

A close-up, slightly angled view of the Australian flag, showing the red, white, and blue stripes and the white seven-pointed star on a dark blue field.

Australia Day

Awards ceremony

26 January **2020**







A message from City of Karratha

Mayor Peter Long

Australia Day is a time to come together as a community, both to remember and reflect on our past and to celebrate our future. It's an opportunity for us to stand alongside the rest of our nation and share in all that makes us proud to call Australia home.

Today, we focus on appreciating those people in our community that give selflessly to support others. They are those residents who are the first to volunteer, who raise others up, the backbones of our community who continue to offer their time, energy and experience without expecting anything in return.

Our Australia Day Awards feature six award categories to recognise these dedicated people; our Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Environmental Award, Community Spirit Award, Community Service Award and our Community Event/Activity of the Year.

Each and every person or group nominated in one of these categories should be incredibly proud, knowing that their community recognises and appreciates their commitment.

I would like to thank all those who took time to nominate in these Australia Day Awards. It is so important that we do take time to acknowledge those people in our community who go above and beyond and without your support this simply would not happen.

I must also thank our generous category sponsors; Horizon Power, Rio Tinto, Woodside Energy and the Woodside-operated North West Shelf Project. The ongoing contribution of these organisations ensures these prestigious awards grow year on year and it is a true pleasure to have them on board.

Our Australia Day celebrations will continue this evening with our annual Australia Day Sundowner with live music, water amusements and food vendors. This year the event will be held at Hampton Oval in Dampier from 5pm with fireworks beginning at 8.15pm.

Congratulations to all of our City of Karratha Australia Day Award nominees and winners. I am very proud that we have so many outstanding residents living in our community ready to lead us into 2020.

Mayor Peter Long
City of Karratha



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A note from the 2019 Citizen of the Year **Sandra Spadanuda**

I was incredibly humbled to have been named the 2019 City of Karratha Citizen of the Year.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the City of Karratha for organizing the awards – an amazing annual event which pays tribute to so many selfless and inspiring citizens in our community. I'd also like to acknowledge Horizon Power who sponsored my award.

The spirit of the people in our community is incredibly inspiring and I'm so proud to call Karratha my home. I am proud to live and work in this community, the home of my family – my husband and of my sons, who are blessed to live and learn on the country of their ancestors that walked before them.

As part of my award, I was given an amazing opportunity to attend the 2019 Western Australian of the Year Awards in Perth. My husband and I attended the event together and we were so incredibly inspired by the great state we are so privileged to live in.

Congratulations to all the amazing people and organisations in our community, the nominees and winners who give of themselves so selflessly to better our community. You're all winners in my eyes.

Sandra Spadanuda
2019 Citizen of the Year



2019 Citizen of the Year Sandra Spadanuda. Photo credit: Marg Bertling

Past Citizens of the Year

1989	Nan Williams (Presented 1990)	2006	Dr Scott Teasdale
1990	Hilda Rooney (Presented 1991)	2007	Stuart Robertson
1991	Major George Palmer (Presented 1992)	2008	Maree Pont
1992	Kelvin Lemke (Presented 1993)	2009	Jim Farnworth
1994	Betty Ramsay	2010	Sue Hedley
1995	Kevin Richards	2011	Anita Cheeseman
1996	Richard & Sue Baldwin	2012	Arran McOscar
1997	Gwen McCoy	2013	Grant Cucel
1998	William John Case	2014	Michael Booth
1999	Adrian Griffiths	2015	Donna Stace
2000	Dave & Bev Catto	2016	John Lally
2001	Bev Horton	2017	Joanne Waterstrom Muller
2002	John Macgowan	2018	Tammy Tennant
2003	Marshall Smith	2018	Sandra Spadanuda
2004	Anna Vitenbergs		
2005	Pastor Dave Stevens		

Program

Master of Ceremonies Councillor Evette Smeathers

Breakfast

Welcome to Country

Welcome Address by Mayor Peter Long

Australian National Anthem

Australia Day Awards Presentation

- **Environmental Award**
Presented by Woodside-operated North West Shelf Project
- **Community Spirit Award**
Presented by Rio Tinto
- **Community Service Award**
Presented by Rio Tinto

Special Address

- **Event/Activity of the Year Award**
Presented by Rio Tinto
- **Young Citizen of the Year Award**
Presented by Woodside Energy Limited
- **Citizen of the Year Award**
Presented by Horizon Power

All nominees and winners to go to the stage at the end of proceedings for a group photo.







Australian National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Environmental Award

Proudly presented by:

North West Shelf Project



Recognises individuals or groups who demonstrate genuine passion for the environment and strive to improve it through conservation, preservation, protection, replenishment and education.

Amanda Ridout

An amazing young woman who selflessly gives to her community, Amanda's energy and commitment to all aspects of volunteering is inspiring. Her desire is not only to serve her community, but also to show her three daughters what it means to give of themselves.

Amanda volunteers her time to several community groups however perhaps the most commendable and impactful is the five years she has spent as project manager of the Karratha Community Garden. The Community Garden was established to promote growing of fruit and vegetables to people in Karratha, to improve our environment by increasing composting and local production and just generally to demonstrate that growing veggies isn't just possible in Karratha, it's also a huge amount of fun.

The Community Garden championed by Amanda also runs programs and events for our community including the popular weekly Junior Green Thumbs and Busy Bees programs.

The Community Garden is a place created by the people of Karratha, for the people of Karratha and for the advancement of better care for our environment.

Rose Best

Providing an outstanding, constant service in protecting wildlife in the Pilbara, Rose is committed to serving and educating our community on the protection of wildlife and assists in situations where wildlife require help.

Rose has a network of contacts across the Pilbara that help spread her educational and environmental messages who assist if a member of the community has a query or comes across an animal that needs assistance. Rose shares her environmental messages and stories via social media, which helps educate the community and therefore the wildlife that surrounds us.



2019 Environmental Award winner Rose Best

Community Spirit Award

Proudly presented by:

RioTinto

An individual nominated by a City of Karratha Community Association for lifting the spirits of the community.

Gill Furlong

Behind every great success story is a special person who works tirelessly to bring a group together; encouraging, embracing and inspiring new ideas and supporting the volunteers that make these happen. For the Dampier Community Association (DCA), that person is President, Gill Furlong.

A DCA committee member from 2010-2012, and again from 2016 until now, Gill has passionately championed the association as president since 2017. Gill supports the association through many avenues; embracing the new website and blog, working tirelessly to keep the community informed about everything happening in and around Dampier.

Gill raises the profile of the DCA by liaising with community groups, committee members, staff, and government organisations, so the Dampier community have a voice and an impact on life in Dampier. Community volunteers are the heart of the community; Gill encourages people to feel valued for their voluntary work and always leads by example.

An example of Gill's ambition to engage the community in a fun way with an end goal of hearing what the community wants was the recent long table dinner. The Dampier community are so fortunate to have Gill in their community to highlight how special it is and encourage the community spirit to grow and be celebrated.

Sharon Vertigan

Spanning over two decades, Sharon has developed a wide and variable volunteering career within the Dampier community and beyond.

Sharon's passion is early childhood learning and the arts, spending many years as the driving force behind the Dampier and Districts Repertory Company, with FeNaCle Fanny as their major event.

The longest standing Dampier Community Association's committee member, Sharon has given 26 years of service; previously serving as President and currently as Vice President.

Sharon contributed extensively to the establishment of the 2014 – 2019 Dampier Community Plan and has been heavily involved in the next chapter, the 2020 – 2024 Dampier Community Plan.

Teaching the young people of Dampier the value of belonging, instilling pride in the city, Sharon has developed a lifelong commitment to the community and delivers on this on a regular basis.

Tanya Sholl

Living in the Pilbara for 25 years, Tanya is a steadfast member of the Dampier community, developing strong ties in many areas of the community and beyond.

Over the last four years Tanya has been heavily involved with the school; volunteering as an assistant in the classroom and canteen weekly, as well as being an active committee member of the Dampier Primary School Parents and Citizens Association. Tanya is a driving force behind the canteen working group and attends monthly planning meetings. Over the years, Tanya has been involved in a multitude of organisations such as Hampton Harbour Boat & Sailing Club, Dampier Divers, Toast Masters, Tennis Club, Dampier Junior Soccer Club and Red Dogs.

An embodiment of all that is great about the Dampier community; Tanya is selfless, caring, open and always available; she drives the spirit of the community.



2019 Community Spirit Award winner Stephen Clarke



Community Service Award

Proudly presented by:

RioTinto

A group that has either made an outstanding contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the community of the City of Karratha over a number of years.

Dampier Community Association

The Dampier Community Association (DCA) has been operating for over 50 years, serving and supporting the Dampier community since its inception in 1968. This equates to over 50,000 volunteer hours! The purpose of this association is to represent and promote the civic and social development of Dampier that sustains a quality of life and community pride for all of Dampier's residents.

The dedication of the 12 strong volunteer committee is evident in attendance at monthly committee meetings, their willingness to represent DCA on various local committees and subcommittees, and in the preparation and delivery of the many community events held throughout the year. Together the DCA has been able to really connect with the community and deliver an outstanding service to the people of Dampier and surrounding towns.

The DCA acts not only as an advocate for the Dampier community, but is a positive role model for other community groups, leading by example and showing what can be achieved with a strong support base.

Dampier Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service

Dampier Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service (DVFRS) has been operating and serving our community for over 51 years. They are a fantastic volunteer branch who responds to emergencies as and when required.

The team is responsible for dealing with bushfires, structural fires, industrial accidents, road crash rescue and 000 calls. As well as being a volunteer emergency rescue service, the DVFRS is very active in supporting our community through events and fundraising initiatives, raising close to \$20,000 for local charities in 2019.

You will often see the team out at community based events, doing a variety of activities such as bubbles for charity fundraisers, busy bees for locals in need, school visits, Guy Fawkes night and the annual Dampier lolly run which takes place on Christmas Day.

For over half a century the DVFRS has been a part of the community, made up of volunteers within the community. Their work has incredible reach, working with everyone from multinational resource companies to small businesses, community groups, schools and individuals; making sure the town is prepared and safe, in the event of an emergency. Their focus has always been the betterment of their town and helping those in need.

Karratha Community Association

The Karratha Community Association (KCA) represents and promotes the civic and social advancement of the township of Karratha, instilling a quality of life and community pride to all residents.

Karratha has undergone an extraordinary transformation over the last 10 years and the KCA is proud to have participated in the process of this change from a small mining town to a modern regional city. KCA is embedded in numerous community working groups and advisory boards; providing support to other local community groups and organisations.

They support a multitude of projects and run various activities and events that encourage community engagement, such as the Step Up Step Down Facility, Men's Shed, community garden, foreshore management plans and many more.; promoting a sense of community.

Red Dog 4WD Club

Not your average 4WD and car enthusiast club; the Red Dog 4WD Club demonstrates that a recreational vehicle club does not only think about themselves (or their cars) but looks to assist other clubs and organisations in the community, making it an asset to the City of Karratha.

The Club has supported a range of local clubs, events and organisers over many years. They support in any way possible, from bar service at Roebourne Race meets and Karratha & Districts RSL on ANZAC Day, caution flaggers at Karratha Enduro and Motocross Club meets, erecting fencing to protect the sacred site Jidda Thalu at Gregory's Gorge and more.

They're not only on the ground supporting other clubs but also advocate and disperse charity donations to local groups such as SAFE, Pilbara Princess, Scouts and The Isolated Children's Parents' Association of WA.

SAFE Karratha

Made up of a dedicated team of volunteers; SAFE Karratha is an animal rescue branch using the foster care model; delivering an exceptional level of care for all animals.

Although their core focus is on animals, their largest impact is on the people within our community. SAFE not only helps rescue animals find their forever home but also helps people find companionship by connecting them with a pet who needs them.

What makes the SAFE organisation work so effectively is the people who run it, and their intimate knowledge of their community. SAFE has a huge database of volunteers who assist in fostering these animals, giving them a safe space when they need it most. More often than not, this involves driving hundreds of kilometres and working late into the night to ensure an animal is safe.

The amazing level of dedication, teamwork and passion from each member means that SAFE Karratha is ever present in our community, everyone chipping in and doing whatever is required to make a difference in these animals' lives.



2019 Community Service Award winner Karratha Volunteer Fire Brigade



Community Event/Activity of the Year Award

Proudly presented by:

RioTinto

Recognises an individual or group that has organised and provided an event for the broader community.

Karratha Community Association

The Karratha Community Association (KCA) presented the Millars Well CO-OP Community Engagement Festival, showcasing the new community co-located facility and providing exposure for the groups involved with the CO-OP as well as other not-for-profit organisations. This event provided an opportunity for the involved community groups and services to come together with fundraising activities and membership drives.

The CO-OP festival aimed to promote a sense of community, building strong networks and relationships with the other community organisations. The event encouraged community engagement and promoted a sense of community spirit.

It brought different community and cultural groups together to exchange ideas and build respect; engaged with representative groups and local residents, involving foods from various nationalities, tours of the community garden and CO-OP facility, music, cultural dancing, community theatre, children's rides and community stalls.

Roebourne Races (NWJC)

The Roebourne Races hosted four successful community events catering for all age groups during June and July 2019.

The Nor West Jockey Club (NWJC) committee consists of nine local volunteers who have dedicated their time on top of full time employment and family commitments to build and sustain a thriving thoroughbred race club.

The committee have proven an extremely successful combination, which resulted in record crowd attendance, membership sell out and a fully sponsored event season in 2019.

The Roebourne Races brings together members of the community from all walks of life and significantly contributes to the local economy with trainers, jockeys, officials and guests all travelling to the region for the events.

The innovative approach to the Roebourne Races events from the 2019 volunteer committee has brought a real 'buzz' to the City of Karratha during their event season. A strong team who are all positive community role models in their own right culminated to reinvent the Roebourne Races last year. These events supported a multitude of local businesses by engaging local contractors to complete works, therefore contributing to the local economy.

The overwhelming support received in 2019 from both the business and local community has reignited the fire that drives the NWJC who are committed to building on the success of this season and contributing to an even better thoroughbred racing industry in the future.



2019 Community Event/Activity of the Year Award winner Dampier Billy Cart Derby

Young Citizen of the Year

Proudly presented by:



A youth (25 years or younger) who has achieved in his/her chosen field and acts as an inspiration and role model to his/her peers.

Chanti McHenry

A pillar of hope in our community, Chanti is an outstanding young citizen who has volunteered many hours building young people's self-development, social and emotional well-being, confidence and leadership skills.

One way that Chanti inspires our community is through producing various fashion shows, delivering workshops and programs that work towards this end result, and along the way builds confidence for all involved.

Chanti is a phenomenal young community role model, an inspiration and leader in her local community. Proudly leading a drug and alcohol free lifestyle, choosing to be a positive role model and actively promoting healthy lifestyle choices.

Kohbi Barrow

A superstar who thoroughly enjoys being involved in his community, Kohbi has been volunteering in Karratha since moving here three years ago. In 2017, he was recognised for his volunteering, winning the WA Act Belong Commit U12 award when he was just eight. Kohbi's volunteering spans across various areas including at school, soccer, hockey, and community clean-up days as well as volunteering alongside his parents from a young age.

Kohbi actively raises awareness of R U OK? and bullying; he was recently invited to speak to the Rio Tinto Dampier Operations workforce on this topic and advocates this in his everyday life.

Some areas Kohbi has been involved in as a volunteer are in his school community to help with school banking, ukulele and beat buster clubs; helping out at the Rio Tinto tent at FeNaCLE; clean-up at Sam's Island and assisting his mum with the first Pilbara Street Library which is located at the Roebourne PCYC.

Quintel Wailu

Volunteering countless hours over the last 18 months to the City of Karratha Youth Services team, Quintel is extremely passionate about youth issues and the development and empowerment of his fellow Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.

Working with the Youth Services team on elements of the WA Youth Week event and general programming, which has included regular late night programming, City Hoopz and the VYBE Music Festival. Quintel spends a large portion of his time playing, mentoring and coaching at the basketball courts, recently taking on a coaching role.

Quintel is also an academy student of Clontarf Academy where he demonstrates leadership qualities and mentorship within this program. Quintel believes in leading by example and was recently appointed as the inaugural youth member for the Pilbara Aboriginal Youth Council. He is looking forward to dedicating his time to advocating for youth issues and being a part of something great.



2019 Young Citizen of the Year winner Pansy Derschow

Citizen of the Year

Proudly presented by:



A person who is over the age of 25, must be an Australian Citizen, who resides in the City, who has either made an outstanding contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the community of the City of Karratha over a number of years.

Adam Bell

A committed "Volly" with the Dampier Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service (DVFRS) for the past eight years, Adam says, "it's a guilt free and necessary community service, and I love being a part of it". Along with fundraising work and donating to local causes whenever possible, the DVFRS is a big commitment; from training, responding to incidents and supporting community events. This commitment to our community has ensured we can all sleep better at night knowing that if lives are at risk Adam along with the other DVFRS are on call and on hand.

Brendon Archer

Returning to the Pilbara in 2014 and settling into Dampier with his wife and family, Brendon has fully immersed himself in the community; contributing a large amount of time and energy to a variety of clubs and groups. A driving force behind the Dampier Junior Sharks Football Club since 2015, Brendon is now club President. He is also an active member of the North Pilbara Football Association Committee, and an integral part of the West Pilbara Cricket Association, having been involved in the Redback Junior Cricket Club since 2016. Brendon's dedication to coaching junior cricket and football, and his involvement in the annual Billy Cart Derby event in Dampier each year, has seen the children and community of Dampier thrive.

Brooke White

Selfless in every way and passionate about helping others in the community, Brooke consistently demonstrates the qualities we would like to see more of in ourselves.

Child carer to a family of seven children, Brooke recently provided full time care to these children for several months while their parents were overseas receiving lifesaving treatment for the children's father.

It wasn't just making sure there was a meal on the table each night, Brooke kept the children's schedule, including regional trips. You don't even have to be known or connected to Brooke to feel her presence, she coordinates countless initiatives throughout the town including the preparation of care hampers for people admitted to hospital from out of town.

Connor O'Brien


A significant contributor to the Dampier community, Connor has assisted in establishing, maintaining and ensuring the smooth operation of numerous clubs and groups over the past 11 years.

Previously holding both President and Secretary roles with the Dampier Community Association (DCA), Connor was pivotal in drafting and implementing the 2014 – 2019 Dampier Community Plan, ensuring the DCA became the strong, connected and sustainable organisation that it is today. Connor recognizes our children are our future; he sits on the board of the Dampier Primary School, is involved in the Dampier Junior Soccer Club previously as President and currently as coach and registrar, and volunteers for tee ball, Karratha Swim Club and the Burrup Mountain Bike Club in a variety of roles. Connor is a role model and mentor to our children and instils in them, the value of belonging.

Damien Muller

A long-term leader, volunteer and contributor to our community, Damien is the first to put his hand up to help and the last to leave, with everything done to an exemplary level.

Involved in many differing and varied community groups including State Emergency Service for 24 years, completing 3,421 volunteer hours in the last ten years, the Burrup Mountain Bike Club for 10 years, Scouts, Ovation Dance, Baynton West Parents and Citizens Association and together with his wife Jo been a wildlife carer and SAFE foster carer for more than five years.



Damien is the only volunteer cliff rescue trainer and assessor in WA, and travels through the Pilbara delivering training to SES branches so they can implement rescues, for example in Karijini.

It is a true reflection of his commitment to the community that he undertakes this role as a volunteer. His passion for all things community is contagious, and as a result he draws others in to volunteering. He is the epitome of the ripple effect – his actions continue to ripple out into the community in a positive way, long after the start.

Debbie Allcott

Often described as a community champion, Debbie is willing to go all the way to help others and is always the first person to put their hand up to help when positive change is needed for humans and animals alike. Debbie has been living in the Pilbara for the last five years and has volunteered with organisations such as Dying with Dignity, Go Gentle Australia, Diabetes WA, Spinifex Express Play (the iconic Pilbara Railway), Karratha Country Club, Port Walcott and Night Fields indigenous youth program with local police.

Debbie is the current Vice President for SAFE and recently organized and hosted an event to draw attention for Mental Health Day in Karratha. Of late, Debbie has also been involved in assisting in a program teaching diving to disadvantaged youth with the outcome of achieving better school attendance. Debbie is not only involved in supportive organisations, she also supports individuals and if there is ever a need and she thinks she can help – she will!

Gill Furlong

Gill lives and breathes Dampier. She commits her time and energy to the town, volunteering the equivalent of full-time hours as the President of Dampier Community Association (DCA). Here she builds connections in the community to create a better future for all.

Gill is the definition of what it means to be a good citizen! She goes above and beyond in every possible way when it comes to family, friends and community.

Not only does she volunteer her time to the DCA, she also supports tee ball, soccer, shows, movies, events, gymnastics, school, canteen, catering and the list goes on. She is the driving force behind the planned (work-in-progress) Dampier Community Garden and her creativity in coming up with events and ways to connect the community is pure genius.

Gill's advocacy for the town of Dampier and its people is ever present, she represents the community and they are grateful and proud. Dampier would not be as vibrant and connected as it is without Gill at the helm of the DCA.

Graham Ferguson

A member of the Dampier Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service for five years, affectionately known as 'Fergie', is one of those people in life who quietly fly under the radar. At two o'clock in the morning when the phone goes off you know Graham will be at the Fire Station ready to go.

Whether it's driving the truck, manning the pump, putting on BA and entering a burning building or cutting a person out of a car, Graham goes about the job with professionalism and a sense of calm.

Fundraising for the community is another large part of being a volunteer fire fighter in Dampier. The 'Fireys' raise and distribute thousands of dollars every year for their community. Graham is always the first to put his hand up to help his brigade and his community. Graham also volunteers his time at the King Bay Game Fishing Club, lending a hand at competitions and other events whenever help is needed. Leading by example, Graham builds strong ties to the community and helps provide an immeasurable service; not only to the town of Dampier but also the wider Karratha community, by assisting the Karratha Volunteer Fire service and further afield when needed.

Grant Theelen

Dedicating a large portion of his week to coaching on and off the track, as well as sacrificing his weekends for home and away games, Grant is largely involved in and committed to the Dampier Sharks Football Club. On and off the field, Grant always has the club's best interest at heart and is 100% committed to their success.

Off the field, Grant sources new sponsorship, organises social functions, pre-season competitions and charity events for people and community groups in need. Grant has been recognised for the way he conducts himself; his natural leadership skills shine through with the players keen to follow his example.

He is a larrikin at heart who supports his team and his club and is a great role model to his teammates, the players and fellow coaches. Leading by example Grant has developed strong ties across many areas of the community.

Jamie Armstrong

Joining the Dampier Community Association (DCA) two years ago, Jamie embraced the position right from the start by being a constant, reliable volunteer at all DCA run events from markets to movies, annual art awards and citizen of the year awards. Jamie also has a plethora of volunteering positions, across many areas in our community.

Since its inception in 2016, Jamie, along with a very small group of Dampier residents, has been the brains, motivation, coordination, and driving force behind the Dampier Billy Cart Derby.

He has also been heavily involved in the Karratha Dampier Tee ball Association (KDTA) since 2013, assisting with plate and base umpiring, coaching at all levels, set up and pack down for games and the Northwest Tee ball competition. He is the current secretary of the West Pilbara Football League, attending regular meetings and is always available for umpiring at games during the season.

Jamie is a passionate, community man whose ideals of leading by example and engaging wholeheartedly with the community where his family will grow, live and learn, has benefited the whole of Dampier.

Jo Leo

With a wide and varied volunteering career spanning the last 11 years, Jo has always been involved with anything that touched her family's life.

Since joining the Dampier Primary School Parents and Citizens Association in 2009, she has spent three years as Treasurer, involved with school fetes, fundraisers, canteen, has been a classroom parent helper and was the driving force behind the initiation, set up and running of school banking.

In 2016/17 Jo was instrumental in bringing the Dampier Dynamites Netball Club back to life and has been heavily involved with all aspects of the Club for at least five years. She has also coached seven seasons with the Karratha Dampier Tee ball Association at various levels and been involved with the Little Athletics Club for many years, as both a general committee member and a Treasurer.

Karissa Ammerer

Wasting no time when she moved to Dampier with her family in 2012, Karissa commenced her volunteering career, which has now spanned seven years. Whatever sport, groups and association touches Karissa's family, she gives her time to that group to make it better.

Karissa joined the Dampier Primary School Parents and Citizens Association straight after settling into town and has been on the association ever since, taking over the reins at the uniform shop in 2014. She is very active with parent help in the classrooms and has twice managed the cake stall at the school's fete.

Joining the Dampier Primary School Board in 2018, Karissa commits to their monthly meetings and acts as liaison for the Board to the wider school community. In 2015 Karissa became involved with the Dampier Dynamites Netball Club, coaching the U10's team and has also been the Dampier 'Net Set Go' coordinator since 2015.

Kate Burnside

Kate joined the Dampier Community Association (DCA) in 2014 with the sole purpose of improving youth engagement and youth services to Dampier. She has worked tirelessly since then to achieve this goal by engaging, organising and running workshops as well as engaging local and travelling artists, musician, photographers and writers to facilitate a varied program of youth engagement activities in Dampier.

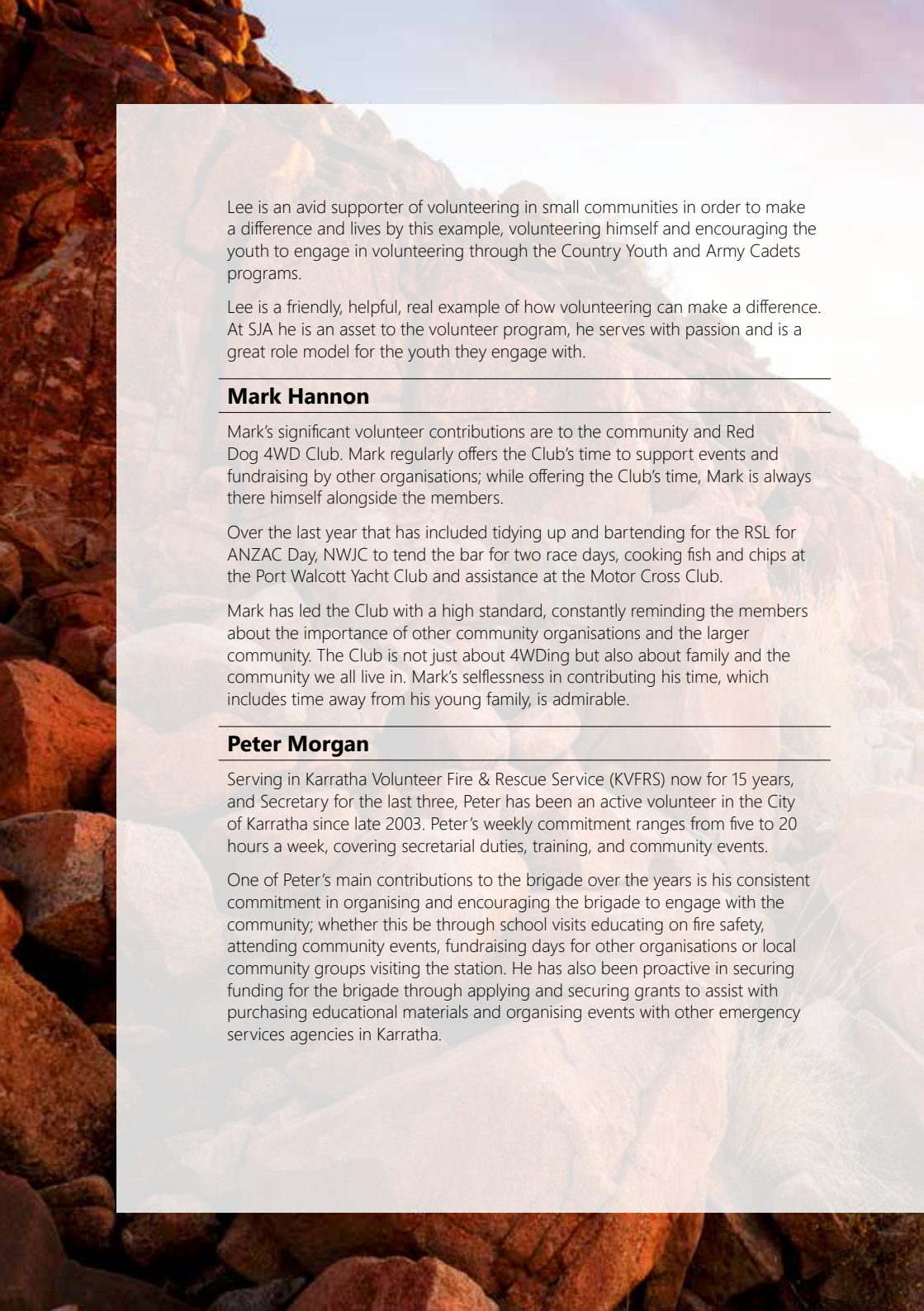
In 2017 Kate initiated the Youth Storytelling Festival which ran for two years, beginning with the Youth Walkabout event. She has developed strong ties with other youth services and encourages attendance at all programs run for the youth in Dampier. With the support of Country Arts WA, Kate also organised to bring the 'Purple People Show' to Dampier. This high-energy circus act, followed by two youth workshops, was enjoyed by a full house at the Dampier Community Hall.

Youth work aside, Kate is a reliable and steadfast member of the DCA committee. She regularly attends meetings and is always available to assist at all DCA events.

Lee Tattam

A volunteer with Saint John Ambulance (SJA) for almost six years, Lee has excelled in serving the community through this and other volunteer organisations.

Lee is part of the SJA volunteer leadership group and currently leads the Country Youth program within Karratha sub centre. He also volunteers with APEX Karratha, Pitterpat Productions, Karratha Junior Rugby League and is heavily involved with the Karratha Army Cadets.



Lee is an avid supporter of volunteering in small communities in order to make a difference and lives by this example, volunteering himself and encouraging the youth to engage in volunteering through the Country Youth and Army Cadets programs.

Lee is a friendly, helpful, real example of how volunteering can make a difference. At SJA he is an asset to the volunteer program, he serves with passion and is a great role model for the youth they engage with.

Mark Hannon

Mark's significant volunteer contributions are to the community and Red Dog 4WD Club. Mark regularly offers the Club's time to support events and fundraising by other organisations; while offering the Club's time, Mark is always there himself alongside the members.

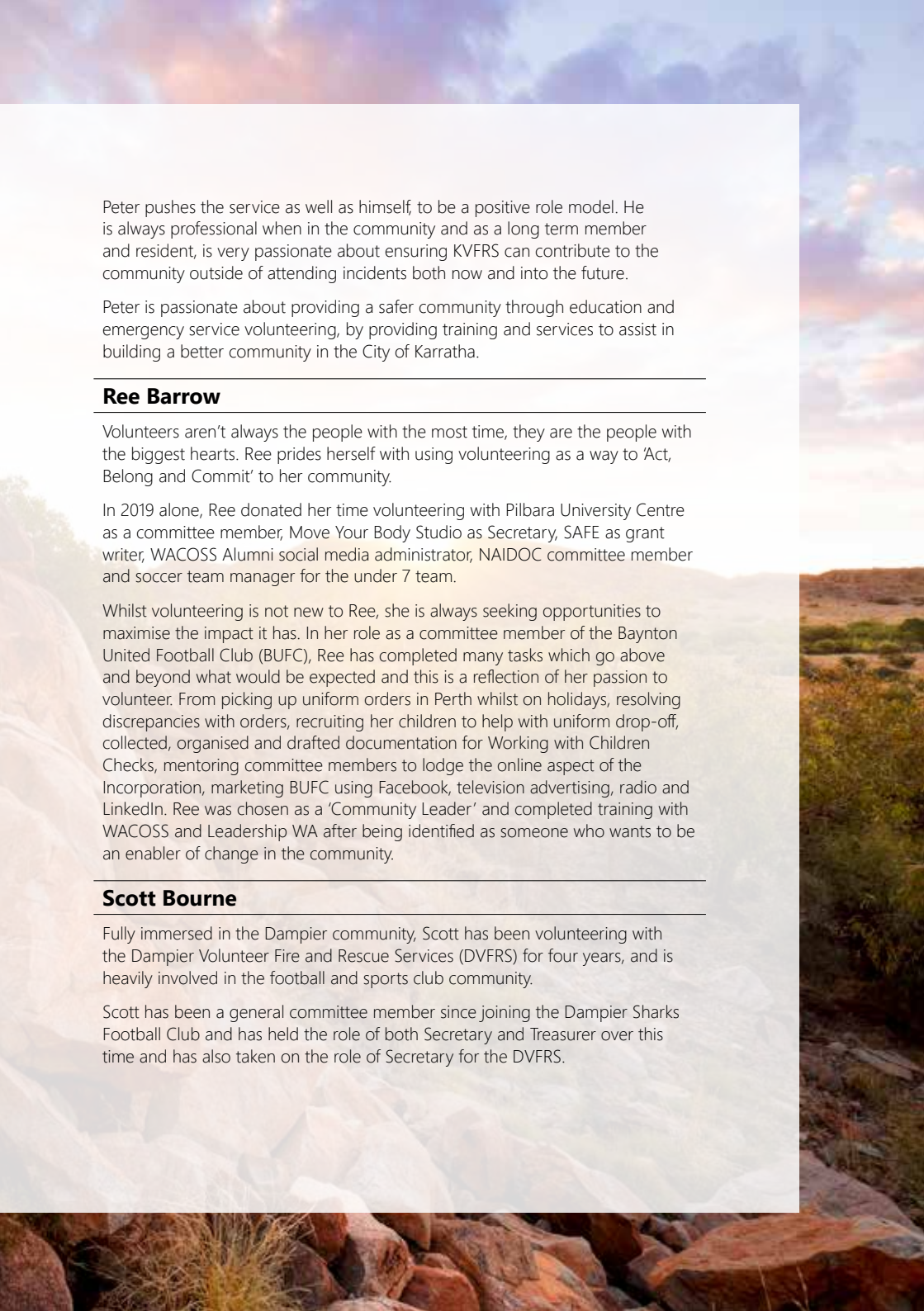
Over the last year that has included tidying up and bartending for the RSL for ANZAC Day, NWJC to tend the bar for two race days, cooking fish and chips at the Port Walcott Yacht Club and assistance at the Motor Cross Club.

Mark has led the Club with a high standard, constantly reminding the members about the importance of other community organisations and the larger community. The Club is not just about 4WDing but also about family and the community we all live in. Mark's selflessness in contributing his time, which includes time away from his young family, is admirable.

Peter Morgan

Serving in Karratha Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service (KVFRS) now for 15 years, and Secretary for the last three, Peter has been an active volunteer in the City of Karratha since late 2003. Peter's weekly commitment ranges from five to 20 hours a week, covering secretarial duties, training, and community events.

One of Peter's main contributions to the brigade over the years is his consistent commitment in organising and encouraging the brigade to engage with the community; whether this be through school visits educating on fire safety, attending community events, fundraising days for other organisations or local community groups visiting the station. He has also been proactive in securing funding for the brigade through applying and securing grants to assist with purchasing educational materials and organising events with other emergency services agencies in Karratha.



Peter pushes the service as well as himself, to be a positive role model. He is always professional when in the community and as a long term member and resident, is very passionate about ensuring KVFRS can contribute to the community outside of attending incidents both now and into the future.

Peter is passionate about providing a safer community through education and emergency service volunteering, by providing training and services to assist in building a better community in the City of Karratha.

Ree Barrow

Volunteers aren't always the people with the most time, they are the people with the biggest hearts. Ree prides herself with using volunteering as a way to 'Act, Belong and Commit' to her community.

In 2019 alone, Ree donated her time volunteering with Pilbara University Centre as a committee member, Move Your Body Studio as Secretary, SAFE as grant writer, WACOSS Alumni social media administrator, NAIDOC committee member and soccer team manager for the under 7 team.

Whilst volunteering is not new to Ree, she is always seeking opportunities to maximise the impact it has. In her role as a committee member of the Baynton United Football Club (BUFC), Ree has completed many tasks which go above and beyond what would be expected and this is a reflection of her passion to volunteer. From picking up uniform orders in Perth whilst on holidays, resolving discrepancies with orders, recruiting her children to help with uniform drop-off, collected, organised and drafted documentation for Working with Children Checks, mentoring committee members to lodge the online aspect of the Incorporation, marketing BUFC using Facebook, television advertising, radio and LinkedIn. Ree was chosen as a 'Community Leader' and completed training with WACOSS and Leadership WA after being identified as someone who wants to be an enabler of change in the community.

Scott Bourne

Fully immersed in the Dampier community, Scott has been volunteering with the Dampier Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services (DVFRS) for four years, and is heavily involved in the football and sports club community.

Scott has been a general committee member since joining the Dampier Sharks Football Club and has held the role of both Secretary and Treasurer over this time and has also taken on the role of Secretary for the DVFRS.

He loves being a 'Volly' and says for him, it really ticks every box: socially; learning new skills; passing on those skills; and giving back to the community. Scott says the best part of being a Dampier 'Volly' is without a doubt "Christmas Day, decorating the trucks, getting dressed up and delivering lollies to children of all ages."

Sean McLoughlin

Sean has excelled across multiple platforms for junior sport, community volunteering and school parent support networking; he is a coach and lifesaver but also a visible active father and actor.

Through his generous amount of coaching and involvement with junior sport in netball, basketball, soccer and surf lifesaving, Sean personally contributes to the development of almost 200 juniors and other sportsmen and women. He has been involved in well-established clubs as a coach but has also been passionate about helping new clubs and events start up.

Outside of sport, Sean engages in performing arts and is the class representative at his childrens' school. He has established a connection with the Fathering Project, supporting dads and encouraging more interaction with both each other and their kids. Sean is visible in our community as an active and engaged individual. He is a role model to all of the kids in his teams as well as a visible and approachable dad to all the other parents at school.

Sigurbjorn (Bjossi) Karason

A role model for commitment, Bjossi is one of the most regular volunteer attendees of the Karratha State Emergency Service (SES) Unit. A regular member since 2000, with active participation in a wide cross section of operational and training activities, Bjossi held the role of Communications Officer for twelve years; providing emergency response to the communities within the City of Karratha and surrounds.

Bjossi has proven his versatility and reliability in a diverse range of operational duties. He has been a focal team member in Land and Air Search operations, storm and cyclone damage response and road crash rescue. Bjossi has clocked over 21,600 hours of service for the Karratha SES, which equates to a \$1,732,800 investment to the state of Western Australia. This dedication was recognised in 2017 when Bjossi was awarded Life Membership of Karratha SES, amongst a highly regarded group of members past and present.

He leads by example through his ever-generous spirit, relentless sense of humour, tolerance beyond end and enduring work ethic.



2019 Citizen of the Year Sandra Spadanuda

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