



Tanya Abramzon (left), CEO, and Judy Fetter, general manager operations.

EMMY MONASH

Global awards for exceptional aged care organisation

EMMY Monash Aged Care recently claimed finalist awards in three categories at the prestigious Asia Pacific Eldercare Innovation Awards held in Singapore.

The awards recognise exceptional aged care organisations for their innovative and quality approaches to change the way seniors age, and for their contribution in shaping the future of the ageing landscape.

CEO, Tanya Abramzon said, "We are immensely proud of this achievement and that we were able to showcase our facility and programs to a global audience."

Emmy Monash was awarded finalist awards in the following three categories:

- Best Active Ageing Program: Still Firing – Journeys through Sculptures and Clay
- Best Silver Architecture: Emmy Monash Gandel House
- Best Silver Interior Design: Emmy Monash Gandel House.

The Asia Pacific Eldercare Innovation Awards attracted 600 participants from Australia, Singapore, China, Japan, Malaysia and New Zealand.

SUBBOTNIK & MONTEFIORE

An unforgettable day of unity

AARON FETTER

JUST as Anzac Day is one of Australia's most important commemorations, Victory Day (A Veterans Day that occurs on May 9 and commemorates the surrender of Nazi Germany in 1945) captures a special place in the hearts of Russian-speaking veterans and community members.

With that in mind, the volunteers of Subbotnik – a local Jewish not-for-profit organisation – spent the day with the residents of Jewish Care's Montefiore Homes. Among them were many veterans, Holocaust survivors and "children of the war".

The morning started with an array of pampering activities offered by volunteers from all over Melbourne, which included hair styling, facials, manicures, gentle massage and make-up sessions. Photographer Ksenia Belova Palmieri set up a mobile photo studio to create extraordinary portraits of each resident.

Holding their war medals in front of the camera, together with black-and-white images of their loved ones who perished in the



Tovya Levit, Montefiore resident and World War II veteran.

Photo: Natalia Kudriavceva

war made for a moving experience for the veterans and the volunteers alike. A heart-warming concert filled with well-known war songs followed, with performances from violinist Alex Burkoy and musicians Isaak Droukman, Yakov Margulis, Victor Avrutis, Leon Yehuda Bondar and budding singer Marina Yut.

After the concert, gifts, desserts, flowers and cards decorated by children, and even customised copper medals ordered for the occasion, were given out to the seniors to thank them for risking their lives, health and everything they had for

the nation's peaceful future.

Co-founder of Subbotnik Sarah Bendetsky said, "The generation of the veterans and victims of the war is ageing and needs our support. I believe that the best way to acknowledge their amazing contributions is not about sharing a beautifully designed post on social media once or twice a year.

"It's about spending the time with them on the Victory Day, Anzac Day and Yom Hashoah, asking them questions, bringing home-made treats and showing that we remember about them on any other day."

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