



Multicultural award an honour

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TOWNSVILLE'S Georgina Valdeter has taken out a prestigious Queensland Multicultural Award for 2008 for her outstanding commitment to multiculturalism.

The awards were announced earlier this year in Brisbane by the Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs, Lindy Nelson-Carr.

Mrs Valdeter's was recognised for her outstanding and sustained efforts in promoting multiculturalism, the support of new migrants and helping to increase community awareness of the values of multiculturalism.

Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE marketing manager Sandy Simmonds said Mrs

Valdeter's award was an outstanding achievement and it reinforced the importance of volunteering tutoring at TAFE and to the community.

Mrs Valdeter said she was thrilled to receive the award and thankful to TAFE for nominating her and to others for their letters of support and encouragement.

"I enjoy volunteer tutoring

in the home and in the classroom at TAFE," she said.

"Having been a migrant myself I feel that I can contribute by helping newcomers learn English and by providing interesting information about the Australian way of life.

"Volunteering gives a special sense of purpose and I feel that I am doing something constructive."

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Mrs Valdeter said she loved to be involved; whether as a part-time library assistant at James Cook University; as a volunteer tutor with the language unit at TAFE, as a long-standing member of the Alliance Francaise in Townsville; with membership of more than 20 years with the Migrant Resource Centre and her involvement with the Hope Community Church.

TAFE Program Administrator Glenda Kane said potential volunteer tutors did not need special training. She said this would be provided through TAFE and involved working in the classroom with the teacher and students.

Those interested in volunteering can contact Mrs Kane on 4750 5623



Lindy Nelson-Carr presents Georgina Valdeter with the 2008 Queensland Multicultural Award