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[text on screen Inductee, Lifetime Achievement Honour Roll, Margherita Coppolino]

[text on screen What has motivated you to contribute to the lives of others?]

[footage of Margherita talking to camera]

Very early in life there were a number of people in my life who were contributing to people’s lives and making a difference and that was the modelling for me, that was people doing it by example.

When I saw what impact it had on people that they were doing that for then I made a commitment to myself that that’s what I would do, and I’ve never looked back since.

In that process what I've found is that I've been very privileged to work with a team of people who think along the same lines. It’s fabulous because when you see the difference that people make by contributing to others, then it’s a win-win for everybody.

[text on screen What are your aspirations or wishes for the future?]

My aspirations for the future would be to see all intersectionality communities working much more cohesively together.

And I actually feel that right now where we are in this time that there’s an opportunity to do that. We’ve got more and more people to step back and go well if we do this for other people, and we do take people’s issues into consideration on looking after each other, then more gets achieved.

So I'd like to see less silo working and particularly in public policy where the intersectional community works much more together as a whole.

[text on screen What does it mean to you to be nominated for the lifetime achievement honour roll?]

When I found out that I was nominated for the award I was quite flattered. I was shocked at the same time, and then when I sort of came to terms with it I thought if I’m successful ... not so much being successful but if I’m a finalist, this finalist is really for everybody that I’ve worked with and who have made a difference to people’s lives.

So this nomination’s not about me, it’s about everybody that I've come in touch with and done fabulous work.

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