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Passionate campaigner: WA Citizen of the Year finalist Liz Davenport at her Nedlands fashion house.

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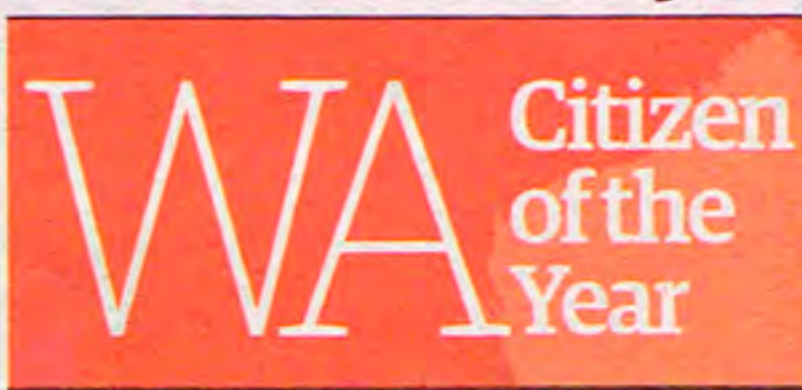
Davenport humbled by nomination

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Fashion industry doyenne Liz Davenport is in the running for another honour this month after being named a finalist in the WA Citizen of the Year awards.

This year she received the Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to the community and the industry she helped establish.

With more than three decades of experience under her belt, Ms Davenport has helped shape the fashion industry at home and abroad. Later this year she hopes



her company Liz Davenport will have a presence in every fashion capital in the world.

"It's such a privilege to be a finalist. I really can't believe it. You work very, very hard and then lots of things come to fruition at once," she said.

"When you love your country

and your city, to be recognised by your peers outside of the industry is something really special."

Ms Davenport has not only dedicated her career to improving the self-esteem of women by creating clothes for all women, not just those of model proportions, but she is a passionate supporter and promoter of Australian wool, countless charities and environmental causes.

"There is so much in life, so much you can reach out and be a part of, it's just a matter of doing it," she said. "For me, there's no such thing as 'I can't'."