

CISVIC HONOUR ROLL

2014

Community Information Victoria is pleased to formally recognise some of the many people who have made a significant contribution to the community information and support sector through their work at the local, regional and/or state level. All of our workers, both voluntary and paid, at member agencies are eligible for nomination. This is not simply a long-service award.

Rosemary Farrow

Rosemary was a member of the original committee that established the Sandringham CAB, now BayCISS and carried out two stints as President of the Committee of Management. Rosemary has also served on the Regional Committee and was a member of the State Publicity Committee of CAB's.

Rosemary has been able to use her contacts to secure valuable financial support to carry out some highly effective programs for BayCISS clients. In particular her work with the local Rotary Club enabled vulnerable children to benefit from their attendance at the very highly regarded Portsea Children's Camp during the school holidays. This included work included, over an extended period of time, entailed confidential liaison with potential families and making the necessary, and often complex, arrangements with them.

Rosemary has also worked to obtain funding for the BayCISS Education Support Program, as well as obtain funding for the purchase of swags for the homeless.

Rosemary's work at the BayCISS centre, including her work with volunteers, has always been carried out in a professional manner and which reflects CISVic's values, standards and rules.

Maureen Macer

Maureen has had a close involvement with Community Support Frankston since 1989, initially as a volunteer and later as the Operations Coordinator, a demanding role she performed for many years. In carrying out her roles at the CSF Maureen had a very positive impact on the services provided by the agency, and in leading its volunteers. Maureen was frequently called to assume the Manager's duties, in which role she made a major contribution toward strengthening CSF's governance by developing practice and procedures that make the agency a leading provider of community assistance in the Frankston area.

Maureen's untiring work at developing links between the many community organisations has resulted in a comprehensive and highly effective network of individuals and organisations providing quality community support services. These services also included the provision of Emergency Relief services for which Maureen has provided a high level administration support, liaison with other Emergency Relief agencies. In this role she undertook the considerable task of administering and distribution of Christmas hampers for the less-advantaged families across the Frankston region.

Maureen's firm commitment to social justice values and equity, in addition to her ability to recruit, train and develop volunteers, have resulted in especially high levels of service being provided by CSF workers. In this way Maureen has influenced not only those she has trained and mentored, but contributed to the capability of Community Support Frankston to provide high quality services of their community.

Shirley Reeves

Since the inception of the South Gippsland Citizens Advice Bureau in 1978 Shirley has had a long and distinguished career at the Bureau. For many years she was the Bureau's lynchpin in terms of training and development of staff and volunteers. In addition, Shirley had previously served as a Committee member, undertaking a 15 year stint on the Committee until 2010. She continues her service to the Bureau in her role as Social Secretary. Her wise counsel, highly developed training skills and commitment to the organisation have greatly contributed to advancing the work of the Bureau across the region.

Shirley continues her service to the Bureau as a trainer of new volunteers in addition to her other considerable volunteering roles in the local community.