



Ron Castan Humanitarian Award Winners 2019

About Debra Korman - Ron Castan Humanitarian Award

- 15 years leading a weekly Jewish community food van on behalf of Kehilat Nitzan and the Father Bob Maguire Foundation, for 50 people experiencing hardship and homelessness. 100 volunteers (600 in total now), roster as a team of 15 each week including, drivers, social workers, counsellors, shoppers, cooks, washer uppers, mobile hairdressers and showers and toasty van.
- Arranges donations for food, winter coats, clothing, toiletries and personal items. Debra is at the park each week, out front working in rain, hail and heat and provides additional support and connections for many of the individuals who attend.
- Supports a 20 year old, Iranian asylum seeker through housing him in her home for 2 years and helps him financially and personally, with his Australian residency application, mental health, work and tertiary education. Debra is his Australian 'Mum' and he felt so welcomed, he even converted to Judaism.
- Constant community worker and carer

About Joel Lazar - Ron Castan Young Humanitarian Award

- Head of Operations at [The Man Cave](#), a preventative mental health and emotional intelligence charity for young men, their parents and teachers.
- Past educational program designer, editor and project manager (Stand Up)
- Youth leader and facilitator (Hineni Youth & Welfare)
- Human rights law intern (ISHR, Geneva) and a script-writer (Castan Centre for Human Rights Law).
- Editor and driving force behind Stand Up's well-known New Australian Haggadah, which was Australia's first social justice themed Haggadah.