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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR VICTORIAN DISABILITY SECTOR AWARDS

Member for Bayswater, Heidi Victoria is calling on the local community to nominate individuals, teams and businesses that have made a difference to the lives of people with disability for the 2013 Victorian Disability Sector Awards.

Mrs Victoria said there were many examples in the Bayswater District where people had shown passion and a real commitment to improving the lives of some of the most disadvantaged members of the community.

“The fourth annual social inclusion street party, held in late November last year is testament to the level of local commitment to this issue,” said Mrs Victoria.

Nominations for the 2013 Victorian Disability Sector Awards can be made across nine different award categories that recognise excellence in service, advocacy and personal and community support for people with disability.

Mrs Victoria said that one in five Victorians experience disability either personally or have friends, family or other loved ones with disability whose support deserves recognition.

“We all need support at some time in our lives, what a huge impact community can make to our quality of life, it’s great that we can recognise these local efforts,” Mrs Victoria.

Minister for Community Services, Mary Wooldridge, said that the awards provide a chance to recognise the wide range of ways individuals and businesses support people with disability.

“These awards are an important opportunity to publicly acknowledge the innovation and commitment of individuals and organisations that provide services and support to people with disability,” Ms Wooldridge said.

The Victorian Disability Sector Awards are a partnership between National Disability Services (NDS), Disability Professionals Victoria (DPV) and the Victorian Coalition Government.

Nominations for the awards close on 13 March and winners will be announced at the Victorian Disability Sector Awards ceremony on 19 June 2013.

For more information about the Victorian Disability Sector Awards visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/for-service-providers/disability/disability-recognition-awards/victorian-disability-sector-awards