



Positive Ageing Awards open for nominations

The Every Generation Festival and Positive Ageing Awards held during October each year are the community's chance to recognise and celebrate the lives and achievements of older people across the state.

This year will be no different with COTA Seniors Voice, project managers of the Every Generation Festival and Awards, calling for event registration for the festival as well as nominations for the Positive Ageing Awards.

"The Awards are aimed at recognising both individuals and organisations achieving great things for older South Australians. With five categories and a finalist and runner-up in each, there are definitely opportunities for individuals as well as community-based programs, projects and organisations to gain recognition for their achievements," COTA's General Manager of National Programs Debra Petrys said.

The Awards include the AVEO Live Well Outstanding Achiever Award which recognises achievement and service to the community by an older person, while the Every Generation Positive Images Award identifies pro-active and realistic attempts to create a positive image of ageing in the community.

The Every Generation 'for young and old' Award will go to a program in which both older and younger people participate and which encourages interaction between people of all ages and demonstrates positive ageing.

There is also an Every Generation Artist Awards for an individual or organisation which has made a contribution to the state's cultural life while the Resthaven Physical Activity Award recognises a person or group which encourages older people to remain active.

The awards are open to South

Australian individuals and programs and can be made by any member of the public.

The Every Generation Festival will again see literally hundreds of events involving older South Australians being held at clubs, councils, community halls, libraries, retirement villages, open air venues and public open spaces throughout the month.

"There is still the opportunity for your club or group to register an event with us so don't hesitate to come on board," said Debra.

"Events can be as big or small as you would like and will be promoted by the Every Generation Project Office."

To find out about the Every Generation Festival Event Registration and Positive Ageing Award nomination process visit www.seniorsvoice.org.au or phone the Every Generation Project Officer, Mary-Ann Came on 8232 0422 or email mcame@seniorsvoice.org.au



Finalists from last year's awards