

ADCET presents

Accessibility in Action

AWARDS 2026



2026

Accessibility in Action Awards

Celebration

Acknowledgement of country

ADCET is committed to the self-determination of First Nations people. We acknowledge the palawa/pakana peoples of lutruwita upon whose lands ADCET is hosted.

We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of all the lands across Australia and pay our deep respect to Elders past and present.



About the AIA Awards



ADCET proudly celebrates our Accessibility in Action awards winners in support of Global Accessibility Awareness Day (held annually in May).

These awards provide an opportunity to highlight and showcase the amazing work by individuals and teams in advancing accessibility and inclusive practice across the tertiary education sector in Australia and New Zealand.

First off, Thank you

- To everyone who nominated an individual or a team/project this year.
- To our fabulous panel of judges that assisted us this year in evaluating the nominations.
- To everyone who missed out this year, and to the numerous staff and students across the sector that continue to make education more inclusive and accessible.

Trevor Allan Award

Excellence in Disability Inclusion and Accessibility

Named after Trevor Allan, a renowned champion and leader in the disability and tertiary sector, this award recognises and celebrates those who have made significant and sustained contributions to creating an equitable and inclusive learning environment for all students.

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Trevor Allan
Award

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Trevor Allan Award - Excellence in Disability Inclusion and Accessibility

Professor Paul Harper OAM



Individual Award Winners (Champions of Accessibility)

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Award Winner

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Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Aaron Saint-James

Simplifii / Diversified

University of New South Wales

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Dr Betsi Beem

Inclusive by Design:

Disrupting traditional pedagogy to remove barriers to learning

University of Sydney

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Elpitha (Peta) Spyrou

**Adelaide Law School's
Student Access, Support, and Inclusion Program**

Adelaide University

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Dr Kevan Walter Jones

UQ Neurodivergent Hub

University of Queensland

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Lynette Blayney

**Trauma-Informed Education:
Removing Barriers and Empowering Students with Disability
and Psychosocial Challenges Across the Tertiary Sector**

Transformational Institute

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Naomi McGrath

Advocacy and Leadership in Accessibility and Inclusion

TAFE NSW

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Rebecca McNeil

Macquarie University Neurodiversity Community of Practice

Macquarie University

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Sandy Houston

User testing and product uplift

RMIT University

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Sue Sharpe

**Inclusive Education Program: Embedding Accessibility, Equity
and Ethical Generative AI in Curriculum and Assessment
(2025–2026)**

Deakin University

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Teagan Menhenett

Supporting Neurodivergent Students

Deakin University

Individual Award - Champion of Accessibility

Timothy Boye

Empowering Disabled Engineering and IT Students in
Work-Integrated Learning through
Participatory Research and Systemic Reform

University of Technology Sydney

Student Project/Team Award Winners

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Award Winner

Student Team/Project Winner

University of Sydney

**University of Sydney Student
Representatives Coalition**

**Gemma Lucy Smart, Sarah Huffman, Grace Street, Remy Lebreton,
Kayla Hill, Vince Tafea, Victor Zhang**

Student Team/Project Winner

Griffith University

Sensory Spaces

Julia Robertson, Oliver Brown, Bella Darvall and Rachel Yuen

Student Team/Project Winner

RMIT Vietnam

Levelling the Playing Field? A Student Led Accessibility Audit of RMIT Active

**Thu Nguyen Truong Hoang, Khai Duong Tan, Adi Ofir, Minh Duong,
Nguyet Minh Thai, Hang Tran Thi Thuy, Chau Ngyuen Thi Ngoc,
Minh Anh Bui and Bau Tran**

Project/Team Award Winners

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Team/Project Winner

Charles Sturt University

Body Doubling Pilot

Dr Jess Macer-Wright, Samantha Tiernan, Students - Patience Peitsch,
Deanna Martinazzo, Jessica Anderson, August Jacups, Chloe Baldry,
Adriana Duncan, Sally Young, Mikayla Check

Team/Project Winner

Griffith University

Citizen Research Essentials: A Short Course

**Dr Kelsey Chapman, Rebekah Barker, Joe-Anne Kek-Pamenter,
Jenny Camagnolo, Renee Denham, Mark Lawson and Rae Jobst**

Team/Project Winner

RMIT Vietnam

**Co-designing Accessible Digital
Learning with Visually Impaired
Students**

Giang Le, Quyen Tran and Binh Nguyen

Team/Project Winner

ExplainIT, New Zealand

**DysCalculator - a calculator app for people
with dyscalculia or maths anxiety**

Gary Sharpe, Hannah Hughson, Philip Schlup, Keitha Sharpe and Michael Grawe

Team/Project Winner

Edith Cowan University

Inherent Requirements Framework Project

**Susan Edgar, Dr Fiona Navin, with the support of the Inherent Requirements
Staff Working Group (14 members) and
Inherent Requirements Student Advisory Group (40 members)**

Team/Project Winner

Deakin University

**Making the Inaccessible Accessible: Transforming
Visual Biochemistry Education for Blind and Low
Vision Students**

Alona Charuvi, Anbu Vanangamudi and Marcelo Tavares de Oliveira

Team/Project Winner

RMIT University

**Neurodivergent Support
@ RMIT Library**

**Adam Ferris, Blue Mahy, Joshua Muir, Jacinta Jones O'Mera, Kesh Legget,
Ruth de Jager, Plia Vaisman Caspi**

Team/Project Winner

Macquarie University

**Neurodiversity Community of Practice:
Capacity Building, Co-design and Cultural
Change Initiative**

Rebecca McNeil, Linda Ban, Lauren Perlidis, Linden Misselbrook and Diana Tan

Team/Project Winner

Deakin University

Sensory Friendly Graduations

**Ross Buchan, Kaine Leonard, Kerryn Black, Jarred Jans, Kim Hooper, Sue Lever,
Katheryn Hackett (Graduations and Events),
Em Leeds and Emma Clyne (Access and Inclusion)**

Team/Project Winner

Student Voice Australasia

**Students with Disability Leadership
Collective (SDLC)**

Jennifer Lowe, Swinburne University of Technology and
Belinda Brear, National SVA Coordinator

Team/Project Winner

Charles Darwin University

The Neurodiversity Hub

Julia Ash, Chloe Hay, Rosie Burge and Ace Bista

Congratulations

Look out for some of our amazing winners in future webinars, podcasts and articles!

For more information on AIA visit:
www.adcet.edu.au/our-work/accessibility-in-action-award

Thank You

