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Best in the west: Nedlands ranger scores top gong

City of Nedlands Ranger Daniel Sharples has been named WA Ranger of the Year.

Presented by the WA Rangers Association, the award recognises deeds and achievements over and above the call of duty.

It comes after City of Nedlands rangers were named Ranger Team of the Year last year – the second time they have won the award.

City of Nedlands Manager Health and Compliance Andrew Melville, who oversees the ranger team, said it highlighted the culture of success and team work among the rangers.

“Daniel has an excellent work ethic and reflects the kind of professionalism that makes the City of Nedlands proud,” he said.

“Our rangers go above and beyond their normal areas of responsibilities in order to help people.

“It’s the little things they do that help the community and also make their job more rewarding.

“Daniel also works hard in the community promoting awareness of depression and, in doing so, is a fine ambassador for the ranger profession and the City.”

Away from his Nedlands role, Mr Sharples does volunteer speaking engagements for beyondblue, talking about his experience with depression, raising awareness and encouraging people to get help.

“I had experience with depression, which I had generally ignored for most of my 20s,” he said.

“Fortunately, I was able to get help with my mental health in my later 20s and have found it has turned my life around immeasurably.

“It’s basically the ability to effectively handle stress, successfully relate to other people and be able to work and contribute to the community in a positive manner

“People living with mental health issues can find it difficult to undertake these challenges and it’s important they have support to help them realise their potential.”

Acting City of Nedlands CEO Martyn Glover said rangers often acted as a “one-stop shop” for the community outside business hours and were generally able to respond and assist with any unexpected situations that occurred.

“They regularly respond to non-ranger related issues when other staff are not available, particularly after hours and on weekends and public holidays,” he said.

“This includes clearing fallen trees off roads, opening buildings for user groups and responding to issues regarding parks and buildings.

“The willingness to attend at unsociable hours and address these concerns helps the Nedlands community maintain a positive perception of the service level provided by the City – and Daniel is a shining example of a commitment to this attitude.”



WA Ranger of the Year: Daniel Sharples from the City of Nedlands.

About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of more than 21,000 lives in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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