Part 4: Information about why the individual is being nominated

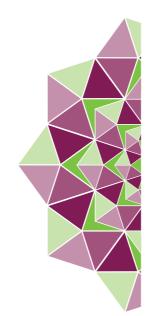
If there is insufficient space you may provide additional information on separate sheets and attach them to this form. Remember the information on this form is the only information the judges will have to choose the winner, so tell us as much as you can about the Nominee and include specific descriptive details rather than general statements.

How has the Nominee made a difference to the community, particularly within the Greater Shepparton area?

How has the Nominee acknowledged and embraced diversity?

How has the Nominee inspired and encouraged women?

Please describe in 200 words or less why you believe the Nominee deserves the award?



Please return the completed nomination form to: Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee Locked Bag 1000, Shepparton VIC 3632 or email women@shepparton.vic.gov.au







Nomination Pack

The Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee (GSWCAAC) is an advisory committee of the Greater Shepparton City Council and is part of a broader network of Council's supporting the Victorian Local Government Women's Charter. The Charter recognises the need to increase women's participation in key decision making forums in the community and in democratic governance. As an Advisory Committee of Council, the Committee provides advice to Council on issues relating to the Victorian Local Government Women's Charter and its key principles.

The three principles that guide the key strategic objectives of the GSWCAAC are the following:

Gender Equity

That women and men have an equal right to be representatives in local government, committees and decision making positions.

Diversitv

The inclusion of different experiences and perspectives in local governments and community decision making strengthens local democratic governance and helps build cohesive communities. Councils and communities encourage and welcome the participation of all women.

Active Citizenship

Local governments will work with the community to increase the numbers and participation of women in public life, so that decision making more clearly represents and reflects the interests and demographics of our communities.

Nominations close on 17 January 2018

The Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance **Advisory Committee** Annual Women's Award

Who should nominate?

We want to hear from and about women whose stories, contributions and actions will help to inspire and encourage others to also reach for their goals no matter how big or small. Experiences, lessons learned and challenges in the quest for making a difference will give others the confidence to do the same.

No efforts are too large or too small. Nominations will be accepted from all walks of life, roles and ranks, ethnicity and sexuality. Quite simply, if you identify as a woman, and have a story to tell of bringing about change in the space of gender equity, have been a role model for others, and/or have embraced diversity, then it's your time to shine.

For those women wanting to nominate themselves, we applaud and support you. The process can be reinforcing as you will stop to reflect on the things you've achieved and bring about focus on what you'd like to achieve in the future.

Tell us your story and give examples

Provide a short summary of what you are doing, background and how you have contributed to make a difference in the Community. Give examples of how you have embraced diversity, led, supported or mentored others in the quest to promote equality and reflect on what you/they may have learned.

A good entry should be concise and straight to the point. The panel does not need lots of words, but examples to prove you have walked the talk.

Language should not be a barrier to telling a story. Be inventive; use your individual strengths to explain how you have met the criteria, this can include using video if preferred. The video should answer the judging criteria and provide the nomination details required.

Nominating another person

As previous. Tell the persons story and give examples. You must notify the person that they are being nominated; they may be able to help with details you are unsure about. Be sure to explain how the person you are nominating demonstrates one or more of the judging criteria below.

Judging Criteria

- Makes a difference in the Community
- Acknowledges and embraces diversity
- Inspirational and a role model to women

Lisa McKenzie 2017 Award Recipient



Tracey Sofra 2016 Award Recipient



Past Winners

Every generation looks to a person or a group of people who will take on leadership roles to help guide and mentor the community and the region to be the best it can be. Lisa contributes to this group of people as a woman in what can sometimes be a male dominated realm. However she is also a person who's prepared to challenge the status quo and ask the hard questions.

Some of Lisa's contributions include being an early driver of the Community Fund Goulburn Valley, RiverConnect, Shepparton Foodshare & Ken Sampson Leadership Trust as well as CEO of the Community Fund GV, EO of the Fairley Leadership Program, Founding Chair of the Goulburn Valley Lift Off scholarship program and foundation EO of the Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project to name a few.

Tracey has over 25 years' experience as an Accountant and Financial Planner. She is an expert in the areas of wealth creation, leadership, achievement and fulfilment. As a mum and business leader she has walked a successful path for over two decades, and has proven methods - knowing what it takes to be successful at work and in life.

She is the founder and CEO of WOW Women. A group of likeminded business, professional and entrepreneurial women in regional Victoria working collectively to inspire, empower and create change.

Tracey's passion lies in her belief that only through financial independence can we truly be financially free but often the biggest challenge is self-belief. Her financial freedom retreats and workshops not only educate but create a shift in the mind set of all participants to create the life of their dreams. Tracey writes a weekly blog and contributes her passion around empowering financial freedom for women through online magazines such as; Financy and Pink Sky Magazine.

Awards Process How to enter

Nominations can be made online and in person.Visit the website <u>https://www.greatershepparton.com.au/wcaac</u> to complete the nomination online or pick up a nomination form from Customer Service at Greater Shepparton City Council. You can nominate yourself or someone else. Once the nomination is submitted you cannot make changes.

What information is required in the entry form?

- Nominator details
- Nominee details
- Referees
- Responses to judging criteria

Part 1: Information about the person making the nomination

Name of Nominator	
Phone	
Email	

Where did you hear about the award?

Do you give permission for the GSWCAAC (and Greater Shepparton City Council) to advise the nominee that you nominated them? YES $\,$ NO $\,$

Part 2: Information about the nominee

Name of Nominee	
Contact details	
Address	
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Email	

Part 3: Referee Information

Please provide details for one or two referees who can provide inf
Name of Referee I
Address
Phone
Email
Name of Referee 2
Address
Phone
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Selection Panel

A panel of three judges comprising of members of the Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Committee. Finalists will be announced and notified.

The winner of the GSWCAAC Women's Award will be announced at the Annual International Women's Day event.

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