

Judith honoured with industry excellence award

JUDITH Kopp from Life Pharmacy Forbes has been recognised at the industry's retail excellence awards.

Independent Pharmacies Australia hosted the 2025 Retail Excellence Awards at the Pullman on the Park in Melbourne, and Judith was one of six exceptional individuals honoured being awarded the Loyalty Champion Award.

Judith is a pharmacy assistant at Life Pharmacy Forbes but initially started at Flannery's Pharmacy in 2001.

She loves her job saying she enjoys the interactions with staff and customers and getting to know customers that come in regularly.

"My favourite part of my job is making sure that people are happy and if they have a problem I can help solve that problem for them," Judith said.

"I was quite shocked, surprised and honoured when I found out I was nominated and I was speechless when I found out that I had won, I'm still in shock."

IPA Managing Director, Steven Kastrinakis, said the 2025 Retail Excellence Awards were a testament to IPA's determination to continue to recognise those within the network who not only generate results, but make a concerted effort to connect with and make a difference to their community and pharmacy teams.

"We are delighted to recognise and congratulate the exceptional hard work and



Judith Kopp from Life Pharmacy.

dedication of all six winners to deliver quality healthcare outcomes at our first Retail Excellence Conference with 120 member delegates and 60 sponsor delegates," Kastrinakis said.

"Each of their exemplary contributions to their pharmacies, communities and teams to illustrate incredible problem solving and a can-do attitude."

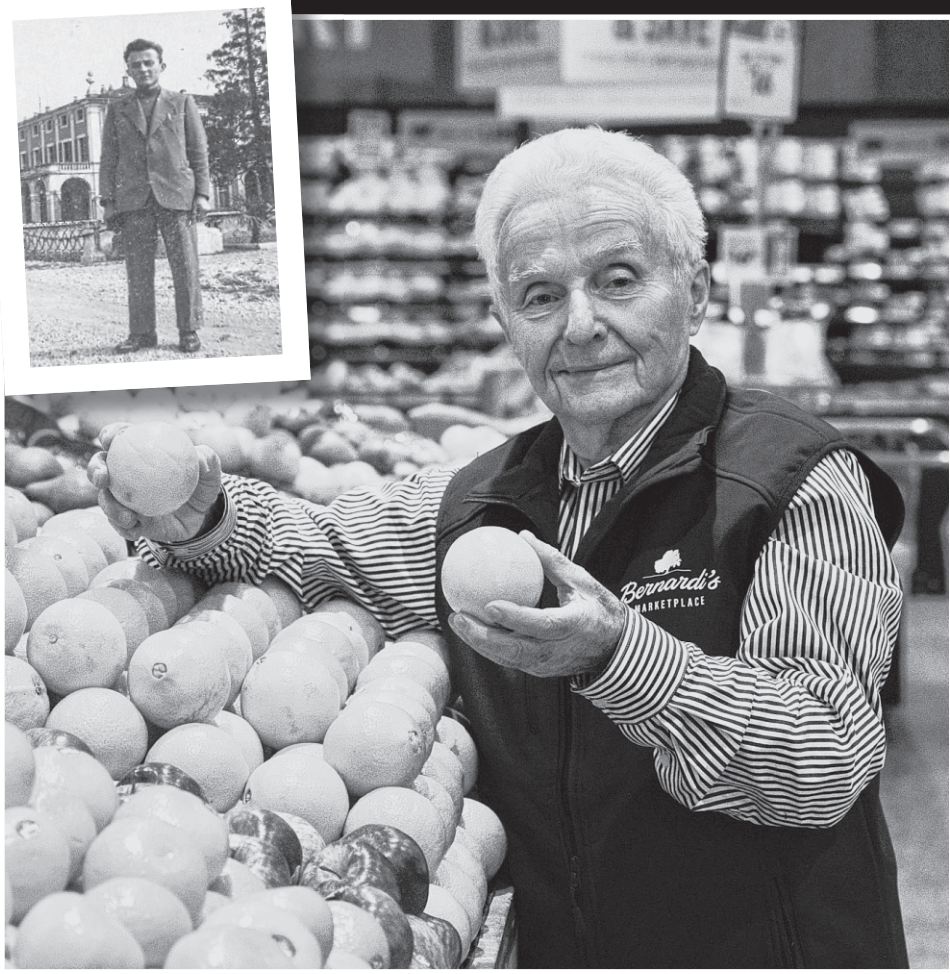
The awards recognised six of the most exceptional individuals within the IPA network based on factors such as individual performance, innovation and ongoing commitment to patient health.

Key selection criteria for

those who took home first place included connecting with consumers in an impactful and creative way, leveraging the power of loyalty programs to generate optimum performance, providing outstanding customer service, making a difference to pharmacy, community and team culture and being identified as a Rising Star early in their career.

"It's a team effort that has been recognised for this award.

"Everyone works hard to recognise the customers for loyalty so I'm just honoured to accept the award," Judith added.



Tony Bernardi in the bustling Bernardi's store of today and (inset) in 1955.

PHOTOS: Supplied

Tony Bernardi to retire after 70 incredible years

Tuesday marked one of the Bernardi family's most significant announcements since the Drive In Food Mart opened in 1969 on the corner of Lachlan Street and Brownes Lane.

Tony Bernardi is retiring after a career spanning 70 years since arriving in Forbes as a 17-year-old migrant.

Tony's story is one of determination and hard work, the Bernardis shared. He came to Australia with

a small suitcase, and he retires with many notable business achievements, four children, 18 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren - so far.

His family is extremely proud of his achievements and his lifelong dedication to his passion, fruit and veg.

Tony would like to thank everyone in the local Forbes community and district for their support over the many years.

He appreciates his many

friends and loyal supporters who have made his job so satisfying and enjoyable throughout, and he pays tribute to the countless wonderful team members he has worked with for their contribution to the Bernardi business.

The Bernardi family will be hosting a morning tea and barbeque on 21 March at from 11am-2pm for all those who would like to wish him well on his well-earned retirement.



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FORBES SHIRE COUNCIL

"Serving the Community" Public Notices

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING 1PM

Positions Vacant

- Concreting Labourer – Permanent Position
- Plant Operator – Permanent Position
- Works Officer - Permanent Position
- Team Leader Town Presentation - Permanent Position
- Social Media and Communication Officer - Permanent Position
- Visitor Services Officer - Permanent Position
- Multi Skilled Urban Services Operator - Permanent Position
- Multi Skilled Operator, Events Support – Fixed Term Contract
- Senior HR Officer - Permanent Position

Please note: All positions above are closing on **Sunday 16th March 2025.**

Expression of Interest – Leasing of Lane situated East of Claret Street

In accordance with s. 154 of the Roads Act 1993, Council places on public notice a call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the lease over a lane adjoining Lot 325 Deposited Plan 752962 and Lot 14 Deposited Plan 1117216 east of Claret Street. The lane is roughly 2,735 sqm and there is no access to electricity or water at this site. EOIs may be tendered using the Expression of Interest Form available on the Tenders and Expressions of Interest page on Council's website. Completed forms, addressed to The General Manager, can be emailed to forbes@forbes.nsw.gov.au, or alternatively PO Box 333, Forbes.

Tenders will be accepted until COB 28 February 2025. For further information please contact Council's Manager Corporate Business on 6850 2300 (Option 4).

Tender 2025-04 - Lake Activation Plan Design, Supply and Install Playground and Soft fall at Forbes Lions Park and Apex Park

Council is seeking tenders from suitably qualified and experienced parties for the design, supply, and installation of playground equipment and soft fall surface at Lions Park and Apex Park in Forbes.

Tenders are to be lodged via Council's e-tendering portals VendorPanel Marketplace or Tenderlink. The closing time for submissions is 11am, 4 March 2025.

For further information, please contact Council's Governance Officer - Procurement and Risk. Canvassing of any of Council's staff or Councillors will disqualify tenderers from the tendering process. The lowest of any quotation will not necessarily be accepted.

Pre Lodgement Meetings

Forbes Shire Council encourages any party planning to lodge a Development Application to book a pre lodgement meeting first. Council offers pre lodgement meetings to assist applicants and ensure they know what they need to have their application approved.

These meetings give applicants the chance to meet with a member of Council's Planning department, introduce their project/plans to them and learn what they can and cannot do, and what they will need for a successful application.

By booking a meeting applicants will help avoid any delays during the lodgement process caused by lack of information.

To book a pre-lodgement meeting please contact Forbes Shire Council on (02) 6850 2300 or development@forbes.nsw.gov.au

Proposed Amendments – Schedule of Fees and Charges – Various

In accordance with s. 610F of the Local Government Act 1993, Council places on public exhibition proposed amendments to its Schedule of Fees and Charges (solar panel recycling fee, large-scale school holiday events). Details of the proposed amendments are available on Council's website and its Administration Office at 2 Court Street, Forbes. Submissions may be made in writing to The General Manager, PO Box 333, Forbes NSW 2871, by email to forbes@forbes.nsw.gov.au or delivered to Council's Administration Office at 2 Court Street. Submissions will be accepted until 5:00pm 28 March 2025. For further information, please contact Council's Governance Officer on 6850 2300 (Option 4)

International Women's Day

Forbes Shire Council will be celebrating International Women's Day on Saturday 8 March and invites the community to join us from 7am for a delicious breakfast by the lake. **Announcing** inspirational guest speakers Kelly Foran and Belinda Mawhinney Both Kelly and Belinda are dedicated to empowering others, whether through compassionate support or strategic leadership development. Tickets include Breakfast, amazing guest speakers and a gift for all attendees. Get your tickets at 123tix.com.au. We look forward to seeing you there! For additional event information, please contact Council's Events Officer on events@forbes.nsw.gov.au or 02 6850 2300.

Seniors Week - Give It A Go Festival in Forbes

NSW Seniors festival runs from Monday 3 - Sunday 16 March 2025. Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the 2025 Give it a Go Festival in Forbes for seniors! This year's festival promises a range of events and activities, inspiring workshops and delightful entertainment. Seniors who are looking to reconnect with old friends, make new ones or simply enjoy a day out, there's something for everyone. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to have fun, learn, and be part of a supportive and lively community. Mark your calendars and join us to Give it a Go! Event, activity and workshop dates and times to be confirmed in the 2025 Seniors Guide. You can get a copy of the guide by contact Council's Events Officer via events@forbes.nsw.gov.au or on 6850 2300.

Online Business Directory – Is your Business Listed?

Forbes Shire Council invites all local businesses to list their business on Forbes Online Business Directory.

This Directory is an excellent reference point for new residents and developers to make direct contact with your business.

Scan the QR code to review or submit your business listing via the LIVE FORBES website <https://liveforbes.com.au/live/directory/> or email your business details to business@forbes.nsw.gov.au

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