

CITY OF BALLARAT SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Every year, the City of Ballarat's Senior of the Year awards recognise local residents fifty-five years and older who have made a significant contribution to the Ballarat community. The Ballarat Senior Promotion of Multiculturalism Award was given to Sr Anne Forbes rsm.

As a teacher at Sacred Heart College, Ballarat East (now Damascus College) Sr Anne left a positive indelible mark on many of her students, with enormous empathy for the lonely, the marginalised and the disadvantaged.

Sr Anne has opened up her home and cared for refugees from East Timor attending Damascus College. She is a long term activist and her work with the people of Timor Leste is so inspiring that it has been regularly covered in the media, in turn positively influencing community attitudes to multiculturalism.



Sr Anne (right) with Cr Belinda Coates