

Corrections Victoria

2016 Community Work Partnership Awards Winners

Category 1: Most Outstanding New Project

Winner - Cultivating Place Cultivating People

Runner Up - Evolve through Training

Category 2: Initiatives with Local Councils, Shires or Utilities

Winner - Revitalising Braybrook Project

Runner Up - Graffiti Removal Program

Category 3: Educational Institution/Educational Programs

Winner - Water 2 All

Runner Up - Small Engine Program

Category 4: Jennifer Cameron Environmental Sustainability Projects

Winner - Parks Victoria Green Team Program

Runner Up - Parklands Project

Category 5: Projects Involving Diversity, Indigenous, or Age of Offenders or Prisoners

Winner - Healthy Pears - Healthy Body Healthy Mind Program

Runner Up - Koori Community Hub Project

Category 6: Supervisor Award

Joint Winner - Strutts Psyridis

Joint Winner - Gwen Jarvis

Category 7: Field Officer or other Staff Member Award

Winner - Stephen Cadman

Runner Up - Douglas Bowler

Category 8: Most Outstanding Location Based Project (CCS Location or Prison)

Winner - Prison - Koori Art Trail Project

Winner - CCS - Recycle, Reuse and Donate Woodwork Program

Runner Up - Prison - Quilting Angel Memory Quilts Program

Runner Up - CCS - The Basin Community Connections

Category 9: Best Ongoing Partnership

Winner - Lions Club Respite Centre

Runner Up - Kinfolk Café Project

Best in Region Award

Barwon South West - Small Engine Program

Gippsland - Where there's a Will(derness), there's a way

Grampians - Gwen Jarvis

Hume - Bantick House Club Connection Project

Loddon Mallee - Lions Club Respite Centre

North Metropolitan - Cultivating Place Cultivating People

South East Metropolitan - Healthy Pears - Healthy Body Healthy Mind Program

West Metropolitan - Stephen Cadman

Commissioner's Award Winner

Gwen Jarvis - Sit and Knit Program

Minister's Award Winner

Winton Wetlands

Comments on the Minister's and Commissioner's Award recipients are supplied on the reverse.

Corrections Victoria

2016 Community Work Partnership Awards Winners

Minister's Award

Winton Wetlands

I am pleased to select Beechworth Correctional Centre's Landmate team as the winner of the Minister's Award at the 2016 Community Work Partnership Awards. The team has partnered with the Winton Wetlands Committee of Management since January this year to plant trees, conduct erosion and weed control, carry out landscaping and risk maintenance works and much, much more.

Through this partnership, the team is making a significant contribution to the largest wetlands restoration project in the Southern Hemisphere. The partnership also plays an important rehabilitative and educative role, with prisoners developing skills such as bush regeneration, construction, carpentry, gardening, landscaping, painting and environmental pest control.

The Hon. Gayle Tierney MLC, Minister for Corrections

Commissioner's Award

Gwen Jarvis – Sit and Knit Program – Ballarat Community Correctional Services

I wish to congratulate all of the nominations and category winners in 2016 for their excellent community work partnerships. I have chosen the Supervisor Award for the volunteering work of Gwen Jarvis in the 'Sit and Knit Program' as the recipient of the Commissioner's Award.

This year's Community Work Partnership Awards theme of Respect – Engage – Connect, represents all of the features of the important role that Gwen plays in the community work program.

As a volunteer Community Work Supervisor for the last two and a half years, Gwen has shown a willingness to share her skills and knowledge with women offenders on the program, and created a culture where participants feel free of judgement, safe and respected; and experience the value of learning new skills and the satisfaction of doing something for others. The women are able to learn a work ethic under Gwen's careful guidance and gain a real sense of personal achievement while making reparation to the community.

Jan Shuard PSM, Commissioner, Corrections Victoria

Congratulations!