



CISVic Honour Roll: 2011 Inductees

Meron Morrison, Box Hill CAB

Meron is one of the founding members of her agency and has been an active member since then. She is dedicated to helping others less fortunate. She works in a voluntary capacity as the agency coordinator 5 days per week overseeing the daily operations of the agency and ensuring that all things run smoothly. She has built unique relationships with many clients of the agency and really gets to understand their lives and the problems they are experiencing. She is known as “The Face” of the agency. Meron has demonstrated great resourcefulness in obtaining donations for the agency—whether it be food, money or other forms of assistance. She has developed excellent networks and has particularly good relationships with the local Centrelink office and the ATO. Her work demonstrates adherence to the aim, policies and standards of the peak body. In the words of Box Hill CAB’s President, “She will be a hard woman to replace”. She has the respect of her peers and her commitment and contribution to the sector and her community is recognised here.

Lilian Ross, Maryborough CIC

Lilian was inducted posthumously as she sadly passed away in 2010. Lilian was a long-serving coordinator of the Maryborough CIC. She was devoted to the agency and a most generous and caring woman. She worked with the CIC for over 20 years. During that time she was a constant source of ideas for the promotion of the agency and ways they could participate in local events. Prior to the agency receiving its recurrent grant from the local Shire Council, she helped with fundraising, often contributing goods for sale. She organised regular press releases to the local media on a range of topics and new information from the CIC. Lilian arranged the Country Conferences of CICs when conducted locally and her good relationship with the Shire saw the Mayor and local councillors attend these events. She always promoted the CIC and its aim and arranged for a number of services to outreach at the agency including Consumer Affairs Victoria. In 1999 she was named Citizen of the Year and in 2003, received a Centenary Medal. Lilian saw the value of community participation and giving to others. She was quoted as saying that “without volunteering your services, a community will not survive, let alone thrive”. Lilian was a regular face at the agency, working most days until sickness prevented her from attending and she passed away 2010.

Marie Shaw, Mt Alexander CIC

For more than thirty years Marie Shaw provided the solid, reliable guidance that steered the Mount Alexander Community Information Centre through an extended period of social need and change. As a long term volunteer and the coordinator, Marie ensured that the centre was able to provide a dependable service, accessed by many thousands of community members over the decades. Thoroughly committed to the concepts of voluntarism and community service, she gave freely of her time, skills, and enthusiasm, to guarantee that the Mt Alexander CIC remained a beneficial, productive, and active participant in the life of the community. Her continuous presence in the office, five days per week, guaranteed a service delivery that transcended the inevitable fluctuations in availability of volunteers and committee members. Marie was very much the public face of the agency and represented the CIC at numerous AGMs, conferences, and public forums. She worked tirelessly to promote the CIC both as a functioning entity and as a concept worthy of support and development. Marie held fast to the concepts and values of CIVic. She prided herself in delivering an objective, non-judgemental, friendly and welcoming service and was committed to identifying client needs, and delivering an appropriate outcome.