

# NEWS

## NSW Humanitarian Awards

Carramar-based NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS) in partnership with the Refugee Council of Australia presented the 12th NSW Humanitarian Awards recently. The virtual awards ceremony recognised people who have made an exceptional positive contribution towards refugee issues in NSW. "We get to see and acknowledge the best of humanity in action, which is incredibly inspiring and humbling for an organization such as ours," STARTTS CEO, Jorge Aroche said. The winners of the awards were -



**AWARD:** Best Project  
**WINNER:** English for Swimming Program, Navitas English  
**ABOUT:** Founded by Michelle Cowans, the program enables and empowers adult women with swimming and water safety skills, while also providing English tuition in a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment.



**AWARD:** Refugee Supporter  
**WINNER:** Veronica Nou  
**ABOUT:** Veronica is a busy pharmacist, pharmacy owner, mother, and former Cambodian refugee, who as National Convener of Mums4Refugees feeds, clothes and cares for newly arrived refugee families.



**AWARD:** Refugee Community Worker  
**WINNER:** Dr Ahmad Alrubai  
**ABOUT:** Dr Alrubai, a refugee himself, is a medical practitioner, and community champion who co-founded The Iraqi Australian University Graduates Forum.



**AWARD:** Youth  
**WINNER:** Naz Sharifi  
**ABOUT:** Naz is deeply passionate about advocacy for children and refugees, especially migrant and refugee children impacted by the lack of stability and long-term displacement.



**AWARD:** Rural & Regional  
**WINNER:** Jessika Schmidt  
**ABOUT:** Jessika works in Armidale, where her role with the Womens Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service specialises in reaching vulnerable women and children experiencing family violence



**AWARD:** Lifetime Service and Achievement  
**WINNER:** Cheryl Webster, Anglicare  
**ABOUT:** Cheryl has worked tirelessly to support refugees in their transition to life in Australia, providing community assistance, social and emotional support to people.



**AWARD:** Best Project  
**WINNER:** Finding Safety for Women at Risk Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS).  
**ABOUT:** They provide case worker, community support and legal assistance to women and children seeking asylum who have suffered or fear domestic or gender-based violence.



**AWARD:** Refugee Community Worker  
**WINNER:** Sayeed Karimi, Australian Afghan Hassanian Youth Association.  
**ABOUT:** During the COVID-19 pandemic, Sayeed initiated a unique care package distribution designed to help migrants, refugees, individuals who had lost their job, and the vulnerable and elderly.



**AWARD:** Government/ Legal  
**WINNER:** Sam Borka  
**ABOUT:** Sam, a former asylum seeker, has worked tirelessly supporting and assisting refugees since 2008. His current role is Community Liaison Officer at NSW Department of Communities and Justice.



**AWARD:** Youth  
**WINNER:** Naoshin Bhuiyan  
**ABOUT:** Naoshin is a 19-year old Bengali girl and is highly active as a Youth Ambassador for the Multicultural Youth Affairs Network.



**AWARD:** Media  
**WINNER:** Craig Foster  
**ABOUT:** Craig has been a major campaigner, advocate and activist for Refugee Causes and the safeguarding of Human Rights for persecuted individuals and communities.

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