



Kelvin Thomson MP

Rewarding the outstanding efforts of people in Wills

Nominations for the National Disability Awards have been officially opened by Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin and Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services, Bill Shorten.

Kelvin Thomson, Member for Wills, today welcomed the announcement, and encouraged Australians to get behind the people of Wills who deserve national recognition.

"These Awards celebrate and acknowledge the achievements and contributions individuals with disability make to our community, as well as individuals who have contributed to the disability sector", Mr Thomson said.

People of Wills can nominate someone they know in one of the following categories:

- **Community Contribution Award** for a person with disability who has made a significant contribution to their community
- **Young Community Contribution Award** for a young person (between 12 and 25 years) with disability who has made a significant contribution to their community
- **Inclusion Award** for a person who has made a significant contribution to improving the lives of people with disability
- **Go Getter Award** for a young person (between 12 and 25 years) who has made a significant contribution to improving the lives of people with disability
- **Personal Achievement Award** for a person, either with disability or caring for someone with disability, who has overcome adversity to achieve personal goals

"Award recipients will be announced at a gala awards ceremony in Canberra, when the Australian Government celebrates International Day of People with Disability on 3rd December 2008.

"It is time for our community to celebrate and recognise people with disability and those who support them", Mr Thomson said.

Nominations close on the 9th May. Further information regarding the awards can be found at www.idpwd.com.au or by calling 1800 440 385.

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