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Local achievers recognised in Australia Day awards

Katie Bidewell, Tamara Albert and Kimberley Girl have been recognised with Active Citizenship Awards during Australia Day celebrations in Broome.

Broome Shire President, Ron Johnston, presented the accolades at the Combined Community Service Clubs Breakfast, in addition to welcoming 11 new Australians at a Citizenship Ceremony.

"The Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards acknowledge and reward residents and groups for their contributions to community life," Cr Johnston said.

"As a driver of the Keep Broome Clean Team, Katie Bidewell has made a difference by getting local people to take pride in helping clean up our town.

"Her work with Saving Animals from Euthanasia has also meant there are now many animals who have found homes and many families getting enjoyment from their adopted SAFE pet.

"The Under 25 winner is Tamara Albert who after graduating school two years ago has studied a Certificate 4 in Sport and Recreation via a traineeship through SkillHire and Broome Girls Academy at Broome Senior High School.

"She is a role model for other Indigenous girls and encourages them to reach their potential both in sport and academically by helping coach netball and basketball, and helping primary-aged girls in football.

"Kimberley Girl is the deserving winner of the Group or Event category. Since 2004 this personal development, work readiness, confidence building and community engagement program has been helping Indigenous women aged between 16 and 25.

"In 12 years, 359 participants have benefited from the structured workshops and showcase events that address contemporary issues, help participants overcome the impact of social, economic and isolation disadvantages and bring the community together in celebration.

"I congratulate Katie, Tamara and Kimberley Girl for exemplifying community spirit."

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