

# 2020 Volunteer of the Year Awards

## Guidelines

### Responsible Officer

Community Development Officer - 9474 0777

### Overview

The City of South Perth is aware of the vital role volunteers play in the community and the need to recognise and celebrate their efforts. In conjunction with this year's 'Thank a Volunteer Day' annual event, the City is proud to present the fourteenth annual 'Volunteer of the Year' awards. These awards aim to distinguish three volunteers for their individual efforts within our community.

### Categories

The three categories of the awards are:

- Junior Volunteer of the Year - under 18 years
- Youth Volunteer of the Year - 18 to 25 years old
- Volunteer of the Year - over 25 years

### Eligibility

1. For the volunteer of the year awards, nominations are open to individuals that:
  - Live or are based in the City of South Perth and contribute to the City of South Perth community.
  - Live or are based outside City of South Perth but contribute to the City of South Perth community. There is no age, gender or racial barriers for these awards.
2. The nominee must have contributed to the community in a voluntary or honorary capacity.
  - The award will not be given any person who receives payment for their services.
3. All aspects of the nomination form must be completed.

4. No person is able to nominate themselves and there are certain people who are ineligible to be nominated. These include:

- City of South Perth employees
- Members of the judging panel and their immediate families
- Members of the current council

### Who Can Nominate

Anyone is eligible to nominate volunteers, except for members of the judging panel.

### Award Criteria

#### Junior Volunteer of the Year - under 18 years

This award will be received by a person under 18 years of age, who has showed:

- noteworthy involvement in the local community;
- significant impact which has added value to community life; and
- inspiring efforts to enhance community life

#### Youth Volunteer of the Year - 18 to 25 year

This award will be received by a person between 18 and 25 years of age, who has showed:

- noteworthy involvement in the local community;
- significant impact which has added value to community life; and
- inspiring efforts to enhance community life

#### Volunteer of the Year - over 25 years

This award will be received by a person over the age of 25 who has showed:

- noteworthy involvement in the local community;
- significant impact which has added value to community life; and
- inspiring efforts to enhance community life

### Application Procedure

Nomination forms can be obtained:

- On the City of South Perth website [southperth.wa.gov.au](http://southperth.wa.gov.au)
- By contacting the Community Development Officer and requesting one to be mailed out (Phone 9474 0708)
- In person at the Civic Centre, South Perth Library, Manning Library and George Burnett Leisure Centre .

### **Applications close at 4pm on Wednesday 30 September 2020.**

Completed nominations should be sent to the Community Development Officer

- By post or in person: South Perth Civic Centre, cnr Sandgate St and South Tce, South Perth WA 6151
- Fax: 9474 2425
- Email: [enquiries@southperth.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@southperth.wa.gov.au)

### **Prize**

All nominees will receive a certificate of appreciation. The winners of the Volunteer of the Year awards will receive an engraved trophy at the annual City of South Perth Thank a Volunteer Day Celebration and Awards Ceremony.

### **Timeline**

- 1 August 2020 - Letters, emails, guidelines and nomination forms sent to all volunteer groups. Promotion to local media
- 1 August 2020 - Nominations open
- 30 September 2020 - Closing date for nominations
- Early October 2020 - Panel assesses the nominations and decides on the winners
- Late October 2020 - Council formally approves the winners
- 3 December 2020 - Thank a Volunteer Day Celebration and Awards Ceremony. Winners are announced and presented with their award.  
*\* Please note: in the event of COVID-19 restrictions changing the Thank a Volunteer Day event may be postponed or cancelled.*

### **Selection Procedure**

Nominations will be considered by a panel comprising of three City of South Perth officers, including the Manager Community Culture & Recreation or their delegate.