

**LIVERPOOL WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE  
COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS APRIL 2011**

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To mark the special occasion of the official opening of its newly renovated premises and 37 years of providing quality health services to the women of Liverpool *Community Awards* will be presented on the day.

The purpose of the Awards is to recognise the achievements, contribution and hard work of women in our community who have worked tirelessly for the advancement of women.

The Award Recipients selected have worked hard work often as unpaid workers or volunteers or as paid workers have demonstrated commitment in empowering women in their communities.

The nominations were reviewed by a panel of judges and the final selection was based on the documentation received from nominators in the community.

**1. Awatif Al Khalmashi**

Awatif is the current President of the Mandaean Women's union of New South Wales. She has held this position since January 2010, and was one of the women who helped establish the union in 2006. Born in Baghdad Iraq she has lived in Australia for 11 years. She has worked tirelessly on initiatives to improve the health and well being of Mandaean women in the community. She has organised health information sessions for women as well as a range of health promoting activities- swimming, Zumba, aerobics. She has not received any salary for her work. Her nominator describes Awatif as a woman who "exemplifies the courage, determination and strength of women"

**2. Aboriginal Women Against Violence Group**

The Aboriginal women Against Violence Group has developed as a result of the Aboriginal Women Against Violence Project undertaken by Joan Harrison's Support Services for Women- women in the group have supported each other in learning more about domestic violence and in developing plans for their community to challenge violence. The women are committed to working towards system change and have met with NSW Ombudsman to address issues relating to Police relations with the Aboriginal community and have met with Police to support better community relations; the Group is currently participating in the development and implementation of a project working to improve the health and well being of older Aboriginal women. The women in the group also participate in the Casula Powerhouse project "Made on The Kitchen Table".

**3. Nancely Devi**

Over the past 6 years Nancely has been acknowledged as a leader in the Hindi-Urdu community. She works tirelessly in establishing support groups for Hindi Urdu speaking women providing continual support and information on a diverse range of issues to women in the community. Nancely is highly regarded in her community and by community workers. She has been consulted by NSW Police in Macquarie Fields in developing a outreach program to engage with Hindi Urdu

speaking women and participates on the Faith and Families in Harmony Work Group led by Macquarie Fields Police.

**4. Mary Eatts**

Mary has worked extensively in a voluntary capacity in the Aboriginal community in Bankstown. She was instrumental in establishing the Aboriginal Corporation in Bankstown and has served as Chair since . Mary is well respected and acknowledged in the community across south western Sydney.

**5. Pat Hall**

Pat has a strong commitment to the advancement of women rights, social and welfare needs in the Warwick Farm community which has undergone a remarkable transformation. Pat has supported women living in Warwick Farm by running groups, engaging with TAFE to offer a Doorway to the Future program which has seen many women and local residents studying courses they otherwise would not have had access to. The empowerment of women in the community through the Residents Action Group and Community Events Committee has raised funds for the establishment of a community enterprise project “Peppers CAFE” where local women have been employed for the first time earning their own money and moving on to higher education courses. Pat inspires local women to reach their potential

**6. Ana Lisa Randall**

Ana Lisa has worked in a voluntary capacity at the Warwick Farm Neighbourhood Centre for the past 5 years. She has participated on the Special Events Committee which has organised many festivals, bus trips and family fun days. Ana Lisa also volunteers on the Newsletter Committee and is always available to open and close the Centre when needed. Recently Ana Lisa has been employed to run the social enterprise coffee shop Peppers CAFE on 10 hours funding a week. Ana Lisa works more than her 10 hours per week and is available to support and help TAFE Doorway to the Future student’s access work experience at the café.

**7. Sue Sid**

Sue has worked as a volunteer at The Hub Miller for the last 11 years carrying out duties such as reception and administration, group work, minute taking, supporting and working at many community events. For many months several years ago she worked at the Hub with one staff member providing front line services to the community of 2168. She is well known for her dedication, respectful and helpful nature and commitment to her work.

**8. Elyse Webb- Certificate of Encouragement**

It is with pleasure we present Elyse with a Certificate of Encouragement- Elyse is a passionate young woman and proudly identifies as feminist. She is currently studying at University of Western Sydney and is in her final year of a Bachelor of Social Work. Currently she is undertaking her Honours Thesis on the representation of female offenders of child sexual abuse. We encourage Elyse in her future studies and research.