Ham has shown a very special commitment to Auxiliaries from the time she joined Broadmeadows Auxiliary. She then encouraged her daughter Marjorie, daughter-in-law Jan and granddaughter Debbie to join with her. Mrs. Ham has been a wonderfully supportive member, involved in the administration of the Auxiliary and worked in the Parent's Canteen for over 25 years. She is a member who always gives as much as she can in her own special way. Mrs. Ham provides a wonderful example for all junior members and other Auxiliaries to follow.

## **1995 | Bette Chambers | Parkville Auxiliary**

Bette Chambers has served for 49 years as a member of the Parkville Auxiliary. In this time she has provided leadership, as a founding member of the Auxiliary and great compassion as a local provider of casual accommodation to many families seeking treatment from the Royal Children's Hospital. Mrs Chambers is always available, as she often reminds us that she is "just around the corner", for any short notice need of a volunteer or helping hand. Her face and smile is well known to many Auxiliaries and staff members of the hospital.

## **1996 | Robyn Riseley | CasKids Auxiliary**

Robyn Riseley joined Nunawading Auxiliary in 1971. Robyn did not join the Auxiliary because she had sick children, in fact her two youngsters were both very healthy and active. In short she joined because she was thankful that her children enjoyed such good health and as her way of contributing to the community. She is a regular participant in the annual Nunawading Community Chest Door Knock, Cuppa for Kids, seller of numerous raffle tickets and supporter of all the usual Auxiliary events.

Robyn Riseley is a very quiet achiever. She is a keen supporter of the hospital and her Auxiliary. Robyn's support has never wavered, through the ups and downs of family life and the usual childhood and school commitments.

## **1997 | Dorothy Knight and Joan Mackechnie | Pankina Auxiliary**

Dorothy Knight and Mrs. Joan Mackechnie are sisters and both members of Pankina Auxiliary. The Auxiliary Executive could not separate these two remarkable women and so the award was presented to both ladies. Joan was President of Pankina Auxiliary from 1989 through to 1993 and then Treasurer. Dorothy took over the position of President from Joan in 1993.

They along with other members of Pankina held very successful monthly stalls that were always stocked with the best quality homemade preserves, craft and bric a brac. Much time is given to preparation long before the items reach the stall. These two women have indeed been blessed with the tireless spirit of giving. They are an inspiration to all who come in contact with them, two quiet achievers who continually go above and beyond the call of duty.

## **1998 | Phyll Unsworth | Frankston Auxiliary**

Phyll joined the Frankston Auxiliary (then known as the Frankston Orthopaedic Auxiliary) in 1957. In her early days she assisted with a luncheon, raising £63.

Phyll was elected President in 1963, at which time the Auxiliary had 43 members. Phyll remained in the President's position until the Auxiliary closed in 1998. For many years Phyll travelled from Mount Eliza to work in the hospital shop as well as helping with the Good Friday Appeal. Over the years Phyll organized luncheons, street stalls, golf days and at one stage a stall at the Red Hill Market.

## **1999 | Mavis Pope | St. Kilda Auxiliary**

Mavis Pope is actually a member of two Auxiliaries, St. Kilda and OARA. Mavis joined St. Kilda Auxiliary in 1978, taking on the role of Secretary in 1979. Mavis

joined OARA when it was established in 1980. Her interest in this Auxiliary came about with the birth of her daughter Ann Maree who was an Oesophageal Atresia patient. Her involvement over many years has seen Mavis receive recognition in the form of a Life Governorship.

Even at the time of nursing her late husband, Basil, through his illness, she was still involved with the Auxiliary, and to her credit after her loss has remained active and to the forefront. There is always a thoughtful card in the mail to Auxiliary staff with good wishes from Mavis and St. Kilda Auxiliary prior to any special event.

### **2000 | Dol Blunt | Caroline Auxiliary**

Dol Blunt joined the Caroline Auxiliary in 1954 and has been a wonderful promoter and ambassador of The Royal Children's Hospital through her circle of friends and acquaintances by encouraging them to participate in all our fundraising activities.

As well as supporting the Caroline Auxiliary in all their fundraising efforts over the years, Dol was a reliable and consistent worker in the Auxiliaries Gift Shop, with her cheerful disposition being a great asset to both the customers and those who work with her. Dol was the type of member who is very thoughtful, and always endeavours to send cards and thoughts for all occasions. At Easter time there is always a little Easter egg for everyone, and at Christmas time a small thoughtful gift for each member.

### **2001 | Loris King | Ivanhoe Auxiliary**

Loris King's involvement with the Royal Children's Hospital through the Ivanhoe Auxiliary spans an incredible 55 years. In that time Loris has held the position of President, Vice President and Secretary and has "filled in" on many occasions where and whenever needed. Being a lady with a large circle of friends and a very persuasive nature, Loris could always be relied upon to seek their support for the many fundraising events that Ivanhoe ran.

Loris knows what it takes to get the job done, and with her wonderful organising ability has made a most significant contribution to the hospital and she joins the ranks of other worthy winners.

### **2002 | Bill Gordon | Heart Throb Auxiliary**

Bill Gordon has been an active member of the Heart Throb Auxiliary since 1994. Bill not only works to raise funds for the Cardiology Camp but has also worked to save Auxiliaries money by laying out the Auxiliary Annual Report and preparing signs for different Auxiliary events. Bill is always willing to help, be it jumping on the food line to prepare food for the Good Friday Appeal volunteers, running the ever popular "Chocky Tuesday", selling raffle tickets, running white elephant stalls, and a raft of other tasks. Bill has made a very significant contribution to Auxiliaries and the hospital.

### **2003 | Doris Read | Templestowe Auxiliary**

Doris is a very active member of Templestowe Auxiliary. She has been instrumental in all of the Auxiliary fundraising efforts. She organises Templestowe's Paddy's Market and Andy's Market stall by collecting donations of fruit and vegies from the local orchardists. Doris also makes jams, sauces and relishes for these stalls. One of Doris' specialities is strawberries, another one of her collections from the local growers. Doris is also very keen at making craft items and is always making items for the Auxiliary opportunity table or for the more formal stalls.

She always manages to come up with innovative ideas and is an inspiration to all her Auxiliary colleagues. Over her 50 years with Templestowe Auxiliary Doris has been involved in the Canteen, the Auxiliary Gift Shop, the Combined Charities Christmas Card Shop and was a 'pricer' for the Clifton Hill Opportunity Shop.

### **2003 | Pat Griffin | Wangaratta Auxiliary**

Pat has been dedicated to Wangaratta Auxiliary since its inception and has been Treasurer for the past 25 years and is a very popular and respected Auxiliary member. She is always on the lookout for ways to raise money and when Cyclax Cosmetics opened a Direct to Public Shop Pat arranged for Cyclax to donate discontinued lines. She would then pack and wrap the goods and sell these at the Auxiliary stalls.

Pat is always available to drive anywhere to pick up donations (this includes Melbourne) and drive members to meetings and functions. And last but not least we have it on good authority that her Yo Yo's are right up there with the best.

### **2004 | Joyce Keast | Pankina Auxiliary**

For over the 30 years Joyce was involved with Pankina Auxiliary she has worked tirelessly in her dedication to the hospital. Her dedication never wavered, even when her son required constant care, Joyce found time to help Pankina. It has been formally documented that Joyce has baked over 10,000 Nut & Date Loaves. Joyce also worked countless hours in the Gift Shop over the years. Joyce has involved her entire family in working for the hospital with transporting, packing, knitting, cooking, as well as her friends and work colleagues who have bought and sold for Pankina.

### **2004 | Beth Trebilcock | Waverley Auxiliary**

Beth Trebilcock has been President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Raffle Ticket provider and seller, Christmas card seller, member of the Good Friday Appeal Sandwich Line Production Team, Gift Shop worker, jam maker, taxi driver, stall convenor, and patient driving force and loyal friend to us all. Beth has inspired her family to become involved. Her daughter has given presentations and her husband is our Mr. Fixit and Mr. Courier.

### **2005 | Olive Cooper | Heart to Heart Auxiliary**

Olive exemplifies all those qualities that are recognised and celebrated in the Madge Tate Service Award. Her years of service with Heart to Heart have been just that – years of real service assisting in their terrific work supporting patients, families and staff in the Cardiac Unit (7 West).

As a member of the Volunteers Group (the pink ladies), as a fundraiser for two Auxiliaries and as a casserole maker Olive makes a valuable contribution to the RCH each and every week. More recently she's become a bit of a bag lady (plus the aprons, smocks and tea towels Lady) extending her selling from the hospital foyer to the train trip home.

Olive's commitment to the Cardiac Unit has always been 100%. She's an example to the rest of us with her quiet dedication and infectious enthusiasm. As a volunteer and as a member of both Heart to Heart and Heart Throb Auxiliaries she has touched the lives of many people and left them the better for it.

### **2006 | Anne Peter-Budge | Templestowe Auxiliary**

Anne is a very active member and a great asset to Templestowe Auxiliary who has displayed exceptional service in supporting our Auxiliary. During her 40 years of service as a volunteer she has been involved in many areas of the hospital including the

Opportunity Shop in Clifton Hill, the Canteen, Combined Charities Card Shop and Gift Shop.

Over the years Anne has recruited many new members including her husband and daughter, and has enlisted the help of members of other groups she's involved with including CWA and Craft groups, who have donated items for our Paddy's Market or Andy's Market stalls or sale at our meetings. Anne is a very generous and talented lady who spends many hours making beautiful craft work ranging from hand-made bears and dolls to needlepoint work and she often donates these items to use on stalls. In January 2006 she received a Menzies Community Australia Day Award in recognition of her outstanding voluntary work.

### **2006 | Pat Osborne | Waverley Auxiliary**

Pat is an invaluable member of The Royal Children's Hospital Waverley Auxiliary, she has been a member since 1990. She was President of the Auxiliary for 7 years and President of the Social Committee for 18 months. Pat attends all our social functions and helps with anything that has to be done, whether it be cooking, collecting money or helping to clean up after the event.

Pat is the first one we see on meeting days, she greets us at the door with a big smile and sells our raffle tickets. Over the years Pat has helped our Auxiliary raise a great amount of money for The Royal Children's Hospital.

A regular face at the Gift Shop, Pat has been seen on most stalls in the hospital, raffle ticket seller and is also a member of the sandwich production team on Good Friday. The list goes on.

### **2007 | Sandra Lehrer | Cancer in Kids @ RCH (CIKA)**

Sandra was nominated for this award from three separate sources, which is unprecedented. Sandra has been involved with the hospital since her youngest son was diagnosed with Cancer at the age of 12. Sean is now in his late 20's. She has been a member of Cancer In Kids since 1987 and has held the position of President for the past 5 years. Sandra has a vision, mission and passion to fund research into why children develop cancer and fund the research to find the cure.

Sandra works tirelessly to ensure that every cent that is raised is available to fund research. She has introduced so many new people to CIKA, the stable of events for CIKA now includes a Dog Show, a Wood Show, CIKA Dinner Dance, the Macedon Ranges Focus Group, the Woodpeckers, who represent the furniture industry, O'Hea's Bakery, the Hot Rod and Classic Car Association.

And as if all that is not enough, she makes herself available to other Auxiliaries who would like some help with their event or organisation.

### **2008 | Irene Hubbard | Prem Bubs Auxiliary**

True to form when Irene established Prem Bubs she set out to make a difference albeit some 26 years after becoming an energetic volunteer with CasKids Auxiliary. She carries out her work with a passion sometimes at the expense of enjoying what should be retirement years. She collects various goods from far and wide for her fortnightly hospital foyer stalls and services the eight businesses that sell tote bags for her. She also collects pre loved baby and children's clothes which she washes and irons then sells at a stall in the hospital. Her usual week consists of some 60 - 70 hours of volunteer work including nearly every night and most weekend hours sorting, repairing, cleaning, packaging and pricing 1000's of resalable items. Irene's personality, integrity and engaging manner are complimentary to the hospital and maximise her fundraising activities.

### **2008 | Kerrie Beaglehall | Inverloch Auxiliary**

Kerrie has operated the Inverloch Diabetic Camp Auxiliary single handed for the past 12 years. She spends time every day, 12 months of the year organising the Annual Ball in our local community hall to raise funds to run the Diabetic Complications Program that has seen the complications in Diabetic Children go from 30% to 2%. Without her fundraising efforts this program would not exist.

She also collects new books to give to newly diagnosed insulin dependent children when they are admitted to hospital. Kerrie does this while working as a hairdresser and running a busy family home. Her family think she is an outstanding candidate for this award.

### **2009 | Peggie Mathison | Parkville Auxiliary**

Peggy Mathison has been quietly working behind the scenes since she first joined Parkville Auxiliary. Peggy has helped the Auxiliaries Office in gathering information for the Auxiliary History book. This was a huge undertaking involving hours of research and travelling. When that was done she put her mind to putting all this information into order and proofing the document. Peggy was also an integral part of developing the Auxiliaries Party Plan. In fact she has been the driving force behind the project.

### **2010 | Rhonda Robins | Heart Throb Auxiliary**

Rhonda began the Heart Throb Auxiliary in 1994 to support and fundraise for children with cardiac conditions after her own son was treated at the RCH. Rhonda has taken on the role of President of Heart Throb since the very beginning. For over 16 years, Rhonda has been a motivated to make a difference.

The annual Cardiac Camp, which is funded by the Heart Throb Auxiliary, would have to be the highlight

of Rhonda's year. She works tirelessly to ensure that all details are locked into place, that everything runs smoothly and most importantly, provides the opportunity for patients to have the greatest fun.

Without Rhonda's commitment, dedication and tireless efforts this camp would not be possible. Rhonda is truly a special person who makes a significant difference to the lives of children with Cardiac Disease. Her positive attitude is inspiring as is her determination for Heart Throb to achieve wonderful things.

### **2010 | Shirley Jenkins | Footscray Yarraville Juniors Auxiliary**

Shirley was a founding member when the Footscray Yarraville Junior Auxiliary was formed in 1960 and since been absolutely steadfast in her dedication to the Royal Children's Hospital. In spite of many personal difficulties, including family illness, she has continued to bind our Auxiliary together with an enthusiasm which has inspired us all to the continuing support of our wonderful hospital.

Travelling from Sassafras each month she presides over our monthly meetings and directs, organises and contributes in a practical way to our fundraising events. Shirley also works in the Auxiliaries Gift Shop once a month. In the early years of our Auxiliary Shirley held the position of Treasurer, she has also held the position of President for 35 years. Shirley has also served on the Auxiliaries Executive from 1990 – 1993.

### **2011 | Margaret Greenwood | Cancer in Kids @ RCH (CIKA)**

We often come across a quiet achievers in the world of Auxiliaries, people whose consistent and dedicated good work flies under the radar. This year we would like to honour Margaret and her husband Geoff.

Margaret has been a member of the Heart to Heart Auxiliary for the past 19 years and has also taken up supporting the Cancer In Kids Auxiliary for the past 5 years. She is affectionately known as the 'Jam Lady' - or maybe you know her as 'Lady Marmalade'!

An enormous amount of effort goes on behind the scenes in Margaret and Geoff's household, all in the name of creating the delicious jams and chutneys that she is famous for. Her work making a wide range of preserves to sell at fundraising stalls has inspired many people to get on board as part of the process and over the years, Margaret has gathered a network of suppliers and supporters. Some supply fruit and vegetables for her, some obtain preserving jars and others donate fabric for her labelling - all with a view to keeping the cost of production to an absolute minimum.

Margaret's delectable jams and tempting chutneys have raised over \$100,000 for the hospital over the past 19 years, and achievement to be extremely proud of. Along with the impressive amount of funds raised, Margaret is also very proud and grateful for the support of her husband and family, and her

wonderful team of supporters and donors who all work together so effectively.

### **2012 | Robyn Anderson | CasKids Auxiliary**

Robyn is widely known for her kindness, generosity, good humour, sharp intelligence and wise counsel, and has been an asset to Auxiliaries for over 40 years.

As a leader and motivator, Robyn is a driving force in arranging fashion parades, dinners, auctions, trivia nights, market stalls, raffles and other fundraising activities for CasKids. She is meticulous in event planning, and skilled at creating a pleasant environment to ensure the success of these activities.

She also often supports the broader Auxiliary community at pop up shops, the International Garden and Flower Show, council Christmas card stalls and even packing CDs. Many years ago, Robyn could be found doing canteen duty in the old hospital.

Robyn has also been inducted into the Living Treasure Auxiliary in recognition of her devotion and longstanding contribution.

From her long standing and successful fundraising endeavours for CasKids Auxiliary, her involvement with the Auxiliaries Executive Committee, and her appointment as President of Auxiliaries in 2013 is a reflection on the admiration the Auxiliaries have for her.

## **2013 | Phyl Brown | Heart to Heart Auxiliary**

As President of Heart to Heart Auxiliary for the past seventeen years, Phyl has been instrumental in raising vital funds for the RCH. In 2013 alone, Phyl raised almost \$10,000 for sick children and their families at the RCH through regular fundraising stalls at her local shopping mall, Cuppa for Kids events, raffles and social outings.

On top of this, Phyl is a dedicated RCH volunteer as well as fundraiser, having offered her time to help others at the hospital over the past 25 years in many different volunteer roles. She is a member of Living Treasures Auxiliary in recognition exceptional contribution to the RCH.

## **2014 | Andrew and Christine Duyvestyn | Cancer in Kids Auxiliary (CIKA)**

Andrew and Christine Duyvestyn began fundraising for the RCH when their son was successfully treated for cancer almost 40 years ago. Through popular events like *Old Time Wood Days* and a 10-day Horse and Coach Drive, the Duyvestyn's have raised over \$160,000 for the hospital thus far.

Members of the Cancer in Kids Auxiliary (CIKA), Andrew and Christine are heavily involved in coordinating the annual CIKA Gala Balls and other important fundraising events across Victoria. This compassionate couple continue to come up with great

fundraising ideas, such as the *Old Time Wood Days* calendar, which raises an amazing \$10,000 each year for CIKA.

## **2015 | Gwen Bromley | Geelong Auxiliary**

Gwen is the President of the Geelong Auxiliary and has been for the past 7 years. In that time she has provided outstanding leadership to the group through her friendly and inclusive manner. Her dedication ensures that the Geelong Auxiliary membership is always increasing and she engages the community to assist with donations.

Dedicating to raising money for vital RCH equipment, Gwen also served for two years on the Auxiliaries Executive Committee and has devoted many hours to assisting the Auxiliaries Office.

The Geelong Auxiliary, celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016, raises funds through a variety of different activities like stalls at the RCH, movie mornings and donation tins. One of their most successful events is their annual high tea which has become so popular that it has outgrown the original venue.