

Robyn Murray Award 2019

Robyn was a shining light in the neighbourhood house sector. Her beautiful smile, kind heart, strong values and commitment to social justice endeared her to everyone who met her. Her ability to identify opportunities for those facing challenges in our communities was respected by many. She was able to negotiate with government and local agencies to ensure people with disabilities, who were disconnected to learning and social events, had opportunities to participate in community life and learning.

Her strong advocacy work for inclusive practice across many sectors has been commended and this Robyn Murray Memorial Award recognises those nominated with the same passion and commitment as Robyn, to support equal opportunity for all regardless of ability.

Congratulations Hilary

This year we are delighted to share with you, that our dedicated Early Childhood Co-ordinator, Hilary Ramadge was awarded the prestigious Robyn Murray Award for Exemplifying Inclusive Practice. Providing opportunities for people from all walks of life, regardless of age, ability, religion or cultural background, is intrinsic to the work she does.

Hilary exemplifies inclusive behaviour, not only with the children in her care, but also with their parents, volunteers and the staff she supervises.

Hilary constantly looks at what people can do, not what their limitations are, and she sees potential in everyone.

Hilary also supports many students who are completing their studies in Early Childhood Education and Care. Hilary has supported students who struggled to find placement because of gender, having English as a second language, or just lacking confidence. She patiently supports and encourages all who need it to help them achieve their own goals.

Her inclusive nature, of course, extends to the families and children who attend childcare at POCH&LCI. Hilary is a wealth of knowledge and support for the many parents who seek her guidance. She always makes time to listen to parents' concerns, no matter how big or small and assists whenever she can.

Hilary works patiently with all children in her care and demonstrates exemplary work practice to all the team. She ensures all children are included and her patience and acceptance brings out the best in all.

We are so fortunate to have her on our team and her generous, inclusive and patient nature are an inspiration to us all.

