

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

It is my pleasure to nominate a very dedicated member of the Quota Club of Campbelltown for the Volunteer of the Year Award 2011.

Lorraine Rutledge has only been a member of Quota for 6 years but in that time has been a great asset to our Club. Lorraine was President for two years from July 2008 to June 2010, has been our Disadvantaged Women and Children chair for 5 years and is currently our Secretary.

Lorraine is always on the lookout for services in our community we can help. Her first contact five years ago was with the Department of Community Services when she began making 'My Bags' for distribution to children at risk who are taken from their homes in emergency circumstances. These bags contain soap, toothbrush, toothpaste a comb, face washer etc. together with a toy and a 'Trauma Teddy'. For teenage children she makes a more modified version of 'My Bag'.

Organized by Lorraine the Campbelltown Support Group, which assists dysfunctional families in our area, receives hampers for Christmas each year and a continuous stock of food throughout the year from our club.

'The Drum' is a drop in centre for homeless youth where they can shower and have a meal. The link Lorraine has formed for Quota to work with 'The Drum' has given our club many opportunities to support this worthy cause. This year our club members' knitted hundreds of squares which were made into blankets and distributed to these young people during the cold winter

Lorraine has been involved with the Parkinson's disease support group for many years and is a great ambassador for Quota with her contacts in that area. She also finds time to assist with the local Girl Guides club. She is also a supporter of Missionary work in the Fiji Islands. She is an excellent seamstress, knits and is a great cook, all desirable attributes for Quota fundraising activities.

Lorraine works with her husband in the family business has one married daughter and another teenage daughter who is just starting out at University.

I am proud to nominate Lorraine Rutledge.

Natalie McDougall (2010 Winner)
Quota International of Campbelltown Inc

