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If there are two things, we have needed in 2020, that is kindness and courage. In a year of uncertainty and devastation, leaders and businesses from all walks of life are facing their toughest test.

LeadershipHQ is one company who has stayed truly courageous this year by hosting the inaugural Outstanding Leadership Awards on 16th October in Brisbane and it was an extraordinary success.

With over 100 finalists from across Australia and New Zealand as well as great partners such as DHL Express and CQU, we have seen the greatest examples of kind and courageous leadership. We also have the renowned former CEO of Kmart Guy Russo as our keynote speaker.

The Gala Awards Event was held on 16th October at Victoria Park with over 200 people attending the event and over 200 live-streaming. With finalists such as the team at Orange Sky Laundry, Catherine Clark CEO of Netball Queensland, Students from Johnathan Thurston Academy, Dr Dan Wilson from Regional Victoria plus many more examples of great leadership.

We are being shown that courageous, kind and inclusive leadership is seeing Australians and New Zealanders show resilience and come together to move through disaster.

The winners of our 2020 Outstanding Leadership Awards who espouse extraordinary kindness and courage are –

- Courageous Leader Joe McCord GM of Digital8
- Women in Leadership Wendy Leegel CEO of Leegal Consulting Group
- SME Business Leader Giovanna Lever MD of Sparrowly Group
- CEO of the Year Cecily McGuckin MD of Queensland Sheet and Steel
- Future Leaders Bethany Mitchell of DHL Express and Dr Dan Wilson MD

- Community Leader Mohit Tolani of Dapto Dentists
- Student Leader Katura Halleday Director 8X8 Educate
- Men in Leadership Steve Davies Western Operations Manager, Airservices Australia
- Courageous Team Key Assets (Australia)
- Start-up Leader Kane Sajdak CEO of Home Guardian
- Outstanding Leader of the Year - Dr Dan Wilson MD

It is timely that LeadershipHQ will be launching the 2021 Outstanding Leadership Awards now live with CQU coming on board again as our Gold Sponsor and Specialists in Communication and Kay By Design coming on board as silver sponsors with more partners being announced soon and new categories such as –

- CEO — Large Corporation
- CEO — Medium Corporation
- Courageous Team— Corporate
- Courageous Team— Community
- Courageous Team— Public Sector
- Courageous Leader of the Year
- Team Leader of the Year
- Indigenous Leader
- Future Leader
- Public Sector Leader
- Community Leader
- SME Business Leader
- Start Up Leader
- Student Leader
- Women in Construction
- Women in Stem
- Outstanding Leader 2021

Partners and sponsors have loved being part of an awards platform and movement where their brand and organisation have received incredible exposure and marketing as being a kind, courageous and inclusive business and organisation.

Winners were announced at the 2020 Outstanding Leadership Awards ceremony on 16th October and Awards nominations for 2021 are now live, LeadershipHQ Managing Director Sonia McDonald said LeadershipHQ are on a mission to build a world of kind and courageous leaders.

“Now, more than ever, the world needs great leaders to help us weather the storms that we are facing,” Sonia said.

“At its core, leadership is about courage, impact, action and kindness. At LeadershipHQ we want to help aspiring and current leaders see what great leadership is about and to lead with courage, and we want to shine a light on leaders who are making an impact at this time. We want to show the positive and inspiring side of leadership when we see so much negativity around leadership.”

“Our 2020 Outstanding Leadership Awards Winners were announced on 16th October at Victoria Park with over 200 finalists and people attending. We were thrilled to also be able to live stream to over 200 people, across the globe who tuned in to see and hear more about the courageous leadership we are seeing in Australia and New Zealand.”

A list of the 2020 Outstanding Leadership Awards winners are available on the Leadership HQ website.

Nominations for the 2021 Outstanding Leadership Awards are now live.

LeadershipHQ was born out of a passion to work with people and build great leadership. Sonia McDonald combined a love of writing and inspiring with experience from a HR background to build a name and career in a global context. She believes leadership is an attitude and mindset and we can all be leaders.

Sonia's passion for leadership means she works with leaders to support them, their organisations, industries and communities to gain the knowledge and awareness they need to build kind, courageous and inclusive leadership.

View the new Leadership HQ website for more information on LeadershipHQ and the Awards: <https://www.leadershiphq.com.au> or <https://www.outstandingleadershipawards.com.au/>

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