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# CRAIG EMERSON

Member for Rankin

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## CRAIG EMERSON'S RANKIN AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2008

Twenty-nine local community volunteers were recognised for their ongoing service to our local community at a special presentation at the Greenbank RSL Club on Friday 25 January.

Craig Emerson, Federal Member for Rankin, instituted his Rankin Australia Day Awards in the year 2000 to honour the valuable contribution volunteers make to our local community.

Mr Emerson said, 'This is the eighth year of the Rankin Australia Day Awards and we are still receiving numerous nominations for people who have lived and worked unrecognised in our community for many years'.

'Volunteers are the backbone of the community and this year the range of services delivered by our award winners are varied and wide ranging. From woodworking in local chapels, the care of injured wildlife, service to the elderly, youth and education – all of our volunteers have contributed to the success of Logan's residents'.

The volunteers recognised were Kelly Burgess (service to education), Edward Byne (service to church restoration), Barbara Coolwell (service to indigenous community), Allan Churchward (service to disabled), Sybil Dwyer (service to community), Wayne Ernst (service to community), Faye Fanning (service to community), Laurence Fletcher (service to youth), Heather Forman (service to elderly), Sue Green (service to children), Pam Hambleton (service to elderly), Tony Hamers (service to elderly), Ann Hawkins (service to community), James Kelly (service to youth), Lorraine Knight (service to community), Len Maple (service to elderly), Ann McCallum (service to community), Dorothy Murphy (service to elderly), Jenny Nightingale (service to community), Greg Nothling (service to education), Marcelle Pollington (service to education), Bert Purcell (service to welfare of animals), Tony Roberts (service to wildlife), Betty Schultz (service to disabled), Marjorie Siddorn (service to elderly), Glen Stiles (service to community), Audrey Stuart (service to elderly), and Joy (tilly) Tillgren (service to education and community).

**The inaugural Rankin Citizen of the Year 2008 is Noeline Clamp for her commitment to the Logan community in the areas of health, ageing and migration settlement.**

Mr Emerson said: "These volunteers are the life blood of our local community. Thanks to their selfless contribution, Logan is a better place for all of us to enjoy".