



Community Relations Commission  
For a multicultural NSW

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*The 2009*  
**Community Relations Commission**  
*For a multicultural NSW*

## **Awards for Volunteering**

The Annual CRC Awards for Volunteering honour those individuals in NSW whose tireless community service has enhanced the cultural and social wellbeing of their migrant communities. The purpose of these awards is to highlight the cultural diversity of those undertaking voluntary work and to foster a greater understanding of the value of their contributions. NSW recognises the crucial role that volunteering plays in social cohesion and community building. It is a great asset for the State.

The dedicated voluntary work of many of these individuals educates and promotes various cultures through such diverse mediums as community language schools, events organised by ethno-specific organisations, and the provision of welfare and settlement services.

The CRC Awards for Volunteering commend these volunteers for the valuable contribution they have made to our society. In this spirit, awards will be presented in the following four categories:



### **Community Service Award**

For distinguished volunteer community service. This may include community service in health, settlement, social and welfare services, aged, disability and youth services. This award also encompasses those individuals who have made significant contributions to the establishment and/or management of community organisations or activities.



### **Volunteer of the Year Award**

The purpose of this award is to honour the outstanding contributions of an individual through distinguished volunteer service in any area of community service in the Australian community.



### **Young Volunteer**

In recognition of the valuable role of young volunteers, this award will be made for distinguished voluntary community service undertaken by a young person (under 25 years of age at the time of nomination).



### **Lifetime Achievement in Community Service**

This award recognises an individual's lifetime commitment to voluntary community service within a migrant community. The individual will have demonstrated exceptional commitment by providing outstanding and distinguished community service over an extended period of time. Their contribution shall have had a significant impact on the social or cultural well-being of the community.

## Message of support from the Premier, the Hon Nathan Rees, MP



The Community Relations Commission's annual Awards for Volunteering is an important recognition of the major contribution members of ethnic communities make to the success of our society.

Volunteers have been the backbone of ethnic community activities and the building of great community support networks. Their dedicated efforts have been invaluable in the advancement of our harmonious multicultural society.

Volunteering brings out the best in people and this makes for a better community all round. Volunteering is a fulfilling experience and I hope a new generation of volunteers will be inspired by peers in their community to provide their services and ensure this great work is continued.

The work of dedicated volunteers makes a meaningful impact on our society and this deserves to be recognised and acknowledged. I invite you to take this opportunity to show your appreciation for dedicated volunteers in your community and nominate them to receive a Community Relations Commission Award for Volunteering 2009.

**Nathan Rees MP**  
Premier

## Message from the Hon Virginia Judge MP, Minister for Fair Trading, Minister for Citizenship and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts



One of the unique attributes of our society is the selflessness displayed by many of our community members from all walks of life through acts of volunteering.

Volunteering is often the back bone that supports many community groups as they implement various programs and activities to build and maintain traditions and customs and provide accessible services for their fellow citizens. Often that helping hand can turn around a life for someone in need.

Volunteering is also an excellent way to broaden your networks and offer a significant contribution to the community and in turn can be a very rewarding and at times humbling experience.

The Community Relations Commission's Awards for volunteering is an excellent way to promote volunteering amongst multicultural communities by showcasing the wonderful work that many dedicated people do.

I encourage you to nominate those individuals that dedicate themselves to helping others in our society and to ultimately recognise and acknowledge their efforts.

**Virginia Judge MP**  
Minister for Citizenship

## Message from the Chairperson

The Community Relations Commission is very proud of the acknowledgement given to local heroes across the state since we launched our annual Awards for Volunteering eight years ago.

There are many people in our multicultural community who generously give a lot of their time and energy to make a positive difference to our society. As well as providing great service to the community, volunteering is an excellent way of getting involved and meeting new people.

Our past winners have carried out exemplary acts that truly have had an effect not only on their own communities but on our society as a whole.

I welcome you to nominate the heroes in your community as the Commission acknowledges and commends those remarkable individuals. Let's discover together the true heroes of volunteering in New South Wales.

**Stepan Kerkyasharian AM**  
Chairperson

## Eligibility

The *CRC Awards for Volunteering* are open to individual volunteers. Individual nominees must be ordinarily resident in NSW and:

- A member, committee member or on a board of management of a not-for-profit organisation; or
- Do voluntary work for a not-for-profit community organisation.

Organisations must be NSW-based and have as their objective the promotion of a multicultural society and the social and cultural well-being of their community.

Any CRC Commissioner, CRC employee or member of the judging panel is ineligible for nomination.

## Assessment Criteria for the CRC Awards for Volunteering

In addition to the individual category criteria outlined, the judging panel may give consideration to one or more of the following:

- Demonstrated ongoing leadership in volunteerism and the extent to which their community service may be considered noteworthy.
- Outstanding promotion of volunteerism in ethno-specific, and the wider New South Wales communities.
- Continuing and significant commitment to community service as reflected in participation in programs and initiatives which are responsive to community and social needs.
- Timeframe, length and degree of community service.
- The extent to which the service might be considered above and beyond the call of duty.
- Lasting and meaningful contribution to volunteerism in New South Wales and to the well-being of their communities.
- The extent to which the nominees' community service is recognised by their peers, their own and/or the wider Australian community.

## Judging

Judging will be undertaken by a panel chaired by the Chairperson of the Community Relations Commission For a multicultural NSW and three distinguished members of the NSW community appointed by the Commission. The judges' assessment of each nomination will be bound by the judging criteria. The judging panel will assess each nomination according to the criteria and select finalists and a winning candidate in each category. The judging panel reserves the right to present two Awards in one category or not to present an Award if nominees in a particular category are not considered to be of a high enough standard. While these are awards to individuals, the panel reserves the right to present an award to a group in certain circumstances. The decision of the judging panel is final and all nominators and nominees acknowledge and accept this fact.

## How to Nominate

- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominations must be made by an individual or organisation on the official entry form. Forms can be obtained from the CRC website [www.crc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crc.nsw.gov.au) or by telephoning Ms Rosa Stathis (02) 8255 6753.
- You must submit a completed nomination form along with photocopies of any supporting documentation. Please supply copies only as originals can not be returned. Forms must be received by the CRC by 5.00pm Friday 30 October 2009.
- Nomination forms should be posted to: Volunteering Awards  
Community Relations Commission For a multicultural NSW  
PO Box A2618  
Sydney South NSW 1235

# The 2009 CRC Awards for Volunteering

## NOMINATION FORM

### Instructions

1. Please read the accompanying Award Categories & Eligibility Criteria and decide on the most appropriate nomination category.
2. Please complete the form and provide details of two referees who will support the nomination.
3. Copies of supporting material such as photographs or documents may be attached to the application. Please supply copies only as originals will not be returned.
4. If more space is required, you may attach extra pages.
5. Forms and supporting documentation should be returned to the CRC by 5.00pm Friday 30 October 2009.
6. Forms should be returned to CRC Volunteering Awards, PO Box A2618 Sydney South NSW

1. Under which category do you wish to nominate this person?:

- Community Service Award
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Young Volunteer
- Lifetime Achievement in Community Service

2. Name of organisation submitting the nomination:  
(Leave blank if you are not from an organisation)

3. Name of individual completing this form:

4. Position:

5. Address:

6. Contact number (during the day):

7. Who are you nominating?

8. Address of individual nominated:

9. Telephone number of individual nominated:

10. Describe in detail the community service undertaken by the nominee.

11. In what ways is their service noteworthy?

12. Detail the timeframe, length and degree of your nominee's community service.

13. Describe any lasting or meaningful contribution their community service has made.

14. Describe any acknowledgement or recognition of their contribution by their ethnic or the wider community.

15. Why are you nominating them? (100 words or less)

*If you need more space, please attach extra pages or any other information you consider relevant to this nomination.*

16. Please give details of two referees who may be contacted to support the nomination.

REFEREE ONE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
In what capacity do they know the nominee?

REFEREE TWO

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
In what capacity do they know the nominee?