

Michael Chin Humanitarian Award

The Michael Chin perpetual Humanitarian Award was created in 2000 to acknowledge an outstanding local individual for their ongoing humanitarian activities in the local community. The award is named in honour of Michael Chin, a charter member of the Rotary Club of Karrinyup and a long serving General Practitioner in the local area.

About Michael Chin

Michael Chin was one of the founders of the Rotary Club of Karrinyup and served the club in various roles. Michael left his home in Malaysia at the age of 18 and attended Sydney University, studying microbiology and then medicine, which he completed in 1960.

A shortage of doctors in Tasmania at that time prompted Michael to do his Internship at Launceston General Hospital. Later, staying in Tasmania with wife Sylvia and two small boys Peter and Anthony, he commenced General Practice in George Town.

Michael was invited to join the local Rotary Club. While being the only doctor in the district and busy with his medical practice, he still managed the weekly meetings and was active in fund raising for the Club.

Michael and his family moved to Perth and built a house in Karrinyup. He became a Charter member of Karrinyup Rotary Club in 1974 and fund raising was back on his agenda!

He was prepared to go to Hong Kong to help with refugees during their exodus from Vietnam but the situation eased and he did not go. However, he had a hand in helping settle several families.

In 1981 it was a proud and humble time in Rotary for Michael when he was the first Karrinyup Club member to be awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. He left the Club after 16 years of dedicated service. Michael passed away in 1998 and he is survived by his wife Sylvia. The Chin Family takes great pleasure each year presenting this award on behalf of the RC Karrinyup.

Previous Award Recipients

Year	Recipient	Field of Recognition
2000	Kate Hawes	Autism
2004	Prof Fiona Wood	Burns Treatment
2007	Marie Smart	Camp Quality
2008	Alwyn & Elaine Hammond	Community Service
2009	Dr David Mathias	Community Service
2010	Father Brian Morrison	Support of the Needy
2012	Prof W M Carroll	Multiple Sclerosis Research
2013	Marjorie & Mervyn Saunders	Community Service
2014	Jenny Gartrell	Overseas Community Service
2015	Marianne McCabe	Domestic Violence Advocacy
2016	Mark Lloyd	Riding for the Disabled WA
2017	Eric McCrum	Bird Wildlife Herdsman Lake
2018	Beppie de Kuyser	Wheelchairs for Kids Inc.
2019 - 2020	Glenice Munro	Hospital Volunteer Coordinator
2021	Scott Guerini	Fundraising for Telethon
2022	Marilyn Salley	Solaris Cancer Care Volunteer
2023	Valerie Bull	Books on Wheels Volunteer

Who Can Be Nominated

This award recognises individuals, who serve the community and whose daily dedication and care giving epitomises the highest standard of quality and personal commitment.

The general qualities sought in the nomination are those individuals who demonstrate a level of commitment and caring that goes beyond everyday acts and who inspire us with their compassion, dedication and spirit.

Some examples may include:

- Helping the elderly with chores or visiting them in a care facility;
- Assisting people with disabilities to live worthwhile lives and participate in their community;
- Tutoring/peer mentoring;
- Providing companionship and support to others;
- Fundraising, collecting food, clothes, household items etc. for charity;
- Providing support and encouragement to patients in hospitals or care facilities;
- Participating in school or community clubs;
- Counselling/assisting 'at risk' youth.

Nominations are judged by the Rotary Club of Karrinyup each year and, if a worthy recipient is found, the award is presented at the club's birthday function which is usually held in May.

The Michael Chin Humanitarian Award is a perpetual trophy engraved with the names of all recipients and kept by each recipient for a year before being returned to the club to be presented to a new awardee. A framed certificate is also presented to each awardee for their retention. From 2024 this award will also carry a \$1000 cash award.

Michael Chin Award Nomination Form

Nominee:

1. Outline the nominee's humanitarian activities (up to 250 words max)

2. What are the nominee's key achievements in this area? (up to 250 words max.)

3. Any other information considered relevant to this nomination?

Note: Up to 2 documents may also be attached with supporting information if required.

Proposer:

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