

# Stroke Awards

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2021







## Celebrating the achievements of our stroke community

Stroke Foundation is dedicated to recognising the incredible Australians making a positive difference in stroke. There are many unsung heroes in the community from survivors of stroke to carers, volunteers, researchers and health professionals. Their courage, dedication, and compassion to help prevent stroke, save lives and enhance recovery is inspiring.

In 2020, the stroke community and the world faced a new threat and a changed reality when the World Health Organization (WHO) announced the coronavirus (COVID-19) as a global pandemic. The impact was profound and immediate, with restrictions on public movement, mandatory facemask wearing and significant disruptions to hospital and community services.

Stroke Foundation leaned-in to the challenges of 2020, as did our community. We are so proud of the ongoing drive and dedication across the country to raising awareness of stroke and to supporting Australians to live well after stroke. It was wonderful to see the efforts of so many worthy people recognised with Stroke Awards nominations.

During 2020, we saw remarkable examples of resilience and innovation, of individuals and communities adapting quickly and working together in the changed environment.

Many people began new creative pursuits, while others explored different approaches to raising awareness of stroke, rehabilitation, advocacy and raising funds to advance our mission. The commitment to making the future brighter for people with stroke was outstanding and appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate an outstanding person for a 2021 Stroke Award. The calibre of entries was phenomenal.

Thank you to our judges who had the enormously difficult but critical job of selecting the finalists and winners for this year. Thank you to our sponsors for supporting the national Stroke Awards and making this celebration possible.

Finally, congratulations to all the entrants, finalists and winners. Every accolade is well earned. Thank you for your invaluable contribution to increasing stroke awareness, improving access to treatment and ensuring every Australian is given the best opportunity to live well after stroke.

Professor James Angus AO  
**President**  
Stroke Foundation

Sharon McGowan  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
Stroke Foundation

# President's Achievement Award

The President's Achievement Award acknowledges exceptional individuals who have made a significant contribution to Stroke Foundation.

They include volunteers who have made a significant contribution over a long period, individuals from corporate partners who have played a major role in developing a valuable partnership with Stroke Foundation, clinicians and researchers who have made a significant contribution to stroke prevention, treatment and recovery, and individuals who have played a key role in promoting Stroke Foundation programs or activities.

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## Judge:

Professor James Angus AO,  
President, Stroke Foundation



## Winner

**Eleanor Horton**

Eleanor Horton has demonstrated ongoing commitment and passion for improving all aspects

of acute care and rehabilitation for survivors of stroke and their families, along with championing evidence-based stroke research.

Eleanor's leadership as a carer consumer has spanned local, state and national levels. She is a carer for her partner, who had a stroke 20 years ago, along with her father (a survivor of stroke) and mother (who has complex health issues). Eleanor also works full-time as a university Senior Nurse Lecturer. Eleanor's representation and advocacy for carer support on the Stroke Foundation Research Advisory Committee resulted in the area being prioritised in the organisation's 2020 Research Grant Round.

Eleanor's background gives her exceptional insight that has informed her role as a carer consumer. She has been an influencing factor in developing stroke policy and care design and implementation. Eleanor has unreservedly demonstrated her commitment to Stroke Foundation and continues to strive to improve the care and outcomes for all survivors of stroke and their families.

"It is a privilege to be recognised as a finalist. I am so fortunate to be able to be involved with Stroke Foundation and to be able to make an impact on patient's lives and stroke care."

# Finalists



**Adrian O'Malley**

Adrian O'Malley embodies Stroke Foundation's Courage, Excellence, Compassion, Integrity and Leadership values. These values drive his long-standing commitment to, and passion for, raising awareness of stroke and the

challenges faced by survivors of stroke, their carers, and families.

Adrian volunteers his time and shares his knowledge and experience to promote efforts to prevent and treat stroke and enhance recovery.

Adrian began his relationship with Stroke Foundation a year after his stroke in 2007, raising funds and awareness and helping on many support levels from media spokesperson to founding member of Stroke Foundation's Consumer Council.



**Associate Professor Monique Kilkenny**

Through her work as a Research Leader and Senior Epidemiologist, Associate Professor Kilkenny has represented Stroke Foundation and ensured the value of excellence has

been promoted and met.

A/Prof Kilkenny has been responsible for the design of evaluations, data analysis, and interpretation of data for significant reports (e.g. StrokeSafe, Know your numbers and Audit Program).

Her research approaches have been visionary, particularly now with her leadership in the field of linked data in stroke. They are at the cutting edge of health policy reform directly influencing and contributing to the work of Stroke Foundation.

# Courage Award

Recovering from stroke can be an uphill battle. The Courage Award recognises the indomitable courage and hope shown by survivors and carers in facing stroke recovery. This category is open to survivors and carers and celebrates individual recovery and resilience.

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## Judges:

Chris Nunn, Stroke Foundation Board

Professor Linda Kristjanson AO, Stroke Foundation Board

Tony Rolfe, Member, Stroke Foundation Consumer Council, and survivor of stroke

Tracey Gibb, survivor of stroke



## Winner

**Emma Beesley**

Emma was 33, working as a lawyer, was engaged to be married and had just moved into a new home

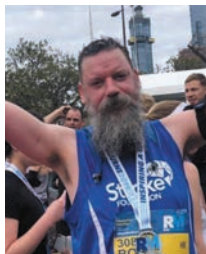
with her fiancé. But a stroke suddenly changed the course of Emma's life. Emma suffered paralysis in her right arm and leg and aphasia. With strength and determination, she managed to be discharged from hospital three months later, but daily life was difficult.

Completing simple tasks such as dressing, walking and talking were fatiguing and Emma withdrew from family and friends as she struggled to communicate. Emma's relationship ended and she moved in with her parents three hours away. This was an incredibly challenging time for Emma physically and mentally. But with the ongoing support of her mum, dad and health professionals, Emma found a new purpose and strength. She worked tirelessly to learn more about aphasia and overcome some of her deficits.

Today, Emma is working, driving and raising awareness of aphasia through public speaking, social media and fundraising. Emma is representing the needs of working age survivors of stroke through her roles in advisory groups and research. Emma is determined to make more people aware of the challenges of living with hidden disability in any way she can.

"My goal is to keep spreading awareness about aphasia and stroke, particularly young stroke. This nomination can help me achieve this!"

# Finalists



## Bob Carey-Grieve

Bob Carey-Grieve was 42 years old when he suffered a stroke one morning as he got out of bed. The double stroke was the first of Bob's health challenges.

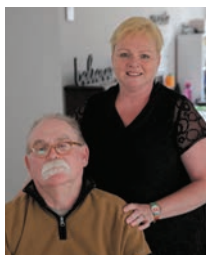
He underwent a heart operation and then was also diagnosed with cancer, but Bob's positive attitude has never wavered. Bob trained as a volunteer StrokeSafe Speaker and has completed 17 in-person presentations. Bob completed Run Melbourne in 2019, raising almost \$4,500 for Stroke Foundation. Bob never fails to bring enthusiasm, positivity, and laughter to every event he attends and he is a constant source of inspiration for others.



## Tommy Davidson

Eleven year old Tommy is passionate about spreading the word that stroke can impact people at any age after his mother had a stroke when he was 14 months old.

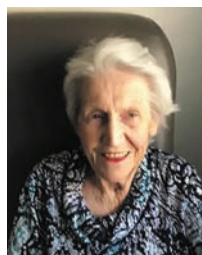
Tommy made a significant contribution in 2020, sharing the F.A.S.T. (Face.Arms.Speech.Time.) signs of stroke message by presenting a short talk to four classes in his school and creating his own F.A.S.T. video to share the message more broadly online. Tommy believes you are never too young to know the F.A.S.T. signs of stroke. Tommy also participated in a letterbox drop of F.A.S.T. magnets with other survivors of stroke, carers, and supporters in regional Tasmania.



## Julie and Ross Collins

Julie Collins became a full-time carer when her husband Ross had a stroke in October of 2012.

Julie and Ross made a formidable team, advocating for many years to improve stroke care and raise awareness of the vital role of carers. Sadly, Ross passed away in October 2020.



## Francois Gilroy

Retired 95-year-old Physiotherapist, Francoise Gilroy worked with the Cremorne Stroke Group as a volunteer for more than 25 years.

She was dedicated to assisting people to recover and rehabilitate after stroke and gave many survivors hope, support and encouragement. In 2018, Francoise suffered a stroke herself, but drew inspiration from her patients and fellow survivors of stroke to fight on. Francoise has never given up hope.

# Creative Award

The Creative Award celebrates the contribution of survivors of stroke to creative industries, including writing, photography, music and fine art. The award is open to survivors of stroke in the community who are actively pursuing creative achievements.

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## Judges:

Sally Bateman, Stroke Foundation Board

Sam McCarron, Art Director, Marmalade Melbourne

Saran Chamberlain, Member, Stroke Foundation Consumer Council, StrokeSafe Speaker, Coordinator Young Stroke Project and survivor of stroke

Tony Finneran, Member, Stroke Foundation Consumer Council, StrokeSafe Speaker and survivor of stroke



## Winner

### Trish Higgins

Trish picked up a paintbrush for the very first time after her stroke in 2018. Located in Darwin, Trish found herself

isolated, with little support available. Feelings of frustrations were, at times, overwhelming as she dealt with the long-term impacts of stroke.

Trish has communication difficulties, uses a walker because of weakness in her legs and foot and one of her hands is in a claw-like position. But painting gave Trish a new perspective and drive. Painting what she sees in her community with bright colours helps to bring satisfaction. Trish hopes to have her own art gallery to share her passion and meet new people.

"My painting has given me a new lease on life. I go into another world, and it makes me very happy, and I feel that I can achieve anything."



# Finalists



## Suzanne Ghent

Rebuilding Suzanne's life was extremely difficult. Suzanne had to re-learn almost everything.

She never regained her peripheral eyesight, but the stroke did not affect her creative

ability. Three years after her stroke, Suzanne began to paint again. Her first painting was a self-portrait of a female like creature in a chrysalis about to be born. Suzanne is now a full-time artist, photographer, poet and jeweller, but this journey has taken time and patience. Her creative endeavours continue to express the whole gamut of her emotions, which is vital to her recovery and moving forward.



## Desney King

Desney has experienced ten strokes since 2012. The impact was significant, physically and cognitively, and Desney also lives with extreme fatigue.

Before the stroke, Desney had been working on a novel for several years. It was a heart-warming story about how to keep living after total devastation – and it was almost complete. When the stroke struck, Desney thought the novel would remain as a file on her computer forever. However, 12 years after she began writing it (including 13 months of edits), working from her bed, *Transit of Angels* has been published.



## Alan Tremain

After suffering a stroke in 2013, Alan was not sure what his life would be like in the future.

The quilt designer and conservationist experienced issues with his speech, mobility,

memory and mental health. Despite these challenges, Alan created a safe space where others with similar interests could pursue their activities in a well-managed and beneficial atmosphere through community teaching.

# Fundraiser of the Year Award

The Fundraiser of the Year Award recognises a fundraiser who has gone above and beyond to help raise awareness and funds for stroke in Australia. It is open to individuals who have fundraised for Stroke Foundation.

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## Judges:

Janice Thomas, Stroke Foundation Board

Jasmina Behlic, Member, Stroke Foundation Consumer Council, and carer

Matt Picone, StrokeSafe Speaker and survivor of stroke

Terri Sheahan, Strategist & Senior Copywriter, Precision Fundraising



## Winners

**Lee Carseldine  
& David Genat**

During the filming of the TV show Australian Survivor All Stars, Lee learnt his mum Elizabeth had suffered a

stroke. Lee left the show immediately, but Elizabeth sadly passed away just before he boarded the plane home.

Lee wanted to do something to honour his mum and raise awareness of stroke, so he joined forces with fellow contestant David Genat and they created the Towel Challenge. The Towel Challenge was a call to action to the public to take a photo of themselves in a towel and post it to social media with the hashtag #towelchallenge.

Lee and David also created a calendar with the help of their Survivor All Stars castmates and a group of survivors of stroke. All proceeds went to Stroke Foundation.

The Towel Challenge raised almost \$50,000 and reached more than 4.2 million people.

Lee: "For me, fundraising last year was really important as it was as much about raising awareness/ funds but also a way of helping me process the loss of my mother. I found out about losing her in the most intense and obscure situation, and I wanted something good to come from something so tragic."

David: "There are so many amazing people who deserve recognition for their work in the fight against stroke, so it's an absolute honour to be selected as a finalist."

# Finalists



## Jamie & Steve Fitzcarlos

Jamie's husband Steve came to the rescue when she experienced a stroke in 2017.

Three years on, Jamie and Steve created a fundraising event called The Fitzy's Fifty, setting themselves a goal to run a 50km Ultra Marathon.

Completing the challenge was a huge physical and mental achievement for Jamie and their efforts raised more than \$7,000 for Stroke Foundation.



## Ash Van Wensveen & Adam Hills

Ash returned home to Melbourne from the United Kingdom when his father suffered a massive stroke.

Like all returning travellers at the time, due to the coronavirus pandemic, Ash moved into hotel quarantine for two weeks. Sadly his father passed away before Ash could see him. Ash decided to run a marathon in his hotel room to honour his father and connected online with comedian Adam Hills who was also in quarantine to join his effort. Together the pair raised more than \$18,000 for Stroke Foundation.



## Jordyn & Cody Freeman

Jordyn and Cody's grandfather suffered a stroke in 2020, but due to COVID-19 restrictions they were not able to see him in Canberra.

Jordyn and Cody decided to commit to cover 666km in

66 days, setting a goal to raise \$6,666. 666km was chosen due to the distance between them. They surpassed their goal, raising more than \$6,700.



## Daniel Maitland

Dan's sister Bec had a stroke in her 20s. After witnessing the huge impact it had on Bec, Dan wanted to do something to raise awareness of the hidden effects of stroke such as mental health.

As part of the Stride4Stroke campaign, the personal trainer created a Bayside relay, encouraging friends and clients to take part. Dan and his team raised more than \$21,000.



## Team Regis

Team Regis consisted of 63 team members across the different Regis Aged Care Homes in Australia. It was created after much-loved staff member, Max, had a stroke at work. Fortunately his colleague Stan found him and called for an ambulance. In support of Max, Team Regis came together to participate in Stroke Foundation's Stride4Stroke.

They demonstrated true passion, commitment and dedication to move 3,500 km collectively, raising almost \$15,000. Team Regis also held a virtual quiz night and hosted a StrokeSafe Speaker to raise awareness of stroke.

# Quotes from our finalists

## **Bob Carey-Grieve, VIC**

"It's very humbling. From stroke networks, annual Stroke Week events, running fundraiser marathons and delivering StrokeSafe Talks, I have met tons and tons of people affected by stroke. You just want to hug everyone."

## **Mike Whittle, TAS**

"When I had my stroke, I felt like a victim. The best advice I received was from a Stroke Foundation team member who politely corrected me, you're not a victim, you're a survivor."

## **Francois Gilroy, NSW**

"This is a great honour. It is very humbling, but I want others to know that there is 'light at the end of the tunnel' even at 95 years."

## **Julie Collins, VIC**

"I am certainly humbled by the fact that we have been nominated to receive this award. Ross struggled every day following his stroke. He tried valiantly to achieve his best recovery and I hope that during his last eight and a half years he, and others, would see that I had done my best to ensure he enjoyed a high quality of life."

## **Tommy Davidson, TAS**

"I am over the moon about being selected as a finalist. I feel proud that I have been able to educate young people with the F.A.S.T. message and really hope that one day it may help to save someone's life."

## **Janet Weir, SA**

"I am sure that lots of people do as much or more than I do. I would like to do more, especially in the country and the outback. It has always concerned me that medical services of all kinds, even the awareness and preventative kind which we offer, are nearly always available to city and suburban dwellers but not to people a distance away."

## **Jordyn & Cody Freeman, VIC**

"Our fundraiser meant a lot to our grandfather. It also showed us how even the smallest group of people can make a difference."

## **Alan Tremain, NSW**

"When I now look back and take into account all that has happened to me since then, I amaze even myself sometimes!"

## **Adrian O'Malley, NSW**

"I have to acknowledge that, while I will never be grateful for my stroke, stroke has brought out the best in me and my desire to help one person has taken me places and involved me in things I would never have imagined."

## **Daniel Maitland, VIC**

"It's very flattering, and I feel very overwhelmed. We have an amazing team of trainers that have fostered a very supportive fitness community that always embraces our fundraising. It is an incredible recognition for all the generosity and effort that our small community contributed."

**Desney King, NSW**

"I've achieved a few 'impossible' goals in recent years and have come to understand that amazing things can happen if you make yourself available."

**Suzanne Ghent, NSW**

"Do not isolate yourself. Learn new things. Have fun. Be of service to others. This helps to foster self-worth/confidence. Be patient..."

**Jamie & Steve Fitzcarlos, NSW**

"Crossing the finish line knowing that we had so much support behind us was reward enough – this (the fundraising total) is the cherry on top!"

**Team Regis – Corporate Team, NSW**

"It energises us to continue to educate ourselves about stroke and as an organisation, share the important facts about stroke. We want to thank everybody at Regis who supported Stride4Stroke. Together, as an organisation we will continue to bring awareness to prevent, treat and beat stroke."

**Ash Van Wensveen & Adam Hills, VIC**

Ash: "To be selected as a finalist is quite humbling as it wasn't something I'd given any thought to. I just wanted to see how I could turn my situation into something positive."

Adam: "I'm so honoured to be selected as a finalist, although it has to be said that Ash did all the hard work. Not only did he organise publicity and donations, but he also actually ran a marathon in his room."

**A/Prof Monique Kilkenny, VIC**

"Since 2007, I have worked with Stroke Foundation on undertaking research to prevent stroke, improve care and long-term outcomes by innovating solutions to support the best standards of practice within primary care and hospitals for patients with stroke."

**Heidi Li, VIC**

"Being a volunteer gives me great satisfaction, knowing I am contributing to our community. I am always in such awe of survivors of stroke who have overcome so much and then go on to make a difference in the lives of others. I have learnt so much from them."

**Clive Kempson, VIC**

"To continue to raise awareness of stroke, stroke symptoms and acting F.A.S.T. is so important to me. There is so much more to do to enlighten the public of how serious this is and that it can affect anyone at any age."

**John Stevens, TAS**

"Nothing brings me greater pleasure than knowing I have made a difference. I find it very cathartic to share my experiences with people and use that as an additional tool in conveying the message about how to change your life. A little change can make a big difference!"

**Dr Bradley Butwell, QLD**

"To be selected as finalist is actually quite humbling and like any selection, I am sure there are many others out there equally as worthy."

**Sean O'Brien, NSW**

"When I had the stroke, I didn't know what my life would be like and if I'd find a path back to happiness. The feeling I might have made a small difference, and inspired a very dear friend to nominate me for the awards, has given me a great boost and a feeling of pride."

# Improving Life After Stroke Award

The Improving Life After Stroke Award celebrates those who voluntarily dedicate their time to improving the care and support of survivors of stroke in the community. It is open to survivors of stroke, carers, and volunteers who are making a big difference to the lives of survivors and raising awareness of their needs.

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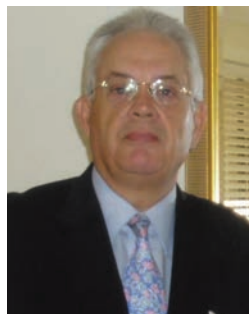
## Judges:

Doctor Natalie Fini, Lecturer – Neurological Physiotherapy, University of Melbourne, and Chair, APA National Neurology Group

Jennifer Muller PSM, Stroke Foundation Board and Chair, Stroke Foundation Consumer Council, and survivor of stroke

Kevin English, Member, Stroke Foundation Consumer Council, StrokeSafe Speaker, and survivor of stroke

Ron and Marge Townrow, survivor of stroke and carer



## Winner

**Brian A Beh**

Committing much of his time to “Improving Life After Stroke”, Brian educates various groups/stakeholders within the stroke industry. He is considered one of the pioneers of Change Management in Australia and utilises a range of media to communicate his message face to face or via videoconferencing. Brian regularly writes blogs on Stroke Foundation’s website, as well as contributing to its social media channels.

Brian’s contribution is unique in the field of stroke advocacy, combining his lived experience with stroke and corporate experience. He assists clinicians at all levels, focusing on service delivery and patient relationships.

He imparts his insights and learnings about the level of treatment and service he received after his stroke and, importantly, what improvements could be introduced. Brian is known by his peers and clinicians as someone who has been able to overcome significant challenges as a result of his stroke through sheer hard work and a dedicated planned approach to his own rehabilitation. He is totally committed to assisting fellow survivors of stroke achieve the same results with his unique insights and knowledge.

“I am thrilled to be selected and that my work has been considered as having benefit to the stroke industry. It is also satisfying to be part of a committed group who can use their previous life/corporate experience to impact a major aspect of Australian society.”



# Finalists



## Dr Bradley Butwell

Survivor of stroke, Dr Bradley Butwell, has been giving talks to his community for the past ten years.

Mainly lecturing on stroke prevention, recognising the F.A.S.T. (Face.Arms. Speech.Time.) signs of stroke

and the importance of immediate treatment, Dr Butwell draws upon his vast experience in stroke management from 44 years as a rural General Practitioner (GP) and his own stroke rehabilitation. Despite adversity, he has kept his keen sense of honour and is determined to continue this work.



## Clive Kempson

Clive volunteers at a Melbourne hospital, where he is a Consumer Advisor.

Commencing the role two years after having his stroke, he has been advocating for systemic change in stroke treatment and care

by meeting with state and federal MPs to share his experience and show the need for increased funding and services. Clive proactively looks for opportunities to advise health professionals and researchers and to advocate for change.



## Mike Whittle

Mike saw the need for direct practical and emotional support for survivors of stroke once they had returned home from hospital.

Mike has worked tirelessly to establish, maintain and lead the Hobart Stroke

Support Group whose sole purpose is to engage and support survivors of stroke. As a StrokeSafe Speaker, he regularly gives talks to a broad range of community groups and is an invaluable voice, consulting on national and state projects such as the Peer Support Program and Hospital discharge care planning documentation.



## Sean O'Brien

After having a stroke in 2013, which resulted in aphasia, Sean was an active member on the Aphasia New South Wales Board.

Considered a great motivator and role model, Sean shows what can be achieved in

recovery with determination and hard work. Starting the support group TAAD (The Aphasia Awareness Delegation), with two others, Sean has spoken at more than 20 Rotary meetings, educating Rotarians and asking them to go home and share their knowledge of aphasia.

# Volunteer of the Year Award

The Volunteer of the Year Award has been created to recognise those outstanding volunteers whose dedicated service has made a significant difference and contribution to our mission to prevent, treat and beat stroke.

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## Judges:

Chris Edwards, Vice-President,  
Stroke Foundation

Kate Twyford, Senior Associate,  
Strategic Giving, NAB Community

Kim Beesley, Member, Stroke Foundation  
Consumer Council, and carer



## Winner

**Jake Vincent**

Jake joined the StrokeSafe volunteer team in Tasmania in 2019 after experiencing a stroke at the age of 22.

Jake is passionate about spreading the F.A.S.T. (Face. Arms. Speech. Time.) message.

In 2020, Jake conducted the greatest number of StrokeSafe talks of any Tasmanian Ambassador returning to community volunteering after coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

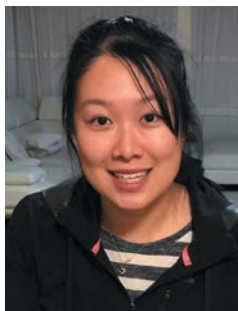
Jake has built a reputation as an inspirational speaker. Jake has also been active in providing a consumer voice on stroke having participated on the panel in the successful state-wide Community of Practice forum in 2019 and has provided consumer consultation on feedback to hospital staff as part of the Stroke Outreach program in Tasmania.

In 2020 he was one of six Tasmanians who had experienced stroke under the age of 40 and who rallied together to spread the F.A.S.T. message during Stroke Week.

"I'm proud that my colleagues at Stroke Foundation have recommended me for this award. I'm sure there are many people worthy of the award, but recognition that what I am doing is really helping the community is nice."



# Finalists



**Heidi Li**

Heidi has been volunteering at Stroke Foundation since 2017 in the Public Affairs and Advocacy team. In that time, Heidi has performed many tasks that have played a pivotal role in the team achieving its goals. The skills

she brings to the team allow campaigns to be taken to the next level by broadening engagement. Heidi is incredibly dedicated to her work at Stroke Foundation and is always happy to help with whatever task she is given.



**John Stevens**

John is a tireless StrokeSafe Speaker who presents stroke awareness talks to community and workplaces in and around Hobart and regional Tasmania.

John is pivotal to Stroke Foundation's volunteer team in Tasmania, contributing

positive ideas. He has made a significant contribution to a state funding grant application and spent many hours reviewing information regarding stroke patient discharge from his lived experience.



**Janet Weir**

Janet is a volunteer StrokeSafe Speaker who joined the program in 2013 when it first started in South Australia.

Since then, she has delivered almost 100 presentations. Janet understands the impact of stroke on families after her

father suffered a Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA) in the last few years of his life. The stroke altered his emotional and psychological state.

In the past nine years, Janet has reached approximately 2,700 South Australians, delivering life-saving messages about stroke. Janet is a dedicated volunteer and is passionate about stroke prevention messages.

# Thank you to our sponsors

## A huge thank you to all 2021 Stroke Awards sponsors!

We are proud to partner with you to recognise and celebrate survivors of stroke, carers, healthcare workers, researchers and volunteers who go above and beyond to make things better for Australians impacted by stroke.

Your support and involvement are fundamental to making the Awards happen, from planning and the first call for nominations, right through to awarding the winners and sharing everyone's inspiring stories.

We are grateful to our Major Sponsor, Ipsen, and individual Award Sponsors Australian Physiotherapy Association, NAB Community, Marmalade, and Precision Fundraising.

Thank you for partnering with us and our inspiring stroke community for the 2021 national Stroke Awards to increase awareness of stroke in Australia.

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"At Ipsen, our passion is improving the lives of patients. We are very pleased to be able to support these Stroke Awards which recognise the important contributions made by survivors of stroke, carers, healthcare workers and volunteers to making life better for those impacted by stroke. In 2021, we look forward to collaborating with Stroke Foundation on initiatives that further improve the lives of survivors of stroke."

## Individual Award Sponsors

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"It's a privilege to support the recognition of some of the fine people who make such an important difference to the lives of those affected by stroke. Stroke Foundation does amazing work and we hope to continue to make a small contribution."



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