



---

## MEDIA RELEASE

13 February 2020

# Volunteer Service Awards nominations now open

Nominations are now open for this year's Huon Valley Council (HVC) Volunteer Service Awards, given each year to recognise the people living locally who have contributed their time and skills for the benefit of our community, often over many years of service.

"Volunteering contributes so much to our quality of life in the Huon Valley," said Huon Valley Council Mayor Bec Enders. "It is quite overwhelming to consider the things we would lose without their valuable contributions to our way of life. Please take this opportunity to nominate someone you know who is an outstanding volunteer in our community and give them the recognition they deserve."

The 2020 winners will be officially recognised at a ceremony held during National Volunteer Week (18–24 May).

Nominations can be made for one of three award categories:

- Volunteer Service Award (under 5 years' service)
- Special Volunteer Service Award (5-10 years' service)
- Outstanding Volunteer Service Award (more than 10 years' service)

Volunteers contribute an average of 229 hours per year or 4.4 hours every week to their fellow Tasmanians, according to Volunteering Tasmania's summary report for last year. The report also found that 76.7 per cent of volunteering occurs in the volunteer's own community (within 50km of home).

Common motivations for volunteering include a desire to give back and make a difference in people's lives, build social connections, and participate in activities that are meaningful and enjoyable on a personal level.

You can pay it forward now by sending in your nomination before **5pm Friday 28 February 2020**. Nominations can be made on Council's website at [www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au](http://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au) and at the Customer Service Centre at 40 Main Street, Huonville. Anyone who has a proven history of dedication and involvement within the Huon Valley community is eligible to be nominated.

**For more information: Mayor Bec Enders (03) 6264 0300**

**Communications & Media Officer**

Huon Valley Council

[communications@huonvalley.tas.gov.au](mailto:communications@huonvalley.tas.gov.au)