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Conservation, education and team spirit rewarded in Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards

Two community members and a local sporting club were awarded for their outstanding contribution to our community at the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards and Citizenship ceremony held at John Leckie Pavilion on 22 January.

Trish Hewson, Theadosia Kurniawan and the Joeysoccer Program, run by UWA Nedlands Football Club, were the recipients of this year's Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards.

Winner of the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award, Trish Hewson, was awarded for her contribution to conserving and protecting the Hollywood Reserve. In 1996, Trish helped to incorporate the Friends of Hollywood Reserve and has remained a vital link between the community and the City of Nedlands for ongoing advocacy and education.

For the past 18 years, Trish has recruited and organised volunteers for bushland restoration activities, coordinated public tours of the reserve and conducted surveys of flowering plants. She involves students from Hollywood Primary School so that they learn about conserving bushland with hands-on activities. She also publishes a monthly newsletter about upcoming events and local flora and fauna.

Theadosia Kurniawan, winner of the Premier's Citizenship Award for a person under 25 years of age, is a student at the University of WA. She has been a member of the Nedlands Youth Advisory Council and has helped to organise youth events including the 2013 Emerge Youth Awards and the 2014 4Sure Music and Skate Festival.

Thea is passionate about children's wellbeing, the environment, education and human rights. She volunteers for the Engineers without Borders High School Outreach program at UWA.

The outreach program is designed to inspire and motivate students to explore issues such as global sustainability, human development, appropriate technology and the role of engineering in poverty eradication.

In 2015 she takes on a new role as a UniMentor to help first year students transition into university life.

UWA Nedlands Football Club's Joeysoccer Program won the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award for a community group or event. The program enables children from pre-primary to year three, of all abilities, to play and enjoy sport.

The emphasis of the club is for everyone to have fun and to develop team spirit. In just five years, the program has grown from just under 100 children to 930 children, with children from 22 schools playing at College Park on Saturday afternoons.

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City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said: “I congratulate all of our Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Award recipients. This years’ nominees and winners were equally deserving. These people have played an outstanding role in our community.”

About the Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards

The Premier’s Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards focus on community contribution and participation rather than personal achievement. The recipients are selected from people and groups who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year, or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years through active involvement.

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 over 21,000 live in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta, and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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