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AWARDS RECOGNISE OUR VOLUNTEERS' GREAT CONTRIBUTION

Winners of the City of Ryde 2010 Volunteer Recognition Awards will be announced at a special ceremony on Wednesday 19 May, at the **North Ryde School of Arts Community Centre**, **201 Cox's Road**.

The Mayor, CIr Michael Butterworth said the overwhelming response to this year's Awards had been most gratifying. "We have received a record fifty-three nominations (up from 32 last year) for the Volunteer, Young Volunteer and Group Awards.

"While this may have made the judges' decision all the more difficult it does shows how appreciative the whole community is for the valuable work carried out by this army of unsung local heroes."

The Awards are held every year in conjunction with National Volunteer Week. They honour the largely unseen mass of volunteers who give their time and skill generously to uplift and benefit the lives of so many in our community, from the youngest to the oldest.

Individual Award Nominees: (Total 32)

- 1. Beryl Ackroyd
- 2. Michael Appleton
- 3. Sonia Berberian
- 4. Alf Bourne
- 5. Julia Bovard
- 6. Bryan Cox
- 7. Andrew Daff
- 8. Rob Dawson
- 9. Cynthia Dummer
- 10. Lisa Frost
- 11. Roseanna Gallo
- 12. Robert Gordon
- 13. Shirley James
- 14. Alison Jones
- 15. Chi Fan Leung Kan
- 16. Bronwyn McGrath
- 17. Estelle McGuirk
- 18. Robyn McKinnon
- 19. Les Mico
- 20. Sue Miller
- 21. Helen (Pat) Perrin
- 22. Robyn Piper

- 23. Penny Pyett
- 24. Marguerite Robinson
- 25. Bob Sadler
- 26. Jimmy Shaw
- 27. Jeanette Sims
- 28. Ken Stammers
- 29. Patrick Yau
- 30. Begzad Yeghzarian
- 31. Olga Yiasoumi
- 32. Ivan Zlatin

Group Award Nominees: (Total 18)

- 1. 322 (City of Ryde) Squadron Australian Air Force Cadets
- 2. Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation Australia
- 3. Christian Community Aid
- 4. Eastwood Local Area Command Volunteers in Policing
- 5. Easy Care Gardening (Monday & Wednesday Groups led by Ian Norman)
- 6. English Class Tutors
- 7. Fairyland Volunteer Bushcare Group
- 8. Get Out At Lunchtime
- 9. ITALO Australian Senior Citizens Group
- 10. Leisure Learning Group
- 11. Meadowbank Chinese Neighbourhood Centre
- 12. Pink Ladies Ryde Hospital
- 13. Ryde Arthritis Community Support Group
- 14. Ryde Hunters Hill Junior Cricket Club
- 15. St. Andrews Socio Religious Justice, Harmony/FITA
- 16. Sydney Live Steam Locomotive Society Co-op Ltd
- 17. Macquarie Hospital 50th Anniversary Chapel Service Ecumenical Task-Force
- 18. The Old and The Bold (Wednesday Mens Lunch Group)

Young Award Nominees: (Total 3)

- 1. Alice Fielding-Smith
- 2. Lianne Leong
- 3. Andrew Lewy

Photo opportunity:

Volunteer of the Year Awards Presentation

Wednesday 19 May 2010, starting 6.00pm. Presentation 6.45-7.30pm North Ryde School of Arts Community Centre, 201 Coxs Road, North Ryde.

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