

MEDIA RELEASE

Gidgegannup residents feature prominently at 2008 Premiers' Citizenship Awards.

Community group Experience Gidgegannup won this years Premiers' Citizenship Award in the Group category. Experience Gidgegannup was formed 3 years ago by the City of Swan but is now ran by a group of hardworking residents. They were nominated for the work that they do to promote the Gidgegannup area and it's local businesses. The group organises and runs several community events during the year as well as being involved in events outside of Gidgegannup to promote the area to a wider audience.

Chairperson, Tania Boyland says "Being nominated for this award was a huge shock but one that was also very welcome. Just to be nominated was a wonderful reward for all the hard work that our small, but dedicated committee put in, but then to win it was just the boost that we needed for the new year."

Experience Gidgegannup have two events coming up. Beat in the Bush is a free family concert which will be held at the Gidgegannup Recreation Grounds on the 2nd of March from 5pm and the Countryman Gidgegannup Small Farm Field Day is going to be held at the Gidgegannup Showgrounds from 9am on the 29th of June.

The Premiers' Citizenship Award for a person under 25 also went to a Gidgegannup resident this year.

Mark Carroll has been an active member of the Gidgegannup Basketball Club for the last 10 years and of the Gidgegannup Junior Football Club for 14 years.

He has coached and refereed basketball as well as umpiring football, and without his willingness to take on the initial role of coach, the Under 10 boys would not have been able to play. Taking on the role of referee and umpire has allowed many players of all ages to have a game.

Mark has also served as a role model and encouraged other youth to take on positions not normally seen as glamorous or desirable. This award was well deserved for Mark's commitment to these local sporting clubs and their players.

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