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Froniditha Care battles for top gong at national aged care awards

Froniditha Care is hoping to take out two national aged care awards after being acknowledged for its unique model of culturally appropriate care.

The CALD aged care provider was announced as a winner in two categories at the Aged & Community Services Australia Awards for Victoria in July.

Personal Care Worker Khoryom “Tut” Nuyon was named Victorian Employee of the Year, and the Lifestyle and Activities team at Clayton won for Innovation in Service.

The two are now off to the national awards on October 8-9 during ACSA’s Summit in Melbourne.

It is a huge honour for Tut and the team, who have devoted their lives to helping others.

In particular, it shows the perseverance and compassion people show their adopted land. Both Tut and most of the eight-person Lifestyle and Activity team were born outside Australia.

As a South Sudanese refugee, Tut has overcome incredible adversity and through the understanding, love, care and patience he displays daily in his care of elderly Greeks he has gained the love and trust of the elderly residents and their families. Froniditha Care nominated Tut for the ACSA award after he received the organisation’s Contribution of the Year Award in 2018, nominated by the families of those he cares for.

Over the past year the Lifestyle and Activity team have been best practice leaders for their culturally appropriate service innovation. All with a Greek background and Greek language skills, the team runs a program that has respect for and celebrates the Greek cultural heritage of the elderly residents they care for and offers interaction levels for people with all kinds of abilities.

Their resident choir has gone on tour multiple times, their Greek traditional costume program has seen the production of numerous unique and wearable outfits, and their shadow puppet theatre has been a huge success for those with severe dementia.

Froniditha Care is very proud and very humbled to see its staff excel and be recognised for their unique and award winning care.

For more information on this story and to conduct interviews, please contact Zoe Angeli, Executive Manager for Public Affairs on zoea@froniditha.org and 0418 696 794.

Froniditha Care is a not-for-profit organisation that provides culturally appropriate aged care residential and community services to Australian elders with a CALD background.

Victorian winner - Innovation in Service Award: Lifestyle and Activity Team (Clayton South)

The eight-person lifestyle and activity team at Fronditha Care's Clayton facility have introduced a truly innovative program to entertain the 100 residents living at the nursing home. They have offered a traditional Greek costume sewing program that utilizes the residents' skills, constructed a shadow puppet theatre to entertain the residents with traditional 'karagiozi' performances, gone on tour with the residents' ECHO choir, and opened the home to students of Greek language and culture of all ages.

Victorian Employee of the Year: Khoryom 'Tut' Nyuon

Khoryom 'Tut' Nyuon has been a hugely positive presence at Fronditha Care's residential care facility in Templestowe over the past five years, where he has cared for elderly Greeks.

Despite the prejudices, cultural and language barriers he faces as a South Sudanese PCW in a Greek environment, Tut has excelled. He is a role model for colleagues, the residents light up when they see him and their family members feel at ease knowing their loved ones are in his care.



L-R: Jayson Vinod (Residential Manager, Clayton South), Vivi Michailidou (Support Services Coordinator), Angela Cox (Residential Manager, Templestowe), Tut Nyuon (Personal Care Assistant)

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