



Accolades for caring Viv

GANNAWARRA Shire Family Day Care carer Viv Credlin, of Kerang, has been recognised in the 2009-2010 Australian Family Child Care Awards in the category of Fisher-Price Child Care Worker of The Year.

Ms Credlin was among those carers in Victoria shortlisted for the prestigious award for outstanding achievement in childcare, which is judged on the experience, management and foundations of quality child care.

Ms Credlin started in November 2005 with the Kerang Regional Family Day Care, which was renamed as the Gannawarra Shire Family Day Care in 2008.

Shire community development and services manager, Jason Russell said the recognition of

Ms Credlin's work as a child care was well deserved.

"It is very fitting that Viv should be recognised for the work and effort she puts into her role, and we are very proud to have one of our terrific carers recognised for the quality of care they provide," Mr Russell said.

Ms Credlin said that being shortlisted for the prestigious award was an honour.

"This is not just an honour for me but I see it as an honour for the whole family day care service," she said.

"I love working with the children and their families, and I am honoured that parents took the time to nominate me for this award."

Unbeknown to Ms Credlin at the time, she was nominated by

parent Jane Burge. Following the nomination Ms Credlin was asked to write a submission based on key selection criteria, and asked to include a testimonial by another parent. Parent Joanne Dibsedale was only too happy to provide the testimonial.

"Viv is a wonderful person and an amazing carer. We believe that Family Day Care is much more than just a job to Viv; she does it because she genuinely loves what she does and our children genuinely love going into her care," Mrs Dibsedale wrote in her testimonial.



HONOURED. Child carer Viv Credlin, left, and parent Jane Burge, centre, with children Josephine and Peri Saunders, Kaylee Shipp and Mischa Burge.