

Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

2023 National Volunteer Week grant recipients announced

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- 179 Western Australian organisations will share in more than \$200,000 worth of funding from Lotterywest to help celebrate National Volunteer Week, including three Esperance organisations
- National Volunteer Week grants program acknowledges and celebrates volunteers around WA
- National Volunteer Week runs from 15-21 May 2023

The contributions of volunteers around Western Australia will be recognised and celebrated through a grants program to mark National Volunteer Week.

Acting Volunteering Minister Sue Ellery recently announced the recipients of the 2023 National Volunteer Week grants program.

From Broome in the north, to Esperance in the south, 179 organisations from across WA will share in \$203,965 to help celebrate.

Funded by Lotterywest and administered by Volunteering WA the grants program offers small grants of up to \$1000 to organisations to both acknowledge the contributions of their volunteers and help raise awareness of the benefits of volunteering.

This year, the grants will help to fund activities in Esperance for volunteers at Esperance Districts Football Association, Esperance Goldfields Surf Lifesaving Club and Esperance Volunteer Fire & Rescue.

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering with thousands of events and activities held across the country.

Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC

"Volunteers are the backbone of our regional communities and are pivotal in keeping our communities functioning and vibrant," she said.

"I am thrilled that the three Esperance community organisations will acknowledge and reward their volunteers at this year's National Volunteer Week events".

Comments attributed to Acting Volunteering Minister Sue Ellery:

"The National Volunteer Week grants program ensures that we take the time to appreciate and recognise the enormous contributions of a broad range of volunteers in our communities."

"Every person who volunteers is making a big difference in their local communities.

"The McGowan Government is thankful for our amazing and committed volunteers that are actively engaged in so many different programs and activities that support others."

Comments attributed to Volunteering WA CEO Tina Williams:

"National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to connect and celebrate diverse volunteering stories across the State, and with Lotterywest's support, hundreds more organisations and community groups are able to join the celebration.

"Shining a light on the contributions of volunteers inspires others to get involved, and we must do all we can to encourage more people in Western Australia to volunteer.

"We encourage all volunteer involving organisations to proudly promote NVW celebrations and use the NVW resources widely to help increase the awareness of the vital role volunteers play in our community.

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