AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS GERALDTON









NICK AUSTIN

Nick is the founder of Skate – Donate, an outreach organisation that collects donated skateboarding equipment and distributes it to underprivileged youth. He also leads the nonprofit Infinity Skate, creating safe spaces for children.



JENNY BEAVER

Jenny has been a member of Soroptimist International for 45 years. She has been the leading force behind Scholarship for New Opportunities for Women, Pink Up Dongara For Breast Cancer and beach clean ups.



BRENDON DAVIES

Brendon has been a volunteer in the community for many years and is currently the President of the Rotary Club of Batavia Coast. He is well known for always wanting to lend a hand in the community.



KAREN GILES

Karen has created over 550 baby bundles from donated and handmade items for infants born in Geraldton. Karen also volunteers as a nanny for new mums to give them respite from parenting.



PETA HARRIS

Peta is one of the founding members of Dance Days Disco, a monthly meet-up primarily aimed at people with a disability. Dance Days Disco enhances the life of people living with a disability by providing a social outlet in a safe space.



MARIA HUTCHINS

Maria is instrumental in the day-to-day running of Mid West Cat Shelter. She selflessly does whatever is needed to help the charity run smoothly. She ensures the cats in care of the charity find the best forever homes.



MICHELLE JONES

Michelle has been rescuing wildlife for over 15 years, rehabilitating them herself on her property. Michelle has been involved in educating the community about animals to ensure they are treated with respect.



ROSS JONES

Ross has served in the SES for years, contributing to all aspects of search and rescue, cyclone, storm damage and fire support. He has managed to drive numbers up from single digits to 60 volunteers to ensure future operations.



DR SUELLEN KELLY

Dr Kelly was a founding board member of Mid West Cat Shelter and has provided hours of free treatment and advice over the years. The level of care provided by the shelter is greatly influenced by her advice and support.



BRAD LETCH

Brad is the driving force behind the resurrection of the Tom Muir Arboretum. He gathered volunteers to help bring the deteriorated site back to life and researched its history, bringing about much community interest.



VIC MCCABE

Vic has been in the tyre industry for close to 40 years going above and beyond, especially for those in dire circumstances. He has mentored many young men, shaping them into leaders who put back into the community.



HANNAH MILES

Hannah, from a very young age, has cared about the environment, cleaning up beaches in Geraldton and surroundings every weekend with no reward. She has picked up so much litter off her own back just to help our local wildlife.



SARAH O'MALLEY

Sarah runs the non-profit Regional Sounds which provides performance opportunities for new local original acts, leading to a thriving local music community. She works tirelessly to arrange free workshops and concerts.



NATASCHA OSTERMEIER GRAY

Natascha established Riding for the Disabled in 2001 and has since helped make the benefits of equine therapy accessible to people in Geraldton. Equine therapy has mental health and physical benefits.



PAUL PETTET

Paul "Butch" is engaged in various volunteer organisations including Marine Rescue Geraldton, Midwest Aero Club and Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association. He is involved in the development of Batavia Park.



LILLIAN PRATT

Lillian goes above and beyond, particularly for older community members, both as a CWA member and at the Walkaway Station Museum. Lillian organised Companion Time, bringing together the elderly from surrounding towns.



ROHAN PROWSE

Rohan commits hours to collecting information for Friday circulars about workshops and events so people can be involved in the community. He also works for Fusion, an organisation dedicated to supporting young people.



JODI REILLY

Jodi is a pillar of the community. She gives back through volunteering at APEX Midwest, helping friends, family and strangers. She has started a free weekly Saturday morning swim that welcomes everyone.



TANYA RUBERY

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BOB TAYLOR

Bob epitomises the volunteering ethic and is passionate about clean-up activities. He has spent hours collecting rubbish, as well as clearing illegal dumps. His efforts have enhanced the visual appeal of our local environment.



DANIEL TREASURE

Daniel is an active member of various volunteer organisations including the Moonyoonooka Bush Fire Brigade, Woorree Scout Group and SES. He is a mentor and has undertaken mental health training to help others.



CHARMAINE TREZONA

Charmaine is a real life angel and has been involved in a number of charities and volunteer organisations, including the Rotary Club of Geraldton, Centacare, and St John WA as an ambulance officer.



JAYNE WALLACE

Jayne goes above and beyond for young people, particularly in her role at PCYC. Jayne co-runs a girls group, called SAFEsistas, supporting young, at-risk girls to learn, give back to the community, have fun and feel safe.



CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT

Christopher has treated local construction workers with dignity and support amidst the toughest boom we have seen in generations. He genuinely cares and respects people and displays good values.



PESONA INDONESIA GERALDTON

Pesona Indonesia is a non-profit organisation that is actively engaged in the community, including organising free soup for elderly and homeless.



MARINA PARK RUN

Marina Park Run is a weekly 5km walk/run organised by volunteers. Marina Park Run provides a supportive environment for non-competitive exercise and is especially beneficial for those who may otherwise be isolated.





JOHN PEET

John has contributed to the community of Mullewa by helping sick people access medical aid as a volunteer ambulance driver for St John WA. He is a role model for the community, actively encouraging others to volunteer.



ANTHONY CRITCH

Anthony 'Tony' has helped preserve many historic locations for generations to come and has been the driving force for the Tenindewa Stockyards renewal, as well as the renewal of the Pindar town site.



MULLEWA MUSTER AND RODEO

The Mullewa Muster and Rodeo is a major event that has been operating for nine years, bringing tourism to the town of Mullewa. The dedicated volunteer committee puts in time and effort for this event year-round, making it a highlight in the Midwest.