



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
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### **Sharon Grierson 2010 Community Volunteer Awards**

A world pioneer and Newcastle's oldest sporting club were among the 56 recipients of a Sharon Grierson 2010 Community Volunteer Award today at South Leagues Club.

Every year since 2004 Ms Grierson has presented her awards to the individuals and groups who have made an outstanding voluntary contribution to our local community.

"I'm always astounded by interesting stories behind each and every one of these recipients," said Ms Grierson.

"For instance, Lotti Semetka, who was recognised today, was in fact the world's first-ever female Lion's Club member in 1978.

"And the Newcastle City AFL Club, whose entire volunteer administration today received an award, is in fact the oldest sporting club in our city."

Recipients received awards for:

- being outstanding volunteer role models to our community;
- making significant or outstanding contributions to the wellbeing of people through volunteering;
- presenting a positive image of volunteering;
- completing significant new achievements for themselves in volunteering; and
- being quiet achievers working for our community through volunteering.

"There have been almost 450 individuals or groups honoured at these Volunteer Awards in the last six years," said Ms Grierson.

"This is a true testament to the strength of the volunteering community in Newcastle."

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