



REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT & COMMUNITY AWARDS

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Rohit Kumar was presented as a Semi Finalist in the prestigious Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Diversity and Inclusion Award, by Ms Danielle Green Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria; Parliamentary Secretary for Sport, representing The Hon Jaclyn Symes, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Resources at the 2019 Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards Gala Presentation Dinner held at Flemington Racecourse on Friday 11th October.

The Awards were hosted by Karl Lijnders, News Presenter, PRIME7 and more than 400 guests gathered from across the State to celebrate regional Victoria's high achievers and community contributors.

Rohit Kumar of Hillside is the President of Australian Integrated Fijian Association of Victoria. He organises community events including special kids sports day, senior Citizens bus trip and fundraising activities.

The nine category winners are:

- **Braille Sign Supplies of Torquay** – Regional Development Victoria Business Achievement Award
- **Tanisha Lovett of Horsham** – Regional Development Victoria Leadership & Innovation Award
- **Jacaranda Village of Red Cliffs** – Prime Super Employer Excellence in Aged Care Award
- **Four Wheel Drive Victoria** – Parks Victoria Environmental Sustainability Award
- **Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services** – Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Diversity and Inclusion Award
- **Goulburn Murray Valley Regional Fruit Fly Project** – Prime Super Agricultural Innovation Award
- **The Doggie Den of Bairnsdale** – Ricoh Australia Customer Service Award
- **Jean Nelson of Geelong** – Life Activities Clubs Victoria Senior Achievement Award
- **Golden Square Pool Inc.** – Awards Australia Community Group Award

Goulburn Murray Valley Regional Fruit Fly Project was later announced as the 2019 Bank of Melbourne Regional Achiever of the Year.

Winners each received either \$2,000 into an account in their name from Bank of Melbourne or air time packages on PRIME7 and a magnificent trophy. Goulburn Murray Valley Regional Fruit Fly Project received an additional \$2,000 courtesy of Bank of Melbourne and a state trophy.

Arun Thomas of Horsham was also announced as the winner of the People's Choice Award presented by Parks Victoria and received a voucher for a 2-night stay for 2 people in one of Parks Victoria's Wilderness Retreats at Wilsons Promontory National Park.

The Awards night was the culmination of a tremendously successful year with hundreds of nominations received from across regional Victoria.

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For further information, please contact the Awards office on
9720 1638 or by emailing vic@awardsaustralia.com

The Victorian Regional Achievement and Community Awards started in 2002 and are designed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions that individuals, communities and businesses make throughout regional and rural Victoria. These awards aim to recognise their success and achievements, which contribute to making regional Victoria a better place.