



# About the Aid Profiles

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The Development Policy Centre's Aid Profiles series showcases international development contributions with an Australian flavour. Here, we share stories that deserve to be better known.

Aid Profiles are written on those who have made a contribution to the cause of international development which inspires others, which is of lasting and significant value, which has a link to Australia, and which has not yet been adequately recognised.

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Nominations for the Aid Profiles series are invited. Contact [devpolicy@anu.edu.au](mailto:devpolicy@anu.edu.au).

The Aid Profiles also serve as a shortlist for the Mitchell Humanitarian Award.

## [The Mitchell Humanitarian Award](#)

The Mitchell Humanitarian Award recognises Australians and others supported by Australian aid who have made an outstanding contribution to the cause of international development.

The Mitchell Humanitarian Award is awarded annually. The first was [awarded to Robyn Alders in February 2017](#). The Award winner is selected from the Aid

Profiles written in the year preceding it, using the same selection criteria.

The distinguished selection panel for the Award is chaired by Stephanie Copus-Campbell, experienced development practitioner, and currently Director with the Harold Mitchell Foundation and Executive Director with the Oil Search Foundation. The other two panel members are Bob McMullan, former Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, and Jo Chandler, award-winning journalist, author and editor. The Award includes a \$10,000 donation to the charity of the awardee's choice.

The Award has been named in honour of leading businessman and philanthropist [Harold Mitchell AC](#), to mark his long-term commitment to international development and promoting Australia's role in its region. As former Chair of CARE Australia, as a long-term supporter of Timor-Leste, as the founding funder of the ANU Development Policy Centre and as Chair of the Australia-Indonesia Centre, Mr Mitchell has led the way in terms of business support for international development and regional engagement in Australia.

## About the Development Policy Centre

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