2016 Volunteer of the Year Awards

Responsible Officer:
Youth & Children's Officer Rene Polletta on 9474 0708

Overview:
The City of South Perth is very 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 tenth 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:
a. Live or are based in the City of South Perth and contribute to the City of South Perth community
b. 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:
1. By contacting the Youth & Children's Officer and requesting one to be posted (Phone 9474 0708)
2. In person at the Civic Centre
3. On the City of South Perth website (www.southperth.wa.gov.au)

Applications close at 4pm on Friday 30 September 2016.
Completed nominations should be sent to the Youth & Children's 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

Prize:
The winners of the Volunteer of the Year awards will receive a certificate and an engraved trophy. All nominees will receive a certificate of appreciation. Winners will receive their prize at the annual City of South Perth 'Thank a Volunteer Day Celebration and Awards Ceremony' to be held this year on Monday 5 of December, 2016.

Timeline:
Late July - Letters, guidelines and nomination forms sent to all volunteer groups. Promotion to local media.
30 September 2016 - Closing date for nominations.
Early October - Panel assesses the nominations and decides on the winners.
Late October - Council formally approves the winners.
5 December 2016 - 'Thank a Volunteer Day' event. Winners are announced and presented with their award.

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.

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