



Spirit of Service Awards | Award Ceremony Video Transcript

Katherine Jones PSM

I don't think there's ever been a more compelling time to be working in the public sector and providing ideas, solutions. Having the opportunity to reflect on what's good, where people have come together to come up with solutions to support the Australian people, is absolutely wonderful.

Mark Nixon

As we progress with the ceremony this evening and celebrate the achievement of our finalists, who I might say have been absolutely outstanding. And it was very difficult for the judges to come to a resolution, but I think you'll feel a different dynamic being energy, enthusiasm, and passion. Which is the drive of the public sector.

Glenys Beauchamp PSM

One of the things I, I really like is the exemplary leadership shown not just through the hierarchy, but everyone in this room doesn't matter what level you are. To have a crack at innovation and try something.

Michael Manthorpe PSM

What came through was just this amazing enthusiasm which it was just really, really heartening and thoroughly enjoyable, but hard to choose the winners.

Cam Sullings

And so Katherine, I'm going to ask you to come forward and announce the winner of the Kerry Kennedy Award.

Katherine Jones PSM

So the winner tonight is the Royal Australian Mint for Donation Dollar: A world first initiative.

Leigh Gordon AO, CSM

It's fantastic to be at a venue like this, tonight, with so many people that are passionately committed to delivering a public good and a better public outcome.

Cam Sullings

Now to the winner of the Breakthrough Award.

Katherine Jones PSM

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the Australian Passport Office, Visible Digital Seal.



Bridget Brill

Team, how good is this? These awards don't come easy. They require grit, determination, effort. And I had an absolute stellar team.

Cam Sullings

So now we will move to the winner of the Collaboration Award.

Katherine Jones PSM

The ABS and ASD for 2021 census.

Dr David Gruen AO

If you were in my shoes on the evening of the 10th of August, as I said beforehand, I was just hoping that nothing was going to happen. I wanted it to be the most boring evening of my life. And in some sense, it wasn't a boring evening because we it was an enormous success but having Australian Cyber Security Centre beside us from the get-go, we repelled close to a billion cyber-attack attempts.

Cam Sullings

And so to the winner of the Community Engagement Award.

Katherine Jones PSM

The Department of Social Services for the Development of Australia's Disability strategy, 2021 to 2031.

Kate Costello

I'd really like to thank and acknowledge the role of people with disability and key stakeholders in the disability community. It's something that was developed with people with disability and led by them.

Cam Sullings

Okay. Katherine, one to go, let's have the winner of the Learning Award.

Katherine Jones PSM

The winner is the ATO for Tax Super & You Paying it Forward...

Kath Anderson

I've been challenged to say, "tax is cool." We found out this week that we are actually formally in the national curriculum which means that tax and super will be taught.

Katherine Jones PSM

A great honour to be here tonight to see all the fantastic contributions and achievements and good on everyone here for being here to acknowledge and celebrate the fantastic work that we've seen.