

SUNBURY

Top gong a tribute to health services

SUNBURY Community Health Service has won the prestigious Premier's Primary Health Service of the Year Award.

It's the second year in a row the Macedon St health service has taken out the prize.

The organisation coordinates a range of services, from preschool to the aged sector, as well as running proactive initiatives such as tai chi, walking groups and healthy lifestyle programs.

It also lends its support to men's groups and drug and alcohol programs.

A busy community dentistry service is also operated from the centre, while the service ran a Hume Council candidates forum for the first time this year.

Health service chief executive Phillip Ripper said during 2016 the health service had supported about 10,000 people.

"We're honoured and humbled to be acknowledged," Mr Ripper said.

"We owe our success to the ongoing support of our amazing community."

Sunbury state Labor MP Josh Bull paid credit to Sunbury Community Health in winning the award.

"While the organisation has been transformed over recent years, its greatest achievement is staying true to the vision of its founders and pioneers of the community health movement," he said.

Kyneton District Health Service was nominated as a finalist in the Premier's Small Health Service of the Year category.

It was also a finalist in the Excellence in Community Engagement category.