

MOPS Awards Record

Heart of MOPS Award

Year	Recipient	Details
2006	Mrs Robyn Robertson	<i>Heart of MOPS Award</i> in recognition of her work as first National Field Leader and her exceptional commitment to promoting the vision of MOPS to churches on a national level
	Mrs Margaret Sanders	<i>Heart of MOPS Award</i> in recognition of her work as first Area Director and her exceptional commitment to the training and support of MOPS leaders
	Rev Bruce Armstrong	<i>Acknowledgement of Service Award</i> in recognition of his role as founding Board Chair and exceptional commitment to the promotion of the vision of MOPS to churches
2007	Mrs Linda Bailey	<i>Heart of MOPS Award</i> in recognition of her work as a foundational member of the MOPS Board and her exceptional service in leadership training, conferences and the revision of the MOPS Handbooks
2008	Mrs Yvonne Welsh	<i>Heart of MOPS Award</i> presented posthumously in recognition of her work as a foundational member of the MOPS Board and inaugural National Prayer Convener
2009	Ms Chris Reed	<i>Heart of MOPS Award</i> in recognition of her work as a foundational member of the Board and her longstanding support and commitment to the vision of MOPS Australia in the areas of finance, constitution and policy development.
2010	Rev Joan Gordon	<i>Heart of MOPS Award</i> in recognition of her longstanding involvement in MOPS at every level and for her support and commitment to the vision of MOPS Australia as National Director, Board member, Conference Convener and MOPS leader. Joan made outstanding contributions in the areas of consolidation of groups, leadership development, mission, the development of leadership materials, product development and been instrumental in laying strong administrative structures for the developing organisation.
2011	Mrs Julie Prattis	<i>Heart of MOPS Award</i> presented upon her retirement from MOPS Aust, in recognition of her passion and commitment to MOPS, it's groups and leaders since it's inception. Julie has undertaken leadership roles at every level of MOPS including Area Co-ordinator, National Director, National Prayer Convener and Chair. She was instrumental in MOPS Aust becoming an affiliate of MI. She has engaged herself in encouragement and constant prayer of and for the work and people of MOPS. Her contribution to MOPS is invaluable.

2012	Cherie Macchiusi	<p>Began on the board in 2004 when still in Nhulunbuy. In 2006 returning to Perth, took on the role of Regional Co-ordinator for WA, then Area Co-ordinator for WA, while still fulfilling responsibilities on the Board, including the position of Board Secretary and now Deputy Chair and National Prayer Convenor.</p> <p>An enthusiast for MOPS contributing to lively discussion at Board meetings. Importantly having a powerful commitment to reaching women with the gospel.</p> <p>Works with a spirit of excellence. An enormous heart for MOPS, and a beautiful gift of Godly wisdom. Your passion and prayerfulness are an inspiration to all who do MOPS with you - from the mums in groups through to the Management team and the Board.</p>
2013	Lexia Smallwood	<p>Founding MOPPETS Co-ordinator for Tuggeranong Presbyterian Church in mid 90's, with a passion for MOPPETS, growing and mentoring MOPPETS leaders and running a Christ centred program. Was Co-ordinator and were committed to leadership development. A valuable sounding board when the constitution was being written and the MOPS Handbooks were being revised. Invaluable to strategic planning and policy work, your influence predating your official involvement on the Board. Served on the Board for 7 years, where skills and talents have had opportunity to be fully appreciated. Currently Board Secretary. Has an astute mind, a steadying influence, quietly diligent. A woman of integrity, commitment and wisdom. Has a creativity that is wonderfully practical and benefitted MOPPETS leaders at state conferences. Works with a spirit of excellence. Has an enormous heart for MOPS, and a beautiful gift of Godly wisdom. Valued highly for leadership and guidance, your wisdom and counsel.</p> <p>An enthusiast for MOPS at a national level and contribute to lively discussion at Board meetings. Has a powerful commitment to reaching women with the gospel.</p>

2014	Jillian Ross	<p>Began her MOPS journey by starting a mops group in Qld. She co-ordinated her group, became Regional then Area co-ordinator in Qld, while simultaneously speaking at groups, conferences and training days.</p> <p>Jillian was in the top 3 fundraisers 2 years in a row for Mothers on the March, getting her whole team to conference, She took on the role of Qld conference convenor and ultimately National Conference Manager. Jillian has been an integral and invaluable member of the Management Team over the past few years.</p> <p>Jillian has voluntarily given of herself with passion, authenticity, courage, and a servant heart.</p> <p>She has shown a level of commitment to MOPS Australia in a local, regional and national way that has been exemplary.</p>
2014	Catherine Oehlman	<p>MOPS journey began in 2006 in Qld as a MOPS mum. She rocketed through the ranks taking on a number of leadership roles locally in publicity and as co-ordinator, regionally as a speaker at MOPS groups and state conferences and more recently on the National Management Team with a greater focus on media and publications.</p> <p>Cath has held many different roles, contributed in countless ways to mops mornings, state conferences, was worship co-ordinator at the 2010 National conference and worship leader for the 2014 Australasian conference. She and her husband set up the website. Cath has set up FB pages, written countless articles for mops publications and blogs. She was in the very thick of the production of the Better Mum magazine and the list goes on.</p>
2015	Donna Hill	<p>Has had a long involvement in leadership in MOPS, at a local level having established Mops Legana in 2000, at a regional level as RC for many years for Tasmania, and at and national level as Field Manager. Donna invested much as Field Manager, committing herself to encouraging and training MOPS leaders across the country whenever she spoke at conferences and training sessions. She is valued highly for her leadership and guidance, wisdom and counsel. She works with a spirit of excellence, has an enormous heart for MOPS, and has a beautiful gift of Godly wisdom. Her commitment and prayerfulness were an inspiration to all who did MOPS with her.</p>

2016	Clinton Wardle	Has been involved in MOPS for 13years. As a Pastor has initiated the formation of a MOPS groups in each of his churches. Has been a Board Member consistently for 6yrs, serves on the Finance subcommittee and is now serving as Deputy Chair. Is present at state & national conferences available and willing to assist where needed, to encourage, bless and pastor MOPS leaders. Has a servant attitude and commitment to seeing MOPS grow and families blessed as a result.
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Spirit of MOPS Award

Year	Recipient	Details
2006	T u g g e r a n o n g Presbyterian Church, ACT	<i>Spirit of MOPS Award</i> in recognition of the church's longstanding commitment to support of the vision of MOPS
	Ballarat Family Church of Christ, VICTORIA	<i>Spirit of MOPS Award</i> in recognition of the church's longstanding commitment to support of the vision of MOPS
2007	Kingston City Church, VICTORIA (formerly Heatherton)	<i>Spirit of MOPS Award</i> in recognition of their longstanding support and commitment to the vision of MOPS.
2008	One Community Church, VICTORIA	<i>Spirit of MOPS Award</i> in recognition of their longstanding support and commitment to the vision of MOPS. Peter Loftus and Mooreslegal received special recognition for their support as legal advisers.
2009	Nhulunbuy Uniting Church, NT	<i>Spirit of MOPS Award</i> for their contribution to leadership development and MOPPETS on both a local and national level and their development of "MOPS in a Box" supporting mums in remote communities.
2010	No award was made	
2011	Mt Pleasant Baptist Church WA.	In recognition of their perseverance and faithful commitment to MOPS in their own church as well as their assistance in planting two new groups.
2012	Elizabeth Church of Christ SA	For its exceptional and unwavering support for MOPS locally, across SA and nationally, being available for Regional Training Days free of charge, by providing administrative support at no cost, and by significantly contributing financially to MOPS on a regular basis for Field Staff Training.
2013	Ben Sanders The MILK Agency	Has a skillful hand, artful eye and servant heart, & has chosen to use his skills and commit himself and his business to promoting MOPS professionally in the marketplace. Produced graphics for the curriculum, the banners, the posters and flyers, the very successful Better Mum Magazine, the Australianised version of the annual theme logo, so MOPS boasts an impressive sharp and professional look. Has made outstanding contributions to MOPS for over a decade, investing hours and meeting deadlines without expectation of remuneration.
2014	No award conferred	
2015	No award conferred	
2016	Legana Christian Church TAS	In recognition of 16 yrs of active support of MOPS. Hosts a model MOPS group which is responsible for birthing other groups in Tas. Has released 4 leaders into MOPS state/national leadership. Supports MOPS Aust with publications, media production often at little cost to MOPS.

Hands of MOPS Award

Year	Recipient	Details
2006	No awards were made	
2007	Donna Hill (Tasmania)	Significant contribution to the growth and support of groups in Tasmania as Tasmanian Regional Coordinator
	Jillian Ross (Queensland)	Significant contribution to the growth and support of groups in Queensland as Regional Coordinator
	Catherine Walker (Northern Territory)	Contribution to MOPPETS on both a local and national level
2008	Cherie Macchiussi (Western Australia)	Significant contribution to the growth and support of groups in Western Australia as Regional Coordinator
	Tanya Mnsic (NSW)	Significant contribution to the growth and support of groups in New South Wales as Regional Coordinator
	Liz Jardine (NSW)	Lismore MOPS; significant contribution to MOPS in the local area
2009	Helen Johnston (Victoria)	Ballarat Family Church of Christ: implementation of the vision and purpose of MOPS as MOPS Mentor
	Erma Mayes (South Australia)	Significant contribution to the growth and support of groups in South Australia as Regional Coordinator
	Jenny Cooper (Papua New Guinea)	Longstanding commitment to the promotion and establishment of MOPS groups in both Victoria and Papua New Guinea
2010	Carol Gegg (Queensland)	Stafford Uniting Church; presented for longstanding commitment to visionary leadership in MOPPETS
	Sarah McIntosh (Victoria)	St Alfred's Anglican; commitment as Coordinator to sharing the Gospel and discipling her team in their leadership capabilities and their spiritual walk with God.
	Hazel Trudgen (Northern Territory)	Nhulunbuy Uniting; in recognition of Hazel's longstanding commitment as Mentor to sharing Christ's love, nurturing and encouraging her team and supporting the group in prayer.
	Amelia Clarke (Tasmania)	Legana Christian Church; acknowledgement of Amelia's service to the group and region in the area of MOPPETS.
	Tricia Wardle (South Australia)	Modbury Church of Christ; for her work as Mentor in nurturing and encouraging the group and her passion to share Christ.
	Michelle Parker (New South Wales)	NSW Area Coordinator; Michelle has made extensive contributions in the areas of Discussion Group leading, coordinating groups, conference planning and field work.
2011	Fiona Mackereth (Qld)	Mt Louisa MOPS founding co-ordinator and then MOPPETS leader. Demonstrated amazing leadership ability, a God honouring servant heart and love for woman and families in the area.
	Julie Doncovio (Victoria)	Skye Southern Lights MOPS. A loving and committed Mentor who has served to encourage and support the team and the women in her group, despite increasing workload and personal health issues.
	Lorraine Shephard (South Australia)	Elizabeth Church of Christ -A MOPPETS Leader for 7yrs has taken much work and worry away from the team with her initiative, unwavering support, co-ordination of MOPPETS and support of fundraising. She is a valuable and dependable asset who is wise and caring.

	Karen Dickson (Tasmania)	Legana MOPS - a long serving co-ordinator, now MOPPETS carer, has undertaken each of the steering team positions over time. Been passionate & committed to supporting the group and it's leaders in many ways, encouraging and supporting women.
2012	Denise Turvey SA	Denise was the one who grabbed the vision of MOPS when it was first introduced by Pastor Clinton Wardle, and organised the group's beginning. She has done everything she could to see that the group continued, being prepared to move to whatever position you are most needed in. Everything that she has done has been for the mums and she has been willing to sacrifice much for the group's wellbeing. Denise consistently shows Christ-like love to the Mums and MOPPETS of the Modbury MOPS group.
	Ann Taylor ACT	With 20 years involvement with the Tuggeranong MOPS group, Ann has longest continuous connection with MOPS in Australia! This demonstrates an exceptional degree of faithfulness and commitment. The other helpers in the team have appreciated her guidance and acceptance and gentle encouragement. Her gentle manner ensured that the children were calm, settled and feeling affirmed when their mothers arrived to collect them.
	Jenny Pratt WA	Part of MOPS Kalgoorlie since the group's inception 10 years ago. She has faithfully served the Mothers and children of this group all that time. Jenny has continued in the group even though her children are all at school and she is involved in and leading other ministries in our church and is active in our community. Jenny consistently shows Christ-like love to the Mums and MOPPETS of the Kalgoorlie MOPS group.
	Nicole Espenlaub WA	Nicole is a Godly and wise woman who sets an example as someone who loves the Lord with all her heart and follows that through in her words and actions. She is a humble, gentle leader who encourages the women on her team in their faith and in their roles as mothers/wives/leaders. Her strength as a leader is in her gentleness, humility and prayerfulness. By her mere presence there is a sense of her love for the Lord. She speaks of a desire to do the will of the Lord, prays faithfully and her actions are the outworking of her heart and love for the Lord.
	Eunice Clay VIC	served as a Mentor for York St Church of Christ MOPS for some 8 years. Has continually guided the group to stay true to the MOPS purpose – particularly “to the glory of God”. Has mentored women individually – journeying with them through the highs and lows of mothering. At the age of 86 continues to serve tirelessly, faithfully running the race.
	Muriel Grills VIC	Has served as a Mentor for York St Church of Christ MOPS for some 13years. Muriel is utterly reliable, a constant listening ear for the mums. She faithfully arrives early for MOPS and with the co-ordinator is nearly always the last to leave. At great personal sacrifice Muriel has continued to humbly and passionately serve God in the MOPS ministry.

2013	Karen Askey Doran QLD	<p>Has given outstanding service to the ministry of MOPS in Qld and beyond over many years. Was Co-ordinator for 4 years and encouraged and supported the start up of two other MOPS groups on Sunshine Coast. Has since been a Regional Co-ordinator for the Sunshine Coast and a roving Regional Co-ordinator encouraging women and leaders in MOPS groups as she travelled the country</p> <p>Has a passion for women to be supported and encouraged in their roles as mothers, and desires that no mum should journey alone. Has spent time writing articles and encouraging MOPS leaders via MOPS forums and publications.</p>
	Yining Cheah QLD	<p>Has been involved in leadership in SIC MOPS group since it began in 2005. She is also an organised, responsible and reliable leader who can be trusted to do her best at all times. Has a teachable spirit, is sensitive to the needs of others and uses her skills and gifts to encourage and teach our mums, eg quietly helping our Mandarin speaking mums improve their English and interpreting for them when necessary. Encouraged the women in her MOPS group to grow in their relationship with Christ. Supported and trained her team to take on new leadership roles at MOPS.</p>
	Heidi Sands TAS	<p>Integral part of the MOPS Legana team since 2006. Has taken on the role of creative activities co-ordinator, hospitality co-ordinator and then group co-ordinator. A willing contributor at regional training days and state conferences in whatever capacity she was asked. Willingly and enthusiastically provided support being involved as a position elective leader, giving testimony and being involved in organisational tasks. Greatest legacies for MOPS Legana was to build up a team of leaders who were well equipped to confidently take over.</p>
	Jenny Clisdell NSW	<p>Loving, compassionate and trustworthy, touching the lives of MOPS mums every week. Started as a carer in the babies room. Now 3yrs faithfully serving as mentor. Always available, both on a MOPS morning as well as in between mornings for anyone who wants to talk to her or pray with her or just needs general support and advice. A great promoter of MOPS in our church. Encourages all in their walk with Christ, and for those that are far from God, she welcomes conversation and questions about Christianity and faith.</p> <p>MOPPETS carers are blessed by Jenny, and carry their positive attitude towards MOPS and it's importance into the other areas of their lives. The birthday cards and notes she writes to them are unexpected reminders of how much we appreciate the time they devote to the ministry, which impacts on how they feel about being a carer at MOPS and how they describe the experience to others.</p>
	Sarah David WA	<p>Shining example of a woman living a Christ-centred life; committed to see other women know Christ and to be great leaders in their communities. Sara is faithful in prayer and study of the word. She is a great encourager to pray and see God move. She encourages her leaders to do likewise. A woman determined to see MOPS grow. A woman of many talents, a great speaker, and has strong organisational gifts- was an excellent conference convenor. An amazing Regional Co-ordinator. Has organised many training events.</p>
2014	No awards conferred due to Australasian Conf.	

2015	Cheryl Arsenis VIC	Despite having worked with 3 different pastors and 8 different Coordinators, Cheryl has continued to champion the MOPS Ministry at Deep Creek Anglican, ensuring it continues successfully. Nothing is ever too hard at MOPS for Cheryl. It is her leadership which has brought many women into a deeper relationship with either Deep Creek or another local church.
	Glenda Hawkins WA	Glenda is a dedicated servant who has faithfully and diligently served as the MOPPETS Coordinator since Moora chartered in August 2008. Always attended team meetings, leading devotionals, sharing ideas and praying for program and especially the children. Glenda has also used her wealth of knowledge and spoken at her group on a few different occasions.
	Jeanette Odgers NSW	Group Coordinator (10 + years) Jeanette has been involved in MOPS for a very long time and has faithfully served on the leadership team through the ups and downs of the group. She has mentored the group when numbers were dwindling and persevered to keep the group going when other leaders were scarce.
	Karen Poke TAS	total 11 years of service at Romaine in roles of Hospitality, Co-ordinator, Mentor, Moppets co-ordinator. In every role Karen has been faithful. Has supported the estab of 2 other groups, hosted regional training events, been involved in conferences, running workshops, on the worship team for national conference.
	Kristen Hill SA	Committed to the MOPS ministry for 12 years. Began as MOPPETS carer before having children of her own. Kristen has gone over and above what has been expected of her as a leader. Has fulfilled roles as MOPPETS Carer, Publicity Team Leader, Hospitality Team member, Hospitality TL, Discussion Group Leader, Creative Team leader.
	Lyn Valdeter QLD	5 years Mentor, 6 years as MOPPETS Leader. Developed MOPPETS program including take home crafts that impacts on the family. Has continued to mentor mums even as a moppets leader. Opened her home for steering team activities. an inspiration to mums, leaders, community.
2016	Andrea Bond NSW	Established the MOPS group in her church and has grown the team in number and confidence. Cares for her team, equips them. Promotes MOPS in the community, provides a positive experience for community mums at MOPS. Continued MOPS leadership despite significant health concerns. Only recently stepped down due to a life threatening health condition. Loves MOPS with a passion.
	Lynne Prideaux QLD	Involved in MOPS over 10 yrs. As mentor meets and engages with mums each MOPS morning. Also supports mums outside MOPS with encouragement, notes, visits, meals etc. Integral part of the team with encouragement and support.
	Naomi Mathiesen SA	Local group coordinator 3 yrs. Regional coordinator simultaneously with being co-ordinator for 2 yrs. Built relationships with team members. Organised professional training events, led sessions at Field staff training, involved in conference planning, cares for MOPS mums outside the MOPS morning.
	Rose Wilson TAS	involved for 13 yrs. In leadership at Romaine and then birthed Ulverstone with a new team. Since served as MOPPETS carer and now mentor. Excellent leader and leadership trainer. Speaks at regional events, involved in state and national conference. a MOPS go to gal in her area.
	Katie Mackenzie TAS	Involved in MOPS as co-ordinator, regional coordinator, MOPPETS coordinator. encourages groups in her care. Led elective at national conference. Actively supports MOPS leaders/groups. Promotes MOPS by inviting new church and community mums.

	Miranda Miller WA	Founded a MOPS group, became conference convenor then moved into national conference preparation before becoming national conference convenor. a committed publicist for MOPS, speaks at MOPS and other events, has had article re: MOPS published in parenting magazines. A great ambassador and promoter of MOPS in WA. Integral part of Better Mums conference success in WA.
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Current as at Oct 2016

MOPPETS Carer 10 Year Service Awards 2015

Legana
Ada Quinn

Devonport Church of Christ
Kym Blencowe
Sally Tibbits
Lorraine O'Keeffe

Amiroo Northpointe
Randy Perkins
Paula Mikulcic

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St Alfred's Church Blackburn North
Jane Lober
ILSE Bohnenkamp
Janet Bennell
Elizabeth Petering
Beryl White
Kaylene Maher
Wendy Pittam
Doug Petering
Margaret Newton
Deb Rob

Lifestreams South Perth
Deena Herron
Ingrid Moore
Max Redfern
Richard Moore

MOPS Mt Louisa
Gail Baker
Jean Cheetham
Joyce Johnson
Elizabeth (June) George
Robyn Richards
Margaret Maurice

Big Table (formerly Rivervale MOPS) WA
Betty Fabry
Margaret Flowers