



Communities@Work

Dedicated people making a difference



Case Study

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2007 NAB VOLUNTEER AWARDS

State Winner – Large Organisation, Australian Capital Territory/Northern Territory/Tasmania
Communities@Work, Tuggeranong, Canberra, ACT

Volunteers put community organisation on top

Offering a diverse range of support services to the Canberra community, it's not surprising not-for-profit organisation Communities@Work draws so much strength from the 100 volunteers who offer as many as 15 hours of their time every week.

With services from child care and youth programs to aged and disability services under their umbrella, this year Communities@Work was nominated for its Seniors Program, which offers everything from generating social opportunities to operating a men's respite group.

According to volunteer coordinator Adrienne Rothwell, the contribution that the organisation's volunteers make to the community through activities like providing transport and performing home visits is immeasurable. "The NAB award is recognition of that. It's a chance to stop and publicly celebrate what volunteers bring to our organisation."

Communities@Work volunteers come from a wide range of backgrounds, although Ms Rothwell says retired volunteers make up a big portion of the program. "We're committed to supporting our volunteers, and provide them with regular training and social opportunities and the chance to learn new skills. This award is recognition that we've got it right."

Ms Rothwell says the prize money will provide valuable funds to help isolated and vulnerable seniors and facilitate the launch of an Active Over 55s Club. "Up until now, we've been trying to get the club off the ground so this award is very welcome."

Photo Opportunity: 10.30am Erindale Shopping Centre. Centre Court

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