

## **FRIENDSHIP FLOWED FROM SENIORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION**

Nominations are being called for the 2012 NSW Seniors Week Achievement Awards.

They close at 5pm on 2 September and winners will be presented with their award during Seniors Week from 18-25 March next year.

The Achievement Awards hold special relevance for Beryl Van Oploo, winner in this year's Education and Lifelong Learning category and her nominator Cate Turner, because it was where they first met.

"I couldn't help but be so impressed by Beryl," says Cate, "because her work at Yaama Dhiyaan the hospitality training college in Sydney's Redfern is doing so much to change the course of young people's lives for the better by giving them an education and work opportunities."

After experiencing Yaama Dhiyaan for herself at an event held for the Older Women's Network of which she is a member as well as holding her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday there, Cate felt compelled to acknowledge Beryl.

"She is one of the people I really admire because she is also a wonderful role model for young people.

"Her work and what she stands for is to me what the NSW Seniors Week Achievement Awards are about."

Beryl said she was very proud to have received the award, which meant a lot to her and that she had been very touched by Cate's nomination.

She said that that learning flowed in both directions, from teachers to students and from students to teachers.

"We learn from each other. Take technology - the students share their knowledge with me which is a way they give back."

The NSW Seniors Week Achievement Awards honour seniors who make significant contributions within a specific industry field or the wider community

A copy of the nomination form is available at [www.nswseniorsweek.com.au](http://www.nswseniorsweek.com.au) or through the Seniors Information Service on 13 12 44.

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