

## Awards Program Overview

It is estimated that over 2.3million sports volunteers dedicate more than 158 million hours to sport each year making them the backbone of the industry and undoubtedly some of the most passionate and selfless volunteers in the country.

Westslc Group Macarthur would like to acknowledge and celebrate the enormous contribution of time and effort volunteers give to sport in our community. We know that the commitment of volunteers is vital to the successful running of any sports club and that many sporting organisations would not be able to run without volunteers who fill critical roles on and off the field each week.

This year, we are pleased to once again host this awards program to celebrate and recognise Sports Volunteers with nominations open exclusively to Westslc Sports Council members only.

This new awards program has been established to sit alongside the existing Westslc Sports Council Monthly and Annual Awards (which continue as normal) and acts as an opportunity to celebrate the amazing volunteers that willingly offer their time and efforts for the love of their local sport as well as those who have given continuous service over the years.

Following the awards submission process, Westslc Sports Council members are invited to join us at a major celebration of our volunteers at a special event, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 including dinner, drinks, guest speaker, live entertainment and awards presentation.

## What type of nominations are available?

There are a total of seven categories in the Westslc Sports Council Volunteer of the Year awards.

There will be **one winner** for each of the following categories:

- Westslc Community Sport Youth Volunteer of the Year (Under 21yrs)
- Westslc Community Sport Volunteer of the Year (21yrs+)

**All eligible Service Awards submissions will be recognised** in the following categories:

- Westslc Community Sport Long Service Award 10 years' service
- Westslc Community Sport Long Service Award 15 years' service
- Westslc Community Sport Long Service Award 20 years' service
- Westslc Community Sport Long Service Award 25 years' service
- Westslc Community Sport Long Service Award 30 years' service
- NEW - Westslc Community Sport Long Service Category 35 years' service

- NEW - Wests Community Sport Long Service Category 40 years' service

Service Awards will recognise continuous years of service. We welcome nominations from those that were recognised in 2022/2023 (in a rounded down category) but are now eligible in a new category.

## Eligibility

- Nominations are open to Wests Sports Council members only, who are directly sponsored by Wests Group Macarthur. Nominations can also be made by individual clubs for eg. Those within an association but they must be filtered/managed by the association in the first instance.
- We will accept club nominations through an association into the service award category bearing in mind the complimentary table of 10 and understanding if recognized they would attend on the evening.
- The nominee must have given their time willingly for the common good and without financial gain. They must not have received pay, incentives, or financial reward for hours given. In instances where the volunteer may be receiving an honorarium for out-of-pocket expenses, we ask that this be disclosed on the nomination form under "other notes"
- The nominee must be a current volunteer and have volunteered during the previous 12 months for a sports team, club, or sporting association
- Youth and Adult Nominations are limited to one individual volunteer per Wests Sports Council member. The same person can however qualify for entry into the Wests Sports Volunteer of the Year Award *as well as* Service Award, however, these will need to submit separately.
- Nominations are only accepted via the official nomination forms on our website [www.westslc.com.au/sportsvolunteerawards](http://www.westslc.com.au/sportsvolunteerawards)
- Volunteers are not permitted to nominate themselves

## Submission Criteria

All entries will require the following detail to be supplied:

- Relevant Nomination Category
- Name of Association/Club
- Nominee Name
- Consideration for the Youth or Adult award will include the supply of DOB

- Confirmation they are a current volunteer and have volunteered during the previous 12 months
- What type of volunteer duties has this person performed?
- What makes them a worthy winner of their category? Including detail of demonstrated service, hours, commitment, going above and beyond etc
- Image MUST be supplied at the time of entry, must be a maximum of 1MB (accepted file formats are JPG, JPEG, PNG, GIF) and can be the individual or any relevant team/club image

Nominations must address all criteria and be completed in full to be considered a complete entry. Only information supplied with the nominating process will be reviewed by the selection committee.

## Selection Committee

Nominations will be judged by a panel of Wests Group Macarthur representatives.

## Prizes

Overall Winners will receive:

- Wests Community Sport Youth Volunteer of the Year (Youth under 21yrs) - \$500 CASH + Winners Plaque
- Wests Community Sport Adult Volunteer of the Year (Adult 21yrs+) - \$1,000 CASH + Winners Plaque

Service Award nominees will receive:

- Wests Community Sport Service Award 10 years' service - Service Anniversary Pin + \$50 Voucher from Wests
- Wests Community Sport Service Award 15 years' service - Service Anniversary Pin + \$50 Voucher from Wests
- Wests Community Sport Service Award 20 years' service - Service Anniversary Pin + \$50 Voucher from Wests
- Wests Community Sport Service Award 25 years' service - Service Anniversary Pin + \$50 Voucher from Wests
- Wests Community Sport Service Award 30 years' service - Service Anniversary Pin + \$50 Voucher from Wests
- Wests Community Sport Service Award 35 years' service - Service Anniversary Pin + \$50 Voucher from Wests

- Wests Community Sport Service Award 40 years' service - Service Anniversary Pin + \$50 Voucher from Wests

All nominees will receive a certificate of appreciation and \$50 voucher from Wests.

## Important Dates

- Nominations open 5pm Friday the 9th February and will close 5pm Monday 1st April, 2024. Finalists will be notified to the person who submitted the entry following the close date.
- The Winners will be announced at the Wests Sports Council Volunteer of the Year Dinner event to be held at Wests League Club on Saturday the 18th May 2024 to coincide with National Volunteer Week (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024).
- Each Wests Sports Council member will be provided a complimentary table of ten people including the nominee/s.
- It is strongly encouraged that nominees make themselves available for the dinner. No additional tickets will be available.

## Permissions

All nominators must have permission from the person they are nominating to disclose their personal information as part of their entry. For privacy purposes, the nominee is required to understand and

be aware that by this nomination form being submitted their image and story may be used publicly by Wests Group Macarthur to promote the Awards program and in ongoing marketing materials.

On behalf of Wests Group Macarthur, we look forward to celebrating *Together*, the time and effort your volunteers generously give to sport in our community.

## Contacts

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