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Gold Coast Annual Awards Day a Success!

On Wednesday December 1st Volunteering Gold Coast held their annual International Volunteers Day Award Celebration - yet again it was an absolute hit! 300 guests celebrated the spectacular event held at the Southport Sharks Function Centre whom graciously sponsored free venue hire.

This year was bigger and better than ever with 7 categories of awards, Professional Singers Marina & Bram, Opera Singer Roger Davy, Magician Sam Angelico, Voices in Harmony Video Presentation and Special Guest Award Presenter - Baby John Burgess. The guests were not only treated to these award winning acts but lucky door prizes were given and gift bags were provided for all. Topped off by a free lunch of Hot & Cold Canapés for all the guests!

Congratulation goes to the 7 lucky Award winners:

Volunteer Team of the Year – GC TAFE ESL Tutor Program
Community Event of the Year – Playout in the Park & Art Exhibition (Village Community Services Inc.)
Community Services Volunteer of the Year – Keith Woodbridge (GC Rural Fire Brigade)
Coordinator of the Year – Dale Tatterson (GC Health Service District)
Youth Volunteer of the Year – Angus Fredric (Beach Care)
Community Organisation of the Year – Interchange QLD, (FSG Australia)
Volunteer of the Year – Kerry Campbell (Better Hearing Australia)

Proud sponsor Westpac Bank awarded the Community Service Volunteer of the Year Keith Woodbridge with the sum of \$500 for his devotion to the GC Rural Fire Brigade Group.

The day was a celebration of the selfless contribution made by Volunteers throughout the Gold Coast Community. Successful events like this are vital in recognising and rewarding these amazing persons for their undying efforts for our community.

Photo Inserted Below.

Photo 1: Keith Woodbridge with his \$500 cheque from Westpac; **Photo 2:** The dazzling venue at Southport Sharks Function Centre; **Photo 3:** winner of the Gold Coast Volunteer of the Year – Kerry Campbell from Better Hearing Australia – gives her speech on how thrilled and surprised she was to receive this award. On stage with Ken Ashbolt, Chantel Charchalis and Baby John Burgess.

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