

# Carnarvon National Volunteer Week Awards



**INFORMATION PACK  
& NOMINATION FORMS**

**#NVW2026 #YOURYEARTOVOLUNTEER**



National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and will be held on 18-24 May 2026. This year's theme is **Your Year to Volunteer**.

The week-long event recognises the vital support our country's millions of volunteers provide to their communities and encourages people to consider volunteering.

National Volunteer Week 2026 celebrates the commitment of current volunteers and invites everyone to discover how giving their time and talents can spark joy, and a deep sense of purpose.

**Let's come together during National Volunteer Week 2026 to celebrate the dedication of our volunteers and inspire more people to get involved and highlight the positive impact that sharing time, skills and passion have in strengthening our community.**

## **Carnarvon National Volunteer Week Awards**

As National Volunteer Week approaches, the Shire of Carnarvon has launched an awards program to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions of volunteers in our community.

This year, the Shire is taking a two-part approach to ensure our volunteers are genuinely recognised and celebrated in a meaningful way.

During National Volunteer Week in May, the Shire will host a volunteer appreciation breakfast at the Civic Centre. This will be an opportunity to formally acknowledge volunteers and say thank you for the important role they play across our community. Details will be shared shortly.

Our annual National Volunteer Awards will be held on Saturday, 5 December 2026, aligning with International Volunteer Day. This dedicated event will allow us to celebrate our volunteers with a full awards ceremony, food, entertainment and a well-deserved night of recognition.

We need the community to help identify those who deserve recognition for their selfless contributions. If you know someone or an organisation that has gone above and beyond to help others, please nominate them for the Carnarvon Volunteer Awards by completing the form below. Nominations closed on Thursday, 30 April at 8pm.

Let's come together to celebrate National Volunteer Week and recognise those who have made a difference in our community.

**Save the Date: Saturday, 5 December 2026**

## Criteria for Carnarvon National Volunteer Week Awards:

- The nominee must have demonstrated exceptional commitment to volunteering in the Carnarvon community.
- The nominee's volunteering activities should have made a significant positive impact on the community.
- The nominee's volunteering should have been undertaken on a voluntary basis and not for financial gain.
- The nominee's volunteering should have been ongoing and not just for a one-off event.
- The nominee should have demonstrated a positive attitude towards volunteering and be a role model for others in the community.

## Categories for Carnarvon National Volunteer Week Awards:

### Young Volunteer of the Year:

- Must be between the ages of 12-25 years
- Must have made a significant contribution to their community through volunteering
- Must demonstrate leadership qualities and inspire others to volunteer
- Must have volunteered for a minimum of 50 hours in the last 12 months
- Must be able to demonstrate the impact of their volunteering

### Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering:

- Must have made a significant contribution to their community through volunteering over a period of at least 10 years
- Must have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to volunteering
- Must have made a lasting impact on the community through their volunteering
- Must have inspired others to volunteer
- Must be able to demonstrate the impact of their volunteering

### Volunteer Group of the Year - Event & Community Organisation:

- Must be a group of volunteers who have made a significant contribution to the community
- Must have worked together effectively and efficiently to achieve their goals
- Must be able to demonstrate the impact of their volunteering on the community
- Must have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to their volunteering
- Must have gone above and beyond their duties as volunteers

### Sporting Club of the Year:

- Must be a club that has demonstrated exceptional commitment to community development and volunteerism.
- Must have worked together effectively and efficiently to achieve their goals.
- Must have demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to their volunteering

## How to nominate?

Complete the nomination forms attached to this information pack or visit [www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au](http://www.carnarvon.wa.gov.au) to complete the forms online. Nominations close Thursday, 30 April at 8pm. Submissions must be emailed to [tipton.h@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:tipton.h@carnarvon.wa.gov.au)

## What happens next?

1. It all starts with your nomination.
2. The Shire of Carnarvon Awards Committee will meet on Tuesday, 19 May to review all submissions received and select one recipient in each of the four award categories.
3. The recipients will be presented to the Council on Tuesday, 26 May.
4. The four recipients are announced on Saturday, 5 December 2026 (venue and time to be confirmed).

## More information?

Contact Helen Tipton, Community Development Team Lead by emailing [tipton.h@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:tipton.h@carnarvon.wa.gov.au) or calling (08) 9941 0000.

## Tips to help you answer the questions!

### For categories: Young Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering

When answering these questions for the National Volunteer Week Awards program, it's essential to provide specific examples and anecdotes that showcase the nominee's exceptional contributions and qualities. Here's how you might approach each question:

#### Why did you choose to nominate this individual for the National Volunteer Week Awards?

- Start by expressing your admiration for the nominee's dedication and impact on the community.
- Provide a brief overview of their contributions that inspired you to nominate them. Highlight the scope and significance of their volunteer work.

**For example:** I nominated [Nominee's Name] for the National Volunteer Week Awards because of their commitment to improving our community. Their selfless actions and tireless efforts have truly made a difference in the lives of those around them.

#### Can you describe a specific instance or project where the nominee's volunteer efforts made a significant impact on the community?

- Choose a specific project or event where the nominee played a pivotal role and made a tangible difference.
- Describe the situation, the actions taken by the nominee, and the positive outcomes achieved.
- Provide any relevant statistics or anecdotes to illustrate the impact.

**For example:** One instance that stands out is when [Nominee's Name] organised a community clean-up initiative last summer. Their leadership rallied volunteers from all walks of life, resulting in the removal of over 500 pounds of rubbish from our local parks and streets. Not only did this improve the aesthetics of our community, but it also fostered a sense of pride and unity among residents.

#### In what ways has the nominee demonstrated dedication and commitment to their volunteer work?

- Highlight the nominee's reliability, consistency, and willingness to go above and beyond in their volunteer efforts.
- Provide specific examples of times when the nominee showed up consistently and reliably for volunteer activities.
- Discuss any sacrifices or challenges they may have overcome to continue their volunteer work.

**For example:** Throughout the years, [Nominee's Name] has demonstrated unwavering dedication to their volunteer work. Rain or shine, they can always be counted on to lend a helping hand. Whether it's organising events, coordinating logistics, or simply being there to support others, [Nominee's Name] consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty.

**From your perspective, what sets this nominee apart as an outstanding volunteer?**

- Reflect on the nominee's personal qualities and unique approaches that make them exceptional.
- Discuss how their passion, empathy, leadership, or creativity enrich their volunteer work.
- Share any anecdotes or observations that highlight what makes the nominee stand out.

**For example:** What truly sets [Nominee's Name] apart as an outstanding volunteer is their genuine empathy and ability to connect with people from all walks of life. Their inclusive approach ensures that everyone feels valued and heard, creating a supportive environment where individuals can thrive. Moreover, [Nominee's Name]'s innovative ideas and willingness to tackle challenging issues head-on demonstrate their unwavering commitment to making a lasting impact on our community.

Remember to tailor your responses to reflect the specific contributions and qualities of the nominee, providing concrete examples wherever possible to strengthen your nomination.

## Nomination Form

For categories: Young Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering

### Your Details

Full Name

Contact Number

Email Address

### Who are you nominating?

Full Name

Contact Number

Email Address

What volunteer organisation/s are they part of?

Do you know them personally?  Yes  No

### What category are you nominating them for?

Young Volunteer of the Year

Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering

Would you like your nomination to be anonymous?

Yes  No

### Nomination

**Why did you choose to nominate this individual for the National Volunteer Week Awards?** *Please share a brief overview of their contributions to the community that inspired you to nominate them.*

**Can you describe a specific instance or project where the nominee's volunteer efforts made a significant impact on the community?**

**In what ways has the nominee demonstrated dedication and commitment to their volunteer work?** *Feel free to provide examples of their reliability and consistency in giving back to the community.*

**From your perspective, what sets this nominee apart as an outstanding volunteer?** *Please highlight any personal qualities or unique approaches they bring to their volunteer work that you believe make them deserve of recognition during National Volunteer Week.*

## **Submit this Nomination Form**

Complete the nomination forms by Thursday, 30 April at 8pm via email to [tipton.h@carnarvon.wa.gov.au](mailto:tipton.h@carnarvon.wa.gov.au) or delivering to the Shire of Carnarvon office on Francis Street by 4pm on Thursday, 30 April.

## Tips to help you answer the questions!

### For category: Volunteer Group of the Year - Event & Community Organisation and Sporting Club of the Year

When answering these questions for the National Volunteer Week Awards program, it's essential to provide specific examples and anecdotes that showcase the nominee's exceptional contributions and qualities. Here's how you might approach each question:

#### What specific projects or initiatives has the nominated Volunteer Group, Event or Sporting Club undertaken in the past year, and how have these efforts positively impacted the community?

- Describe the specific projects or initiatives undertaken.
- Explain how these projects or initiatives were executed.
- Highlight the direct positive impacts on the community.

**For example:** The [Community Organisation] organised a monthly food drive in collaboration with local supermarkets, collecting and distributing over 500 pounds of food to families in need each month.

They initiated a mentorship program for at-risk youth in the community, providing academic support, career guidance, and life skills workshops, resulting in improved academic performance and increased confidence among participants.

**For example:** The [Sporting Club] hosted free sports clinics every weekend, introducing over 200 children to various sports, promoting physical activity, teamwork, and social inclusion among the youth population.

These efforts have significantly reduced food insecurity, improved educational outcomes, and fostered a healthier and more connected community.

#### How has the nominated Volunteer Group, Event or Sporting Club demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to their volunteering or organised event?

- Provide examples of consistent involvement and dedication.
- Highlight instances where volunteers went above and beyond expectations.
- Describe sacrifices or challenges overcome in the pursuit of their goals.

**For example:** Despite facing logistical challenges and limited resources, the [Volunteer Group] showed commitment by organising weekly cleanup campaigns in neglected areas of the community.

Volunteers dedicated countless hours to planning and executing fundraising events, leveraging personal networks and resources to ensure the success of each event.

**For example:** Members of the [Sporting Club] demonstrated exceptional dedication by volunteering to coach youth teams, sacrificing their weekends and personal time to mentor and inspire young athletes.

Their commitment to the cause has been evident in their willingness to tackle difficult tasks and overcome obstacles, always with the best interests of the community at heart.

#### What impact has the nominated Volunteer Group, Event or Sporting Club had on the community?

- Quantify the measurable impacts on the community.
- Describe positive changes observed because of their activities.
- Provide testimonials or anecdotes illustrating the community's response.

**For example:** Through their mentorship program, the [Event Group] has seen a 20% increase in youth participating in the community event.

**For example:** The [Sporting Club's] free sports clinics have introduced children to healthy activities and provided a positive outlet for energy.

#### In what ways has the nominated Volunteer Group, Event or Sporting Club gone above and beyond their duties as volunteers?

- Highlight instances where volunteers exceeded expectations.
- Describe innovative approaches or initiatives undertaken.
- Discuss any unique contributions or partnerships formed.

**For example:** The [Event Group] organised a charity event featuring local talent, raising funds not only for their own initiatives but also for other community organisations in need.

**For example:** The [Sporting Club] collaborated with local schools to offer youth to participate in sports programs, ensuring access to opportunities regardless of financial constraints.

## Nomination Form

For category: Volunteer Group of the Year - Event & Community Organisation and Sporting Club of the Year

### Your Details

Full Name

Contact Number

Email Address

### Who are you nominating?

Name of Organisation or Event

Key Contact Person

Email Address

Do you know them personally or part of this organisation?  Yes  No

### What category are you nominating them for?

- Volunteer Group of the Year – Event  
 Volunteer Group of the Year – Community Organisation  
 Sporting Club of the Year

Would you like your nomination to be anonymous?

Yes  No

### Nomination

**What specific projects or initiatives has the nominated Volunteer Group, Event or Sporting Club undertaken in the past year, and how have these efforts positively impacted the community?**

**How has the nominated Volunteer Group, Event or Sporting Club demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to their volunteering or organised event?**

<b>What impact has the nominated Volunteer Group, Event or Sporting Club had on the community?</b>
<b>In what ways has the nominated Volunteer Group, Event or Sporting Club gone above and beyond their duties as volunteers?</b>

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