

VOLUNTEER NETWORK

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Inner West Volunteers Celebrate International Volunteers Day

150 Volunteers from the Inner West Attended a breakfast at Burwood RSL on International Volunteers Day in recognition of their contribution to the community through their volunteer work.

Also attending the breakfast organized by Volunteer Network Annually were the Burwood Mayor Cr. Sidoti and fellow councilors along with the Mayor of Strathfield Cnr Tony Maroun and Inner West Volunteer of the Year Glynis Brown - All volunteers were presented with a certificate from Cr. Sidoti.



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2009 NSW Volunteer of the Year Award winners announced



Liz Mullinar AM, Hayden Zammit, the Hon Graham West, Nigel Dearing, Thea Batterham and Yvonne Tattersall of Timehelp Holroyd at Parliament House

Hunter Valley resident Liz Mullinar AM has been named 2009 NSW Volunteer of the Year for her work to ensure that survivors of child abuse have somewhere to heal.

Liz Mullinar of Quorrobolong, envisaged, founded and funded Mayumarri in the 1990s in the Hunter Valley. Mayumarri is unique in that people can stay at low cost and learn to live, not like a victim and recover in a rural surrounding.

She organised the building of the healing centre, developed the program, facilitates the process and has developed the educational programs for carers and facilitators.

Ms Mullinar was awarded the title by the NSW Minister for Volunteering Graham West in a ceremony at Parliament House on Friday, 4 December 2009 – to mark International Volunteer Day (Dec 5).

Her nominator, Pamela Kilduff describes Ms Mullinar's efforts as: "She gladly and willingly pursues any avenue to help survivors help themselves to heal. The whole concept and function is innovative and speaking out helps others to acknowledge these victims need to be recognised."

The Ceremony also announced the following Volunteers of the Year:

- Hayden Zammit, a 15-year-old from Broken Hill was named 2009 NSW Youth Volunteer of the Year for his work raising funds for Camp Quality.
- Thea Batterham, of Inverell, is the 2009 NSW Senior Volunteer of the Year for her contribution raising funds on behalf of Camp Quality and the New England Volunteer Air Transport.
- ING Bank employee Nigel Dearing has been recognised as the 2009 NSW Employee Volunteer of the Year for mobilising an exemplary Ignition Mentoring program which facilitates a meaningful relationship between the employee and a person or group with a disability.
- Timehelp Holroyd – a group of 26 retirees from Holroyd was awarded the inaugural 2009 NSW Volunteer Team of the Year for its work assisting local schools programs and mentoring students

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Inner West Volunteer of the Year Awards

As part of the NSW Volunteer of the year Awards regional presentations were made in regions throughout NSW with the winners of each category in each region being considered for the State award in their category.

Congratulations to Glynis Brown (Inner West Volunteer of the year) and Margaret McInroy (Inner West Seniors Volunteer of the year)



Glynis Brown



Margaret McInroy

Margaret is actively involved in the promotion and running of 12 local community organisations, as well as consistently volunteering for numerous public events, such as the Paralympics, the Olympics, and New Years Eve Fireworks.

Her dedication to these groups has continued for thirty four years, and for much of that period, her commitment has been almost full-time.



Inner West Volunteer of the Year Award Nominees with Burwood Mayor Cr. John Sidoti and General Manager Mr. Pat Romano



National Volunteer Week, 10-16 May 2010

VOLUNTEERING - NOW IS TIME TO HIGHLIGHT THE ROLES OF VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO SAY THANK YOU

National Volunteer Week (NVW) 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.

Australian volunteers are essential to society, and many charities would struggle to survive without the support of their volunteers. Australian volunteers contribute more than 700 million hours of community service to so many areas of society, including community health care, heritage and arts, environment conservation, emergency services, education, social justice and sports. NVW provides a platform to pay tribute to these volunteers who donate their time and energy to help others.

The NVW website will provide you with all the information you need to celebrate NVW whether you are a volunteer, volunteer organisation, or a corporate organisation seeking ways to help recognise and thank employees who are also volunteers.

Go to www.volunteeringaustralia.org/ for more details



CASS and Volunteer Network launch joint program

(The Speakers Corner Program)

Wednesdays 3rd February to 21st March 2010



CASS and Volunteer Network have launched a joint project that will help Chinese members of our community enhance their English conversation skills. The project known as the Speakers Corner Program will be held in the grounds of Woodstock Community Centre on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm.

There is currently 60 participants and 17 volunteer tutors involved.

Volunteer Network Coordinator, Michael Collisson said "we are really excited about this project as it gives people the opportunity to engage in English conversation with volunteers in a non-threatening and social environment"

"We feel that this program will help participants to feel more confident over time about utilising their English skills in a social situation" he said

"If the program is successful we hope to extend this opportunity to other groups within the community. There has been a very good response to the program so far" Mr. Collisson said.

People from the Chinese community who wish to participate should contact Jennie Vien on 02 9789 4587.

People who are interested in becoming volunteer tutors should contact Julie on 02 99119855.

