

**2019 Brenda Gabe Leadership Award**

Celebrating Women with Disabilities

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| About the Award | Find out more here: www.wdv.org.au/BrendaGabeAward |

The Brenda Gabe Leadership Award is a biennial award which recognises and rewards outstanding leadership from women (or those who identify as women) with disability in Victoria.

Women with Disabilities Victoria (WDV) invites nominations of individuals or groups who have made a contribution which has either:

* Directly benefited women with disability, or
* Ensured a more inclusive community for women with disability.

**Eligibility**

Individuals (or groups) nominated for this award must be:

* A woman (or women) with disability
* Residents of Victoria.



You can nominate:

* Yourself or your group, or
* Another individual woman or group.

We encourage the nomination of women with diverse backgrounds and/or life experiences.

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| **Nomination Period** Nominations open: 3 June 2019Nominations close: 3 September 2019 | Jenny Godwin, the 2017 recipient of the Brenda Gabe Leadership Award. |



**The 2019 Brenda Gabe Leadership Award announcement**

The recipient of the award will be announced at WDV’s Annual General Meeting on 21 November 2019 and will receive a $2,000 prize towards professional development or a capacity-building project.

The recipient will be required to provide:

* A proposal for use of the award money
* A demonstration of the use of the award money, including a report, by November 2020.

**To nominate or find out more**

To find out more about the award, including how to nominate and details about previous nominees and recipients, please visit:

**W** www.wdv.org.au/BrendaGabeAward

If you would like more information about nominating for this year’s award please contact Elyse Cox:

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## About Brenda Gabe

Brenda Gabe became a devoted disability advocate after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1994. The dedicated mother, psychologist and former champion swimmer was a much-loved member of WDV who represented the organisation on multiple committees and forums. Brenda worked tirelessly on many advocacy campaigns including accessible housing and transport, as well as gender and disability related campaigns, including preventing violence against women with disability.

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