

# SHIRE OF CAMPASPE MEDIA RELEASE



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## CALLING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2016 CAMPASPE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

"Happy Giving, Happy Living" - the theme of 2016 Volunteer Week - sums up why most volunteers give so generously of their knowledge, skills and time for the benefit of others. Volunteers help make the lives of others happier, and they too are happier as a result.

While volunteers don't do it for the accolade, Shire of Campaspe Mayor, Cr Leigh Wilson, says the Shire of Campaspe's Volunteer Awards Program ensures these unsung heroes get the rightful recognition they deserve.

"The annual Campaspe Volunteer Awards Program provides a tangible way of thanking and publicly acknowledging these everyday people who make extraordinary contributions every day, to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents in all facets of community life," Cr Wilson said.

"Not-for-profit groups such as sports clubs, churches, emergency and community services, depend on volunteers to deliver their programs, events and special projects. Council, too, relies heavily on the support of volunteers to deliver vital services such as meals on wheels, community transport, young people's programs and environmental initiatives.

"I encourage all members of the Campaspe community to consider nominating a person or organisation they feel should be recognised for their volunteering efforts."

Awards are presented in the following categories:

- Individual:** an outstanding contribution and achievement in volunteerism by a person
- Young person:** an outstanding contribution and achievement in volunteerism by a person aged under 25 years
- Organisation:** an outstanding contribution and achievement in volunteerism by a not-for-profit organisation which supports its volunteers.

**The closing date for 2016 Volunteer Awards Program nominations is Friday, 22 April 2016.**

Coinciding with National Volunteer Week 2016 in May, the winners will be presented at a special ceremony to be held on Wednesday, 11 May at the Civic Centre in Echuca. The winners of the Individual and Young Person categories will each receive a prize to the value of \$250 and the winner of the Organisation category will receive a prize to the value of \$550.

Nomination forms are available from Council's website at [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au) or from a Council Customer Service Centre. Forms can be lodged via mail to: Volunteer Awards Program 2012, PO box 35, Echuca, VIC, 3564 or at a Council Customer Service Centre.

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