

Media Release

from the fundraising sector

Winning ways of Australia's best fundraisers

Sydney, 9 March 2018 – Winners of the 2018 Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA) Awards for Excellence in Fundraising are inspirations to the sector, FIA CEO Rob Edwards said today.

“It is fabulous to see such an array of inspirational fundraisers whose stories have set an example for us all to follow into the future,” Mr Edwards said.

Mr Edwards said the FIA Awards for Excellence in Fundraising, now in their 19th year, are a wonderful opportunity to showcase outstanding initiative and innovative efforts of professional fundraisers, volunteers and organisations.

Winners of the 2018 FIA Awards for Excellence in Fundraising are:

Arthur Venn Fundraiser of the Year - Vicki Rasmussen FFIA CFRE

Young Fundraiser of the Year – Stacey Irving MFIA

Volunteer of the Year – Brittany Lovell

Fundraising Team of the Year – Fundraising and Marketing Team, Lighthouse Foundation

Most Innovative Campaign – Lighthouse Foundation

Most Outstanding Fundraising Project – Orygen, The National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health

Donor Acquisition (over \$5million revenue) – Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation

Donor Acquisition (under \$5million revenue) – NSW SES Volunteers Association

Donor Renewal (over \$5million revenue) – Bush Heritage Australia

Donor Renewal (under \$5million revenue) – Lighthouse Foundation

Major Gifts (over \$5million revenue) – Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation

Bequests/Gifts in Wills (over \$5million revenue) – Cerebral Palsy Alliance

Capital Campaigns (under \$5million revenue) – Orygen, The National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health

Special Events (over \$5million revenue) – Act for Peace

The 2018 FIA Excellence Award High Commendations are: Donor Acquisition (over \$5million) – **The Smith Family**; Donor Acquisition (under \$5million) – **RSPCA WA**; Donor Renewal (over \$5million) – **National Heart Foundation**; Donor Renewal (under \$5million) – **Berry Street**; Major Gifts (over \$5million) – Bush Heritage Australia; Bequests/Gifts in Wills (over \$5million) – **Cancer Council NSW**; Special Events (over \$5million) – **CBM Australia & Breast Cancer Network Australia**; Special Events (under \$5million) – **Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)**; Special or Emergency Projects (over \$5million) **Act for Peace**.

About Fundraising Institute Australia (FIA)

With over 1500 members, Fundraising Institute Australia is the largest representative body for the \$12.5 billion charitable fundraising sector which is supported by some 14.9 million Australians. FIA members include charities operating domestically and internationally as well as the organisations and professionals that provide services to them. FIA advocates for the interests of the sector, administers a self-regulatory Code, educates fundraising practitioners, promotes research, and creates forums for the exchange of knowledge and ideas.

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