

# 2009 Australia Day Awards

## HARRY GRIMSEY Citizen of the Year Award

**Citizen of the Year** Harry Grimsey is well-known in the Huon Valley community. Throughout his life he has been very community-minded and involved in many activities in public life, church, the sports arena and local theatre.

Some of Harry's achievements in public life include serving six years as a Huon Municipal Councillor from 1985 to 1992; Kingborough Health Forum Past Chairman and Convenor; Polling Officer and Assistant Returning Officer for all Commonwealth and State elections in the Huon municipality for 34 years; Collector and Controller of six Commonwealth Censuses in the Huon Municipality over a 29 year period.

Harry has been just as active on the sporting field with stints in local cricket teams, football teams, rifle shooting, tennis, golf, and lately, lawn bowls. Harry has been a member and supporter of many organisations, including Huon Eldercare; Hobart Royal Agricultural Society; Huon Show Society and the RACT. He is a life member of the Huonville High School Parents and Friends Association and served many years as president.

Harry is a man of many talents. He has been involved in the

Cygnets since 1985 and was a founding member of the Huon Valley Theatre when it was established in 1988. He still organises and coordinates the annual Schools Plays Festival to encourage and support drama and arts in schools. A highlight of Harry's stage career came in 2001 when he sang in a professional production of Gilbert and Sullivan at the new Federation Concert Hall.

Harry has been involved in the Huonville Community Church, now called the Community Church, since 1945. He has sung in the choir, conducted a youth group along with his wife Faye, taught Sunday School for many years and was a Sunday School superintendent for 14 years. He was a church deacon and served on various committees, was a delegate to the congregational union and has been a lay preacher and performed baptisms when requested. Harry currently attends St James Anglican Church at Ranelagh.

Considering the length and breadth of Harry's contributions to the many organisations he has served, it is fitting that he is proclaimed the Huon Valley Council's Citizen of the Year.



TOP: Harry receives his award from special guest Emily Burke  
BOTTOM: Harry celebrates with his family



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## Penny Collins Young Citizen of the Year

Penny has contributed enormously to the Huon Valley Community. She has been a member of the Rural Youth organisation for the past seven years and is currently treasurer of the Kingborough Huon Club. She has also held the positions of secretary, newsletter editor, fundraiser and social organiser. In 2001 Penny was awarded the honour of Outstanding New Member and in 2005 she was awarded the Outstanding Member for Kingborough Huon Club award.

Penny has organised the Ute Show at the Huon Agricultural

Show as well as the Animal Nursery, the Dog High Jump and food-stalls. She has also donated her professional talents as a graphic designer to the promotion of the Forest Festival and has worked closely with the organisers of the Apple and Salmon Race and The Taste of the Huon.

Penny has displayed many of the qualities looked for in our Young Citizen of the Year. She is hard working, resourceful and has a strong community spirit; a deserving recipient of the Young Citizen of the Year Award for 2009.

**LEFT: Penny (left) receives her award from special guest Emily Burke**

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COMMUNITY EVENT  
OF THE YEAR  
Apple and Salmon Race  
Huron Rotary



RIGHT: Huron Rotary's Lorraine Walker  
with special guest Emily Burke at the  
Australia Day Awards

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## Jack Brown Special Merit Award

Since the 1980's Jack Brown has been collecting rubbish along the Huon Highway.

Collecting discarded cans is part of Jack's daily routine. Just after lunch each day, Jack gets into his green Zephyr and drives up the highway to the spot where he finished the previous day's rubbish collection and starts his roadside can removal - just the way he has done every summer's day for the past 25 years.

**LEFT: Jack celebrates his award with Huon Valley Mayor Robert Armstrong.**

Jack has collected an incredible 300,000 aluminium cans over the years of routinely working his way from one end of the Huon Valley to the other; a stretch of over 150 kilometres.

All cans are given to the police collection depot at Huonville, sold to raise funds for the PCYC.

The Special Merit Award is awarded to Jack in honour of his incredible long term effort to keep the Huon Highway "can free" and for his significant contribution to the fundraising efforts of the PCYC.



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OUTSTANDING VOLUNTARY SERVICE AWARDS  
5000 Hours Plus



ABOVE L TO R: Iris Rigby, Graham Thompson, Carolyne Milne, Rodney Gray and Meta Forward with their Australia Day Awards.



ABOVE: The Vinnies Volunteer Team celebrate their awards with Huon Valley Council Mayor Robert Armstrong.

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**SPECIAL VOLUNTARY  
SERVICE AWARDS  
2000 Hours Plus**



**RIGHT: Jayne Difflo, Ann Brittain  
and Jacqueline Francis celebrate  
their awards with Huon Valley Mayor  
Robert Armstrong.**



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VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS  
500 Hours Plus



Phillip Goodall receives his award from Huon Valley Mayor Robert Armstrong



Rhonda Fibbens, Lyn Ryan, Leeann Thorpe, Sheila Duggan and Michael Anning celebrate with Huon Valley Councillors Tony Duggan, Bruce Heron and Mayor Robert Armstrong.