



# DISABILITY CONFIDENCE AWARDS 2024

Congratulations to  
all award participants!

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## Disability Inclusion Changemaker of the Year

### Finalists

- **Andrea Comastri** – Hotel Etico
- **Zoë Field** – EY
- **Briar Harte** – NBN Co
- **Rebecca Lee** – Department of Industry, Science and Resources
- **Belinda Leon** – Bendigo and Adelaide Bank
- **Alana Madden** – Darwin Waterfront Corporation
- **Tricia Malowney OAM** – VIC Department of Transport and Planning
- **Jodie Nicks** – VIC Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
- **David Simmonds** – VIC Department of Transport and Planning
- **Megan Spindler-Smith** – Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)

## Inclusive Initiative of the Year

This award is for organisations who are inclusive of people with disability.

### Finalists

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- Coles Group
- Humanitix
- QLD Department of Transport and Main Roads with Better Hearing Australia Brisbane
- Settlement Services International (SSI)
- Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)
- University of Sydney
- Westpac
- Woolworths Group

## Disability Employee Network of the Year

### Finalists

- Australia Post
- Australian Financial Complaints Authority
- EY
- Ford Motor Company
- Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Ltd
- NBN Co
- Optus
- Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)
- WaterAble
- Westpac
- Yarra Trams

## The Supervisor of the Year

### Finalists

- **Laura Gysslink** – VIC Department of Education
- **Bree Hearn** – National Disability Insurance Agency
- **Cherie Johnstone** – Service NSW
- **Jessica Lee** – Zoos Victoria
- **Jayne Moller** – National Disability Insurance Agency
- **Joanne Rae** – VIC Department of Education

## Intern of the Year

### Finalists

- **Marina Booth** – VIC Department of Education
- **Toby Brown** – Macquarie Group
- **Aaron Cheang** – Australia Post
- **Oliver Driver** – The Perth Mint
- **Alex Haigh** – NSW Premier's Department
- **Loyal Hanna** – Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)
- **Taylor Kuper** – NSW Department of Communities and Justice
- **Amy Nguyen** – NSW Department of Environment
- **Claire Smith** – National Disability Insurance Agency
- **Tessani Wells** – University of Sydney

## Mentor of the Year

### Finalists

- **Ruth Bonser** – Westpac
- **Brian Bui** – Coles Group
- **Shazia Haider** – RMIT University
- **Adam Hammond** – ANZ
- **Scott Howard** – NBN Co
- **Susan Smith** – ANZ
- **Shaun Thorneycroft** – Optus
- **Dean Uhlmann** – Roche Products

## Mentee of the Year

### Finalists

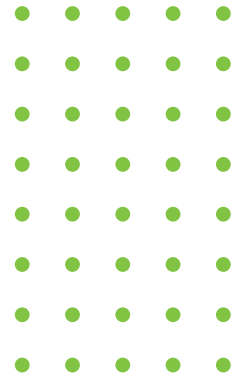
- **Thomas Boyce** – Westpac
- **Daniel Buchhorn** – Australian Disability Network
- **David Cobb** – Major Transport Infrastructure Authority
- **Ari Crosby** – NBN Co
- **Natasha De Almeida** – Coles Group
- **Larry Ho** – Coles Group
- **Elly Liu** – QBE Insurance Group
- **Peter Mann** – Westpac
- **Dylan McBurney** – Parliament of Victoria
- **Esther Pritchard** – Optus

## Thank you to our judges

- **Ainsley Barahona Santos** – Australian Disability Network Board Director
- **Christine Hemphill** – Open Inclusion
- **Emma Henningsen** – Australian Disability Network
- **Debbie Heron** – Ability First Australia
- **Majella Knobel** – Westpac
- **Sharon Kumar** – Australian Disability Network
- **Emily Matthews** – Australian Disability Network
- **Amber O'Shea** – Australian Disability Network
- **Rania Saab** – Australian Disability Network Board Director
- **Corene Strauss** – Australian Disability Network
- **Jenny Watts-Sampson** – National Australia Bank

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