



Local Volunteers Celebrated

The tremendous contribution that volunteers make to our community was acknowledged with the City of South Perth's Thank a Volunteer Breakfast on Saturday 4 December, which was attended by about 120 local volunteers.

Held at Hazel McDougall House, Como, the breakfast was an opportunity for the City to recognise outstanding local volunteers with the fourth annual City of South Perth Volunteer of the Year Awards.

The Volunteer of the Year Award (open to individuals over 25 years old) was presented to local resident Norman Butterworth, who has been very active in the 43 years since he arrived in WA.

Norman has provided voluntary services to many church and community organisations, making a real difference to community groups and individuals and those who have benefited from Norman's his volunteer work, including church groups, local school chaplains, Neighbourhood Watch, Probus, University of the Third Age, refugees and people with mental illness.

Norman has also provided support for people in aged care facilities.

The Young Volunteer of the Year Award (18–25 years old) was presented to Tisha Grubi who has been involved with the Esther Foundation for four years. A single mother, Tisha has overcome great personal tragedies to become a shining light in the community and in the Esther Foundation program.

Tisha is passionate about helping young women in Australia and volunteers her time to do night shifts at Esther and is also a very talented artist, having donated some art pieces to the Foundation. She is a much loved mentor and case manager to participants in the program.

In addition, Tisha is about to embark on her second journey to Uganda to help build housing for an orphanage. She is determined to make an impact on her community and the lives of those around her.

The Junior Volunteer of the Year Award (under 18 years old) was presented to Paulo Velho who has been an active member of the after school environment program as well as the Bush Care program at Mt Henry Peninsula.

Paulo has volunteered for street collections for the MS Society and the Salvation Army. Above all, Paulo has been integral at recruiting many of his peers into service activities and is committed, reliable and enthusiastic. He also volunteers at Bethanie House Aged Care Hostel in his holidays, regularly does altar services at Mass and has participated in numerous community events as a volunteer. All this at the age of 13 and 14 years!

City of South Perth Mayor, James Best said the City's volunteers are very important: "Volunteers contribute so much to the strength of our community; they do a wonderful job, making an important difference to the lives of others.

"The City wishes to thank all of its volunteer community and give special acknowledgement to this year's Volunteers of the Year; Norman Butterworth, Tisha Grubi and Paulo Velho."