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## Representing the people of Bunbury

### Awards seek community achievers

Two Statewide awards are now open and I believe there would be many worthy nominees in Bunbury.

The Count Me In Awards aim to recognize individuals and organisations who are dedicated to improving access and community inclusion for people with disabilities.

Having a wide range of people with different skills and abilities is what makes a community unique.

In Bunbury we are fortunate to have a diverse community and also to have many people who assist in enriching our lives in many ways.

There are seven categories in the Count Me In awards and nominations close on Friday, October 1.

For further information on categories and entry criteria, visit

<http://www.count-me-in.com.au>

Nominations are also open for the 2010 WA Seniors Awards.

The awards are in their 25th year and celebrate the fantastic range of work done for seniors, and by seniors, across WA.

There are three categories for seniors to enter:

- Community Award for voluntary work
- Intergenerational Award for working with people aged under 25
- Beyondblue Inspirational Award for Wellbeing for seniors who promote awareness of mental health messages for older people

There are also categories for people who work in a paid or voluntary capacity to improve the lives of seniors; and for a not-for-profit community group or organisation that has developed innovative techniques to improve the lifestyle of seniors.

Award winners will be announced on October 31 to mark the start of Seniors Week 2010.

Nomination forms are available by on the internet at [www.seniorscard.wa.gov.au](http://www.seniorscard.wa.gov.au) or by contacting my office. Nominations close on Tuesday, August 31.

### Seniors payments roll out

Seniors eligible for the Cost of Living Rebate will see the 2010 payment go into their bank accounts from this week.

The payment has been increased this year in line with the Consumer Price Index and will be \$104.80 for singles with a WA Seniors Card and \$157.22 for couples.

The payment will appear as "DfC – Seniors Card Rebate 10" in the bank account which you nominated when applying for the payment.

Seniors are now also eligible for a wider range of discounts in the community, ranging from State Government concessions and rebates to discounts with private businesses.

For more information call the Seniors Card Centre on 1800 671 233.

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