

Rotary Club of Carlton - Paul Carlin Award 2020

Nominee: Khanya Ibrahim

Community Group: Harari Women's Group

Nominated by: Sally Beattie, Our Place, Carlton



Criteria:

Essential

- Shown leadership
- Done in a spirit of service before self
- Activities to the benefit of the community of Carlton and surrounding areas
- Evidence of relevant specific achievements

Desirable

- Done in a voluntary capacity
- Preference to people whose service has not been otherwise acknowledged

Khanya Ibrahim is a force for good in the Carlton community. I first met her as a parent and School Council member at Carlton Primary School. This is where I have learned of her community service, her family enterprise, her efforts to keep culture alive and her consideration for others.

Khanya has been part of the Harari Women's Group in Carlton for 12 years. The group has met at least monthly for that whole time and now tries to meet fortnightly. The women meet to discuss their children – how to teach them language and their culture and traditions in a setting so far from home.

Khanya's role in the group is to organise meetings and to cook traditional food. All of this is done voluntarily, despite the fact that with her sister and cousin, Khanya has developed a small business called Harari Kitchens to further keep alive their traditions from home.

For five years now, the Harari Women's Group has organised a special celebratory meal to break the fast at Eid. Sadly, this year may be a change to that tradition due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The Harari Women's Group has been able to collaborate with CNLC and CoHealth due to the relationships that Khanya and her sister Maria foster in the community.

I cannot think of a more deserving and committed community member within a volunteer group in Carlton to receive the Paul Carlin award.

Kind regards,

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