

## **Australian of the Year 2016 – State and Territory Recipients**

### **Victoria**

A human rights advocate and death penalty opponent, Victorian finalist and barrister Julian McMahon, has made a personal commitment to represent Australians including members of the Bali Nine - Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran - in capital punishment cases abroad.

### **Queensland**

Queensland finalist Catherine McGregor is a group captain in the Royal Australian Air Force. Since 2012, when she announced she was changing her gender, Catherine has been an outspoken leader of the transgender community.

### **ACT**

When Australian Capital Territory finalist and then Chief of Army, Lieutenant General David Morrison was filmed ordering troops to 'get out' if they couldn't accept women as equals, the video went viral and he started a cultural shift that has changed Australia's armed forces forever.

### **Northern Territory**

Having experienced severe drug and alcohol problems in his youth, Northern Territory finalist and youth worker, Will MacGregor understands the challenges facing many young people. His organisation, BushMob, helps young people make positive choices and rebuild their lives.

### **Tasmania**

A committed conservationist, Tasmanian finalist Jane Hutchinson was one of a handful of volunteers who, with \$50 in the bank, started the Tasmanian Land Conservancy (TLC) in 2001. Since that time, TLC has grown into a \$30-million organisation that protects 65,000 hectares of habitat.

### **Western Australia**

Nurse, midwife and medical warrior, Western Australian finalist Anne Carey has spent her life helping others – sometimes at great personal risk. As an Australian Red Cross aid worker in Sierra Leone, Anne spent three assignments battling on the frontline against the deadly Ebola virus.

### **South Australia**

Looking after 450 patients suffering acute burns each year might seem like a full-time job, but burns surgeon and South Australian finalist, Dr John Greenwood, has set his sights on excellent and affordable care for every burns patient around the world.

### **NSW**

Former Sex Discrimination Commissioner, NSW finalist Elizabeth Broderick has convinced captains of industry and defence force chiefs to address gender inequality and continues her campaign to break down the structural and social barriers preventing women from reaching their potential.