

MURRAY BRIDGE'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Murray Bridge Public Library's Peggy Bennett is Citizen of the Year.

Peggy, who has managed the Murray Bridge Public Library Service since 1966, was awarded in recognition of her leadership in the development of the library into a vibrant regional library service with a strong focus on reaching out into the community, including establishing book depots in outlying communities and providing library services to the local prison, special school, nursing home residents and retirement villages.

In 2008 the library's efforts to reach out the community also won the Jim Crawford Award for 'Taking it to the Streets'. This involved a whole range of

interactions between library staff and the general public, including storytelling at the Olympic Pool during summer holidays.

Peggy is just as busy outside library hours, with activities ranging from book and service clubs to supporting the Talking Newspaper and organising old time dances at two local bush halls.

The Citizen of the Year awards are presented in local communities across Australia and sponsored by the Australia Day Council.

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Peggy Bennett, Citizen of the Year

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