

About the nomination

Name of person or organisation making the nomination:

Contact person and details of the contact person for the nomination:

Name: Phone:

Address:

Signature of person or organisation (representative) making the nomination

Signature of nominee:

Referee 1:

Name and relationship to nominee:

Address: Phone:

Referee 2:

Name and relationship to nominee:

Address: Phone:



Guidance Notes for Making Nominations

A clear and logical presentation, with the key elements highlighted against the judging criteria, will make consideration of the nomination easier.

The names and contact details of two independent referees should be provided in case the selection panel requires additional information in support of a nomination.

One or two handwritten or typewritten pages can be supplied in addition to the pro forma.

The award is made based on merit and the voluntary contribution must stand out from the contribution of other individuals

- How has the nominee's contribution advanced the aims and objectives of the community or organisation they serve?
- The degree of value of the contribution can be more important than the length of service.
- What outcomes were achieved by the nominee i.e. what difference did they make?
- The value of the contribution made will rarely be measured in dollar terms but will be measured by the degree of change achieved, constancy and how the service goes beyond that which could reasonably be expected of others in a similar situation.



2009

Barb O'Shea Award

Barb O'Shea Award

for Volunteer Contribution to the Community



The **Barb O'Shea Award** is made in memory of Barbara O'Shea who contributed much to Fitzroy and the surrounding community over a period of 21 years. Barb was a volunteer at Atherton Gardens Tenants Association, Fitzroy Community Youth Centre and the Fitzroy & Carlton Community Credit Co-operative (the Co-op).

Barb's contribution was made as a friend and a volunteer committed to social justice and a fair go to all. No task was too big or too small for Barb.

Through this Award the Fitzroy & Carlton Community Credit Co-operative recognises the contribution of Barb and other volunteers in the community who have given so generously of themselves to benefit others and to make a difference for individuals, groups and communities.



Fitzroy & Carlton Community Credit Co-operative Ltd

The Fitzroy & Carlton Community Credit Co-operative was established in 1977 by a group of people on low incomes who were dissatisfied with the services offered by other financial institutions. The primary aim was to provide low cost financial services to low income people and community groups within a broadly based community co-operative.

The Co-op was run by a group of volunteers until the Brotherhood of St Laurence provided funding in 1981 for the first paid manager. Volunteers have continued to play an important role in staffing and running the Co-op.

Today the Co-op continues to place enormous importance on the participation of volunteers in providing services to our community. Our volunteers are from a variety of backgrounds. They all bring their own particular expertise and empathy to support our members and contribute to the Co-op remaining true to its social justice philosophy.

Our services include savings accounts, budget service, bill paying account, Christmas Club, investments, home and personal loans, ATM card access, cheque books, credit card, merchant banking, comprehensive payroll service, bookkeeping service for community organisations, internet banking, electronic funds transfer to and from other financial institutions and utilities.

Barb O'Shea Award 2009

Guidelines

- The Award is for a person who has made a significant contribution to the life of the local community within the City of Yarra in a voluntary capacity. The person's contribution will have responded to the needs of Yarra residents. These needs could relate to (but are not limited to) social disadvantage, social isolation, community development, health, environment/sustainability, social justice

Judging Criteria

- The criteria used by the selection panel for deciding the Award winner include
 - enduring nature of the volunteer contribution
 - the extent to which the person has made his or her contribution as an "unsung hero" i.e. someone who does not hold a major leadership position within the community
 - participation in community activities which, for example: promote social justice, foster social connectedness in our community, build capacity and resilience, reduce the risk of isolation and improve health and activity, provide support to disadvantaged groups such as recently arrive refugees or promote environmentally sustainable practices

Other Information

- Nominations for the Award should be made by persons other than the

nominee and can be made by an organisation

- The nominee will be required to indicate his or her agreement to be nominated.
- The name of the winner will be published in the Co-op's Annual Report
- The Award will be presented to the winner at the Co-op's Annual General Meeting, normally held on the last Monday of November and at a venue to be advised
- The Award will only be awarded to a person once
- Persons previously nominated, who were not winners, may be re-nominated.
- Volunteers at the Fitzroy & Carlton Community Credit Co-operative Ltd (present and past) are not eligible to be nominated
- The Award will be organised and judged by a Sub-Committee of the Co-op's Board of Directors and may include members of the community and/or representatives of other local organisations
- Should the judges so decide, the Award may not be awarded in any given year
- The closing date for the acceptance of nominations is **Monday 28th September 2009**.

Return completed nomination form to: **Barb O'Shea Award**
Fitzroy & Carlton Community Credit Co-operative Ltd.
PO Box 198, Fitzroy VIC 3065

Barb O'Shea Award Nomination Form

(Please attach further pages if there is insufficient space)

Name of individual being nominated for the Award ("the nominee"):

Date:

Provide information about the organisation/s this person has volunteered with:

Length of time as a volunteer within the City of Yarra:

Nature of voluntary work:

Some background details about nominee (short personal history):

Details of any other awards won by the nominee for their volunteer work:

How has the nominee's volunteer work related to social justice issues in the City of Yarra? (refer to judging criteria).

Special qualities of the nominee and the nominee's voluntary work: