



Sunbury bowling champion Carla Krizanic has been nominated for a gong at the Victorian Sport Awards. Picture: ROB LEESON

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# Carla hits the jackpot

Jessica Coates

Lawn bowls champion up for Victorian Sport Award

A LOCAL legend has been recognised for her contributions to Australian sport.

Sunbury lawn bowler Carla Krizanic has been named among the finalists for female athlete of the year at the Victorian Sport Awards.

The nomination caps off a stellar 12 months for Krizanic, who took home two gold medals at the Common-

wealth Games on the Gold Coast last April.

She also won the singles state championship and the women's singles title at the Australian titles in 2018.

The most recent nomination came as a complete surprise.

"It's fantastic. I had no idea that I'd even been nominated," Krizanic said.

"To be nominated among the other finalists who have done so much in their career feels amazing. It's great to even be considered."

After a rest over the Christmas break, Krizanic said she was looking forward to the year ahead.

"This week has been our first week back. I'm just trying to get back into it," she

said. Her focus is now on the 2019 Asia Pacific Championships.

Krizanic admitted the last year would be tough to beat. "It was a pretty big year, it'll be pretty big to top that," she said.

"We've got the Asia Pacific Championships this year and I'll be trying to win a few more titles."

The ongoing support of her local club had been a huge help over the past year, she said.

"Sunbury has been fantastic. Sunbury Bowls Club is one of my biggest supporters."

"They're always right behind me."

"I feel like when I win something, it's for them."

The Victorian Sport Award winners will be announced on February 20 at Marvel Stadium.

## Street Watch

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A Sunbury home has been targeted by thieves. Two male offenders broke into a car outside the Charter Rd home on Saturday, January 19 and used a remote found inside to gain access to the garage and a white Mercedes Benz. The victim went into the garage and tried to open the car door, but the pair reversed out of the garage, crashing into a car in the driveway before taking off. The vehicle was recovered in McMahon Court on Tuesday, January 22. Police are continuing to investigate the incident.

BENLOCH

A 15-year-old Queensland boy has been cautioned by police over a fire that threatened homes in the Macedon Ranges. The blaze broke out about 1.30pm on Kitchenhams Rd in Benloch on Tuesday, January 15. Dozens of crews battled the fire and it was downgraded to a watch-and-act emergency within hours.

KERRIE

Police are appealing for information after a Mitsubishi Triton was stolen last week. The car was taken from an address in Kerrie about 5am on Monday, January 21. The vehicle was described as having high country adventure tours logos on the front driver and passenger-side doors. A white sedan was seen in the area at the time. Anyone with information is urged to contact Gisborne police on 5428 2500 or Crime Stoppers.

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Sunbury police are seeking information about a stabbing at a car wash in the town last year. The incident took place on Friday, September 14 at 6.40am. Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers.



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## Australia Day honour for community stalwart Mary Wicks

A SUNBURY stalwart has been honoured for decades of community service.

Dedicated community volunteer Mary Wicks received the Medal of the Order of Australia as part of Australia

Day honours last week. Her years of community service have included stints with Sunbury Community Health,

Red Cross, Sunbury Agricultural show, Sunbury Widows Club and the Goonawarra

Golf Club, to name a few. Ms Wicks, who has lived in Sunbury all her life, was surprised at the nomination.

"You do all these things, but you don't expect to get any recognition. You do it for

the best of your community," she said.

"I was surprised and I was very honoured when I found out."

Ms Wicks has been president of U3A Sunbury since

2017, remains active in her local parish and volunteers with Red Cross.

"It's one way of getting to know your community and getting to know what it needs," she said.



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