

Naturaliste Gratitude Awards Guidelines

About the Awards

The Dunsborough Australia Day event started at the Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse in 1995 and has continued in various forms and venues since then. In 1998, the organising committee decided to create the Naturaliste Australia Day Awards which over time have evolved into the Naturaliste Gratitude Awards. What hasn't changed is the recognition of local volunteers who make a contribution to the community with the generosity of their time and positive energy. The capacity to help is over a broad spectrum of areas from sport, environment, health, arts, schools, services like fire brigades and St John's Ambulance, or sometimes a sincere acknowledgement of good community spirit.

We all know many people in our not so small community who provide such spirit and support.

In choosing the recipients of the Naturalist Gratitude Awards, regard is given to the nominee's achievements in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the community. Awards are presented at the Dunsborough Australia Day Ceremony on 26 January.

- A nominee or group nomination need only be nominated once to be considered.
- Awards may be granted posthumously in recognition of recent achievements.
- A person or group may receive an award on more than one occasion in recognition of their particularly outstanding community contribution or involvement in an alternative initiative.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated in future years.

Elements that will be considered are that the recipient has:

- Demonstrated leadership and community involvement on an issue, project or event; and/or
- Contributed to the development of the community and / or economy; and
- Nature and length of activity or service.

Eligibility Criteria

- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominees must be 16 years of age on 26 January of the awards year.
- Nominees volunteer contribution should be in Dunsborough.
- Nominations must be received by the close-off date to be eligible for consideration.
- Nominations must be apolitical in their nature and should not in any way bring the awards program or the DPA into disrepute.

Nomination dates

Nominations open 1 December 2021 and must be received by **14 January 2022**. Nominations to be posted to

PO Box 63 Dunsborough WA 6281 or emailed to treasurer@dunsboroughprogress.com.au