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Meet the Huon Valley's 2021 Volunteer Service Award recipients

Eight outstanding members of the Huon Valley community were presented with Volunteer Service Awards last week at a ceremony held on Friday 21 May, during National Volunteer Week (17–23 May).

The Huon Valley Council Volunteer Service Awards are presented each year to recognise the people living locally who contribute their time and skills for the benefit of our community, often over many years.

“I can proudly say that we have many generous volunteers across the Valley who are part of the fabric of our way of life,” said Huon Valley Council Mayor Bec Enders. “It is because of our volunteers that the Huon Valley community is known for its compassion, vibrance and resilience.

“The Huon Valley Council Volunteer Service Awards is one way we give our volunteers the recognition they deserve.”

Council was pleased to have 2020 Outstanding Volunteer Service Award recipient Glynn Shevels join us as a guest speaker at this year's ceremony.

“With Glynn in attendance, we were fortunately able to present his award in person, which had not been possible last year due to the pandemic,” said Cr Enders.

Congratulations to the highly deserving award recipients for 2021:

- Lifetime Volunteer Service Award (more than 20 years' service)
 - Robert “John” Gillham
- Major Volunteer Service Award (5–10 years' service)
 - Cassandra Faux
- Volunteer Service Award (up to 5 years' service)
 - Alice Toner-Brown
 - Andrea and Chris Leu
 - Jennifer Mathias

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- Geeveston Town Hall volunteers
- Gaylene Bergman

“The Lifetime Volunteer Service Award is a new award, and we were delighted to present this to John Gillham, who has been volunteering in our community for more than 54 years,” said Cr Enders.

“John has provided ongoing support and service to our local people through the Lions Club of Huon since 1975, and has been actively involved in many various fundraising and community service activities.

“Congratulations, John, and thank you.”

The Huon Valley Council is committed to safeguarding local volunteering now and into the future.

In collaboration with Volunteering Tasmania and community members, we have developed a draft Huon Valley Volunteering Strategy which includes key actions to encourage and support more people to volunteer locally.

The strategy is now open for comment on the Council website at www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au until 23 June 2021. We want to hear your feedback on the recommended actions.

“Please take ten minutes to review the draft strategy and Have Your Say on whether the actions included will be useful for our community. You will be helping to break down barriers and create opportunities for people to enter important and enriching volunteer roles.”

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