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Outstanding locals recognised on Australia Day

Gwen Knox, Rhianon Hutcheson and the Beagle Bay Women's Group have been recognised with Premier's Active Citizenship Awards during Australia Day celebrations at Town Beach in Broome.

Broome Shire President Graeme Campbell presented the prestigious accolades and said the State-wide awards acknowledged and rewarded local residents and groups for their contributions to community life.

"Gwen is being recognised for her tireless efforts, creativity and time put into organising some of Broome's favourite events including Worn Art, Sandfly Circus, Theatre Kimberley and Shinju Matsuri's Carnival of Lights," Cr Campbell said.

"She has a natural ability to inspire youth in Broome and its surrounding communities through these projects.

"Rhianon has been awarded the Under 25 Years Award. She is an extremely active member of the community who is always willing to get her hands dirty for a good cause.

"She is studying nursing and fills her spare time by getting involved in many community organisations. She is involved in the Kimberley Regional Allied Students in Health, Headspace Kimberley Youth Advisory committee and represented the Kimberley at the CHOGM youth forum.

"The Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a Community Group goes to the Beagle Bay Women's Group.

"The group was formed by a number of strong women who came together to improve the lives of Beagle Bay families. They began to meet every morning, talking about what they could do to create work and provide support for the young people.

"They have been engaged by the Red Cross to provide the Breakfast Club for school children in the community, and recognising the need for early childhood services have received support to deliver a playgroup service.

"I congratulate Gwen, Rhianon and the Beagle Bay Women's Group for exemplifying community spirit and thank everyone who attended the event on Australia Day."

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