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Search still on for special Ipswich seniors

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan is encouraging residents to nominate community minded Ipswich seniors for recognition in the Premier's Awards for Queensland Seniors.

Ms Nolan said nominations for the awards would be closing next week, so it was important to get nominations in now for them to be eligible for consideration.

"The annual awards recognise Queenslanders aged over 60 whose outstanding volunteer work has made a real difference to people's lives," Ms Nolan said.

"Here in Ipswich we have a large number of wonderful senior volunteers who give up their time, skills and experience to help others in our community – each and everyone of them deserve our thanks and this is one way to do that.

"I encourage local residents and groups to nominate an Ipswich volunteer aged over 60, who has demonstrated excellence in volunteering.

"Senior volunteers are an important part of our Q2 vision for tomorrow's Queensland. They're helping to make Queensland a fairer and more caring place."

The awards seek to recognise older people who make contributions in the following areas: aged care; community; disability services; education; emergency services; environment; health; Indigenous services; multicultural; social welfare; sport; youth services; arts, media and entertainment.

Since the Premier's Awards for Queensland Seniors were established in 1986, hundreds of older Queenslanders have been recognised for their voluntary work.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony in Brisbane to launch Seniors Week 2009 (15 – 23 August).

To obtain a nomination form or further information about the awards, please contact the Seniors Enquiry Line on 1300 135 500 or visit the Department of Communities website at www.communities.qld.gov.au

Nominations close on Friday 5 June 2009.