

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS 2005

Robbie Minter (Jnr)

At only 29 years of age, Robbie Minter is a young Noongar man, making a significant contribution to his community. For his whole life, Robbie aspired to be a footy coach and after graduating from the 2003 WA Community Leadership Program, he decided to forge the community networks needed to achieve this ambition...after applying for coach position at Gnowangerup for 4 years in a row without success he then decided to take up an opportunity and the challenge of coaching the down and out neighbouring league – Ongerup. Since this moment, it has been nothing but up for the Club, and Robbie has developed a sense of team amongst the players, he has boosted confidence, created opportunities, increased cultural awareness, encouraged emerging leadership, and has developed some processes for good group practice and future planning...and in one year he has taken them from the bottom of the ladder (with no strategies for success or sustainability) to a place in the grand final....his next plan...to develop a succession plan for the club....

Esperance Rural Leadership Program

Represented tonight by Mr Colin De Grussa (Chairperson)

Was established in 2000 by a dedicated and enthusiastic young group of people who had recently graduated from a leadership program and saw great benefit in providing the opportunity to provide for a similar experience in their own community. Since then ERL have held 3 very successful leadership courses, with over 50 graduates to date, aged between 18 and 45 years from all walks of life.

ERL are working to grow the skills, motivation and confidence of their community leaders, which will ultimately provide for the development of successful and prosperous communities with a more interested and hands on approach for community development.

The nine volunteer committee members should be congratulated for their outstanding contribution to their communities and for their support and willingness to see leadership and personal development for others in their community.

Maxine Farmer

Was nominated in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the educational outcomes of both Indigenous and non indigenous Katanning students and for her contribution toward building strong relationships between parents, community and the local school. Maxine has shown inspirational leadership through her work with Aboriginal students through encouraging attendance, creating positive relations, completion of schoolwork and actively engaging them in the school system. Maxine has also worked her magic on the relationship between families and the school and has worked as a 'builder of bridges' to engage parents, Indigenous community members and families with the school. Maxine acts as a mentor to several Aboriginal people in the community and through her consideration, respect and nurturing ways, has helped create a very successful mentoring program. Maxine's nominator says "in any team, most members are competent and perform well, however there is occasionally a member who stands out from the rest of the team, who we call a champion. This is the person who plays a bit harder, exhibits high level skill, always achieves under adversity and who simply goes the extra yard. Maxine is an acknowledged champion in our community and for her immeasurable and inspirational leadership over the years, she is well deserving of commendation for this award.

Peel Community Development Group

Represented tonight by Lisa Craig - Regional Community Development Coordinator

Is a not for profit community group who have taken it upon themselves to address the social development issues of the entire Peel region. The group has been successful in the formation of strong partnerships in the region, ensuring a cohesive approach and response to recognised areas of need. The list of projects the group are undertaking is commendable and includes program such as the Peel Early Years Project, Alcohol Rehabilitation and Advocacy Service Project, a Proposed Crisis Accommodation Project and an Indigenous Well being Project which extends the ATSI Health Project, to explore well-being issues applicable to Indigenous populations in the Peel Region. An outstanding group of community members who are creating long term sustainable partnerships to support and strengthen a positive sustainable community development process in the Peel region.