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## **Outstanding locals recognised on Australia Day**

Bobbie Telford, Trent Caldwell and Theatre Kimberley have been recognised with Premier's Active Citizenship Awards during Australia Day celebrations in Broome.

Broome Shire President Graeme Campbell presented the accolades at the Combined Community Service Clubs Breakfast and said the State-wide awards acknowledged and rewarded residents and groups for their contributions to community life.

"Roberta Telford, better known as Bobbie, has lived in Broome her entire life and has spent much of it serving the community," Cr Campbell said.

"In her vocation as a Registered Nurse she has cared for many in our community, before moving into mental health where she still works today.

"She was integral to establishing Broome's first kindergarten, aged care facility and child care centre, and her civic leadership roles include 13 years as a Broome Shire Councillor and Deputy Shire President, Broome Historical Society, Broome Bowling Club, Broome Bird Observatory, Lioness Club, Broome Centenary committee, and the first lady President of Shinju Matsuri.

"Trent Caldwell is a deserving winner of the Under 25 Award and spends much of his time volunteering in the Broome community, often to the point that it impacts his own health.

"He will represent WA at National Youth Week this year, is a spokesperson for Epilepsy Action Australia, is the Kimberley Ambassador for Headspace Broome, and regularly volunteers his evenings at the Broome Youth Support Group and running a social volleyball competition at a local church.

"The Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a Group goes to Theatre Kimberley which since 1995 has been entertaining and enthralling the community, while also providing access to the arts for those who would otherwise not have the opportunity.

"Worn Art, Act-Belong-Commit Sandfly Circus, the Staircase to the Moon touring puppet show and an outreach program into Kimberley Indigenous communities are among their many achievements.

"I congratulate Bobbie, Trent and Theatre Kimberley for exemplifying community spirit."

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