



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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2010 Community Volunteer Awards Nominations Open

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, today opened nominations for her 2010 Community Volunteer Awards to mark the beginning of National Volunteer Week.

The Community Volunteer Awards recognise the outstanding voluntary work, achievements and contributions made by members of the Newcastle community.

"Volunteers make an invaluable contribution to so many aspects of our local community," Ms Grierson said.

"Today is particularly special day to call for nominations, being the first day of National Volunteer Week."

National Volunteer Week is the largest celebration of volunteers and volunteerism in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you to the more than 5 million Australians who volunteer.

"Since 2004, 367 individual and 25 community organisations in Newcastle have received Community Volunteer Awards," said Ms Grierson.

"However, these numbers are just skimming the surface of the volunteer work that is undertaken in the wider community – there are so many more out there that deserve recognition."

Volunteers can be nominated for:

- being outstanding volunteer role models to our community;
- making significant or outstanding contributions to the wellbeing of people through volunteering;
- presenting a positive image of volunteering;
- completing significant new achievements for themselves in volunteering; and
- being quiet achievers working for our community through volunteering;

Award recipients are volunteers who have been nominated by the community in the fields of aged care, community services, disability & health services, education, schools & youth, sport & recreation, and veterans' support.

"Nomination forms can be obtained through my office, by calling **4926 1555**," Ms Grierson said.

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Nomination Form

2010 Newcastle Community Volunteer Awards

Details of person or organisation being nominated

Name: _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Position (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Postcode _____ Telephone: _____ Mobile _____

Please note: The person being nominated must live or volunteer in the Federal electorate of Newcastle to qualify for the award. If the nominee does not live in the electorate, please provide location/s of their voluntary work in Newcastle.

Has the person been advised of their nomination Yes No

Details of the nominating individual or organisation

Name: _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Position (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Postcode _____ Telephone: _____ Mobile _____

Please send completed nomination forms to:

Newcastle Volunteer Awards
Sharon Grierson MP
427 Hunter Street
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PLEASE COMPLETE NOMINATION DETAILS OVERLEAF
Nominations Close Friday 25 June 2010

The 2010 Newcastle Community Volunteer Awards

To recognise ordinary people making extraordinary contributions to their communities

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To receive a Newcastle Volunteer Award, the person nominated should meet one or more of the following criteria:

- is an outstanding volunteer role model to our community;
- has made a significant contribution to the wellbeing of people through volunteering;
- presents a positive image of volunteering;
- has completed a significant new achievement for themselves in volunteering;
- is, or has been, a quiet achiever working for our community through volunteering.
- lives, or undertakes their voluntary work, in the Federal Electorate of Newcastle.

Names and contact details of two referees' who support the nomination:

(1) Name: _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Position (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Postcode _____ Telephone: _____ Mobile _____

Personal/professional relationship to nominee & reason for supporting the nomination

(2) Name: _____

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Position (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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Personal/professional relationship to nominee and reason for supporting the nomination

Description of the work the volunteer does:

An example of a specific task the volunteer has done that makes them an outstanding volunteer:

Please attach any additional information to support the application