



2022

Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation **AWARDS**

Tuesday 8 November 2022

PwC Southbank



2022 Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards

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2022 Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards

- PwC Volunteer of the Year
- Love the Game Team of the Year
- Coach/Fitness Leader of the Year
- Administrator of the Year
- VicHealth Sport Initiative of the Year
- VicHealth Active Recreation and Leisure Initiative of the Year
- Polytan Inclusive Sport, Recreation or Open Space Infrastructure Award
- Carbine Club Marg Angel Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- Masters Sportsperson of the Year
- My Sport Live Sportsperson of the Year - Community
- My Sport Live Sportsperson of the Year - Elite
- Kevin Coombs Lifetime Achievement Award

Welcome

This year for the Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards we are pleased to again be hosting the 2022 awards at the stunning PwC Southbank venue. In addition to this, we are live streaming on our website and socials with thanks to My Sport Live for those that are unable to attend in person.

This year's awards celebrate the achievements over the 12 months from July 2021 - June 2022. Whilst the first part of this period we were still experiencing lockdowns in Victoria, the last six to eight months community sport has returned with the opportunity for Victorians to engage with their peers again. This shows us once again the important part sport and recreation plays in our lives.

The annual awards recognise the accomplishments of people with disability; those who support them and the inclusive sport and recreation sector across the state.

It is an opportunity to celebrate the incredible athletes, volunteers, officials, administrators, clubs, venues, and programs that enable and empower people with disability to get active and achieve their goals.

The awards provide an opportunity to discover notable champions, rising stars and celebrate what is great about accessible and inclusive sport.

Our awards continue to grow and this year we saw a record number of nominations. We appreciate everyone that took the time to submit an application. A special thanks goes to the panel of independent judges for the giving of their time and talent in selecting the award finalists and recipients.

We would like to congratulate Dylan Alcott AO for being awarded Australian of the Year and now the 2022 Disability Sport and Recreation Lifetime Achievement Award. What an inspiration Dylan is to our sport and recreation community.

While Dylan's multi gold medal winning achievements at the Tokyo Paralympics contributed to his lifetime achievements, we are also pleased to note a number of other athletes nominated tonight in recognition of their outstanding performances at these games.

Thank you to the many sponsors, supporters, volunteers and the events team at Disability Sport and Recreation - the event would simply not be possible without your significant contribution.

Congratulations to all the award nominees and finalists for your achievements, and those who have supported them. Tonight's awards will inspire us to continue to work collectively to move forward as a movement, to create better choice, better access and better participation for people with disability in sport and recreation.

In addition to the awards, we are also celebrating Disability Sport and Recreation's 60th birthday and the incredible impact the organisation has had throughout this period. We look forward to what the future brings and the next 60 years ahead.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'S. Anderson'.

Sarah Anderson
Chair



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'L. Tesone'.

Liz Tesone
Chief Executive Officer

Keynote speaker



Elle Steele

Elle Steele is a five-time Australian Swimming representative, Paralympian and Gold medallist, who now works in the personal development space as The Self Belief Agent, energy healer and motivational speaker. Born with a congenital disability called Arthrogryposis, Elle's life has been full of moments of great joy and sadness due to the continual change in her physical capabilities.

Living on the Surf Coast in Victoria, Elle's life mission is to show others that despite all the heartache we may face, if we can be brave to heal our hearts, the ripple effect of this will help to heal the world.



Finalists 2022

PwC Volunteer of the Year

- Doug Sloan -
Blind Golf Victoria, Blind Golf
Australia and Blind Sports &
Recreation Victoria
- Brooke Carter -
Victorian Goalball
Association
- Scott Smith -
Newcomb Power
Football Netball Club

Previous winner

2021 Samir Mahir -
Blind Sports &
Recreation Victoria

Love the Game Team of the Year

- Australian Junior Wheelchair
Tennis World Cup Team
- Table Tennis Victoria -
Team Vic Para Squad
- Inclusive Sports Training

Coach/Fitness Leader of the Year

- Deborah Christie
and Karen Buckley -
Achilles
- Craig Campbell -
Wheelchair Basketball
- Alois Rosario -
Para Table Tennis

Previous winner

2021 Ian Bridge -
Para-Badminton

Administrator of the Year

- Steve Odgers -
AFL Victoria
- Ian Bridge -
Para Badminton
- Duke Trench-Thiedeman -
Para Badminton

Previous winner

2021 Tim Marchington -
SOLVE Disability Solutions

VicHealth Sport Initiative of the Year

- Sport4All - Get Skilled Access
 - Wheelchair State Development Program - Basketball Victoria
 - Regional Freedom Wheels Clinic - Solve-TAD
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Previous winner

2021 Creating a Positive Experience for Athletes with Autism in Gymnastics workshop - Gymnastics Victoria

VicHealth Active Recreation and Leisure Initiative of the Year

- Inclusive Community Sport Days - Solve-TAD
 - Zooming in on a vision for health and well-being - Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria
 - Inclusive aquatics and recreation: a guide to increasing participation by underrepresented communities - Belgravia Leisure, Belgravia Foundation and Aquatics & Recreation Victoria
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Previous winner

2021 All Abilities Physical Activity Challenge - GippSport

Polytan Inclusive Sport, Recreation or Open Space Infrastructure Award

- Dance 4 All - Alyshia Clarke
 - Dementia Friendly Forest & Sensory Trail - Parks Victoria, Bigger Hearts Dementia Alliance (Ballarat) and Dementia Australia
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Previous winner

2021 SOLVE Disability Solutions - building development

Carbine Club Marg Angel Junior Sportsperson of the Year

- Jaylen Brown - Wheelchair Basketball
 - Saalim Naser - Wheelchair Tennis
 - Liam Costello - Athletics
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Previous winner

2021 Kirra Wright - Athletics



Masters Sportsperson of the Year

- Adam Fayad - Blind Tennis
- Phoebe Jane - Blind Tennis
- Ross Patterson - Blind Tennis

Previous winner

2021 Jason Lees - Wheelchair Rugby

My Sport Live Sportsperson of the Year - Community

- Robert Fletcher - Blind Tennis
- Mischa Ginns - Para Badminton
- Brian Fitzpatrick - Para Badminton

My Sport Live Sportsperson of the Year - Elite

- Heath Davidson - Wheelchair Tennis
- Qian Yang - Para Table Tennis
- Jenny Blow - Goalball

Kevin Coombs Lifetime Achievement Award

- Dylan Alcott AO

Previous winner

2021 Kaye Speed OAM - Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria

Awards judging panel

We express our sincere gratitude to the following independent panel members for their contribution in assessing the recipients of these awards.

Dan Ferguson

Executive Officer -
Parks and Leisure Australia
Victoria Tasmania Region

Dr Sandro Demaio

Chief Executive Officer -
VicHealth

Lisa Hasker

Chief Executive Officer -
VicSport

Anne-Marie Harrison

Chief Executive Officer -
Victorian Institute of Sport

Kathy Parton

Chief Executive Officer -
Aquatics and Recreation Victoria

Michelle Williams

Group Manager Policy and Equity -
Sport and Recreation Victoria



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2022 Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Festival

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Friday 2 December, 10am - 2pm

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Yarra Promenade between Queensbridge St and Rockpool Bar and Grill

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