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Honoured: Liz Davenport (in blue) with Rita Munro (left), Lord Mayor of Perth Lisa Scaffidi and Katie Davenport.

Fashion designer is a model citizen

FOR 35 years fashion designer Liz Davenport has been dressing Australian women.

This year she received the Medal of the Order of Australia and Safety Bay resident Rita Munro was a special guest at her celebratory cocktail party.

Mrs Munro, who operates a modelling academy, has known the designer for more than 15 years.

The two first met at a Melbourne fashion event when Ms Davenport used one of Mrs Munro's models.

For more than three decades Mrs Munro has been training models and teaching the art of fine etiquette.

"Liz has been using six of my models frequently for the past six months. She is taken with them," she said.

The party was held at Ms Davenport's boutique at Bayview shopping centre in Claremont.

Mrs Munro said she felt honoured to be among the special guests and family invited to the party.

"I think she is a beautiful person, natural, motherly and she treats everybody equal," she said.