

## Chaplain wins Citizen of the Year

FOR her outstanding work in the community, YouthCARE Chaplain Rhonda Miller has been awarded the Town of Mosman Park's 2017 Citizen of the Year award.

The Mosman Park Primary School and School for Deaf Children Chaplain was recognized for demonstrating leadership on several community issues encouraging local children to participate in charitable works as well as helping at risk families and organising ANZAC and NAIDOC celebrations and activities.

The award was presented by Australia Day ambassador and AFL legend Matthew Pavlich.

Mayor Ryan Norris said Rhonda had shown leadership in promoting and providing before and after school as well as weekend activities for local children including breakfast clubs, swimming and netball coaching and parental support including indigenous students.

"Rhonda exhibits inspiring qualities as a role model through showing genuine care, concern and commitment to the local school and wider community, offering grief and loss groups, programs on such issues as parenting, cyber bullying and protective behaviours," he said.

Rhonda even studied in her own time additional professional qualifications including a Diploma of Counselling to improve her effectiveness to the school community.

She has also learnt Auslan to enhance communication with Deaf students.

Ms Edwards said it was an honour to receive the award.

"It was a complete surprise but a pleasant one," she said.

"It confirms that people notice the little things we do even when we don't think they are significant.

"I just help out when I can with whatever needs doing, even if it means coming into school a bit earlier or going home a bit later, offering to use the skills I have been given to help others."

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