The Mitchell Humanitarian Award recognised Australians and others supported by Australian aid who have made an outstanding contribution to the cause of international development. Its aim is to educate and inspire.

The Mitchell Humanitarian Award was awarded annually from 2017 to 2020 to a contribution to the cause of international development which inspired others, was of lasting and significant value, had a link to Australia, and which had not yet been adequately recognised.

The successful awardee was selected from a shortlist of Aid Profiles, collected on this site, authored by the Development Policy Centre.

A distinguished selection panel for the Award was been created. The panel was chaired by Stephanie Copus-Campbell, experienced development practitioner and a foundation director with the Harold Mitchell Foundation. The other two panel members were Bob McMullan, former Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, and Jo Chandler, award-winning journalist, author and editor.

The Award was 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, long-term supporter of Timor-Leste, Chair of the Australia-Indonesia Centre, and the founding funder of the ANU Development Policy Centre, Mr Mitchell has led the way in Australia in terms of business support for international development and regional engagement. The Aid Profiles series was also supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Together, the Aid Profiles and the Mitchell Humanitarian Award are intended to educate and inspire the Australian community about the amazing international
development work being done in all sorts of ways by all sorts of people with Australian support.

The Award included a $10,000 donation to the charity of the awardee’s choice.

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