



# Australia Day Awards & Citizenship Ceremony 25 January 2012



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## Citizen of the Year Mrs Jill Hayes

Jill Hayes - commended for a life-time commitment to our community.

The list of Jill's contribution is extensive.

## The CWA.

In 1966 Jill joined the Lucaston Branch of the CWA – this marked the beginning of a 45 year journey of dedication and high personal achievement.

Over the years Jill has shared home and hand-craft skills, supported CWA

sponsored charities, produced packages of baby clothes for refugees, served in various leadership roles and held committee positions at local branch, state and national levels.

Currently her positions with the CWA alone are:

- Treasurer Huonville CWA Market Stall Committee
- Caterer/Organiser for CWA and other functions
- Branch Delegate to State Conferences
- Chairperson of the Jessie Kean Holiday Home
- Social Committee Member
- State Exhibition Committee Member
- AGFEST Stall Supporter

Jill is an active committee member of the Royal Hobart Show and caterer for the CWA over the duration of the Show.

## Jill also volunteers at St James Anglican Church at Ranelagh

## Huon Eldercare, Meals on Wheels and the Huon Agricultural Show have all benefitted from Jill's input

Jill's efforts have stretched from very personal contributions to people's lives to the wider organisational input and leadership shown throughout the various groups with which she has been actively involved and a vital member.

We are proud to extend the Huon Valley Citizen of the Year to Mrs Jill Hayes.

## Young Citizen of the Year Tansy Buchanan

Tansy is a committed young community member who has shown she is willing to give her time to help others whether to organise a fundraiser for a local person in need or, indeed leading others in working towards a humanitarian goal.

Tansy was a student at Huonville High until 2011 and during her high school years tansy has shown leadership, compassion and ability to care about community as a whole – both local and global.

Tansy was also a lead member of the Huonville High School leading groups such as

- ruMAD (Are You Making a Difference)
- 2010 Vietnam & Cambodia Project

In 2011, Tansy has led the SWAP group within the school. Her role has included working with students across all grades helping them to understand issues around poverty.

In addition, Tansy worked with the younger students to organise fundraising activities and link with national organisations such as World Vision and Amnesty International.

In 2011 Tansy represented Huonville High School at a Global Leadership Convention held at the Derwent Entertainment Centre. As leader of the SWAP group she was also selected to fly to Melbourne to receive a national antipoverty week award from Connections Uniting Care.

In the future she is hoping to be able to use her skills to assist humanitarian organisations around the world with their work with poor communities.

Tansy has proved she has great leadership qualities, that, combined with her compassion and understanding of what it means to be part of a community has ensured she is a very worthy recipient of the 2012 Young Citizen of the Year Award.



LEFT: Tansy Buchanan with her Young Citizen of the Year Award BELOW: Huon Valley Concert Band



#### Cultural and Community Builders Award CWA Market Stall Volunteer Team

The Cultural and Community Builders Award is about acknowledging contributions made to the lives of residents through promoting skills, creating community and making connections through involvement in meaningful activities. This new award in 2012 is going to the CWA Market Stall Volunteer Team.

To many Huon Valley residents the CWA market stall is a local icon.

In many ways CWA represents much of what we take for granted within a thriving rural community.

A place to go for lovely fresh produce, home baked treats, hand knitted garments and handcrafts, flowers picked from a much loved garden.

But, we know that the Friday CWA Market Stall is more than a 'SHOP'

The CWA Market Stall is place run by friendly locals who are willing to share their skills. It's a place where people can learn basic or complicated craft procedures - often resulting in impromptu craft classes 'out the back' of the CWA shop. It is also a place where ideas are formulated about how to help people in need. Funds raised at the 'market stall' have been given to a host of charitable organisations and programs over the years

The CWA Shop Team has been quietly working away since the 1960's keeping many of the skills and pleasures of rural life alive. The team have been an example of what can be achieved through shared activity.

We are pleased to be award the first Huon Valley Cultural & Community Builders Award to the Country Women's Association.



ABOVE: Eileen McCulloch of the CWA for the Cultural & Community Builders Award ABOVE RIGHT: CWA Market Stall Volunteer Team - Winners of the Cultural & Community Builders Award

#### Juanita Crowe Sports Award

Juanita Crowe has been involved with the Huonville Lions Football Club's junior teams for the past four years.

Encouragement of young people to participate in sporting activities has become a highly valued community activity and Juanita's drive to support the club and encourage participation has been enormous.

Anyone would have to agree that organising a single football team could be a handful – but Juanita has managed to organise all six Huonville Lions Football teams with great enthusiasm (not to mention great organisational skills).



From making team selections to arranging uniforms, organising umpires and timekeepers, running the kiosk and taking care of the many and varied issues which can arise on match days.

There are of course meetings to attend amongst the vast array of tasks involved in promotion and encouragement of participation in local football.

This was the first time this Sports Award has been offered and we are pleased to be awarding it to Juanita today.

RIGHT: Jaunita Crowe, winner of the Australia Day Sports Award, Juanita was also a winner of a Voluntary Services Award on the day. BELOW: The Cygnet Singers providing entertainment on the day.



## **Citations Voluntary Services Awards**

### Voluntary Service Award In excess of 500 Hours

Juanita Crowe

For services to the Huonville Lions Football Club.

Bill Fidler For services to the North Huon Cricket Club

### Special Voluntary Service Award in excess of 2000 Hours

James Doyle

For services to the Franklin Community – through the

• Franklin Progress Association,

 Franklin Township Committee
Neighbourhood Watch Franklin James is a dedicated member of the Franklin community – where he is well known for his contribution and great pride in the presentation and growth of the township.

#### **Outstanding Voluntary Service Award in Excess of 5000 Hours**

#### Andrew Bott

For services to the Surges Bay community for over 10 years.

In a small community, as many of us know, the need to rely on those close-by can be great. In Surges Bay, Andrew has become a key community member for many local residents.

Andrew has assisted people in many facets of their personal lives and also in service to the Surges Bay community through being actively involved with the Surges Bay Hall committee.

Denise Scaife For service to the community through the Cygnet Folk Festival.

Denise has been an indispensible member of the volunteer team in recent years carrying out a vast array of tasks and holding positions of President and Secretary on the Committee which demand a massive amount of input throughout the year,

John Young John has given many thousands of hours of his time to the Franklin community during his 20 years of residence. He was the driving force of the Franklin Progress Association and ensured that it has had a meaningful and productive role in the community.

Many changes that make Franklin the place it is today spring from the leadership he has shown – including the School of Wooden Boat building, the Living Boat Trust with it's many educational programs, and of course the reinvigoration of the Franklin Palais Theatre.



RIGHT: Bill Fidler winner of a voluntary service award



ABOVE: James Doyle Winner of the Award for Special Voluntary Service in Excess of 2000 Hours with Huon Valley Council Mayor Robert Armstrong and Australia Day Ambassador Paul Jennings



ABOVE: Andrew Bott with Huon Valley Council Mayor Robert Armstrong and Australia Day Ambassador Paul Jennings



ABOVE: Caitlin Scaife accepting the award on behalf of her mother Denise



ABOVE: John Young winner of an outstanding Voluntary Service Award in Excess of 5000 Hours