# Thank a Volunteer Day Grants Program 2023 Grant recipients

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| Organisation | Project | Project Description | Region |
| Shire of Exmouth | Exmouth Thank a Volunteer Day | Shire of Exmouth are organising a special evening filled with free pizza and live music, in recognition of the selfless contributions of their robust volunteer network spanning emergency services, community groups, and sports organisations. This event serves as a celebration of their volunteers dedicated efforts, expressing their gratitude for the substantial contribution to their community’s welfare and honour their unwavering commitment to their town. | Gascoyne |
| Shire of Carnarvon | Thank a Volunteer Day - Carnarvon & Coral Bay | Shire of Carnarvon will a host a barbeque to acknowledge and celebrate the role of volunteers in their community. There will be two separate barbeques for volunteers in Coral Bay and in Carnarvon. The Carnarvon event will also premiere a Carnarvon Volunteer movie produced by the Shire of Carnarvon which promotes the work of volunteers. | Gascoyne |
| Shire of Shark Bay | Thank a Volunteer Day | Shire of Shark Bay will invite all community volunteers in the town of Denham to attend an award ceremony and sundowner event, to publicly recognise and celebrate their contributions to the community. This event will take place in the Rose de Freycinet Gallery at the Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery & Visitor Centre, with the provision of food and drinks. The Shire President will present certificates to volunteers to thank them for their service. | Gascoyne |
| Esperance Volunteer Resource Centre | Thank a Volunteer Day - Quiz Night | Esperance Volunteer Resource Centre will host a volunteer-themed quiz night. Questions will include trivia about local organisations volunteering in Esperance, as well as general knowledge questions. It’ll be a free, all-ages social event that will allow attendees to bond with other volunteers and meet new people, while celebrating another year of volunteering in the Esperance Community. Attendees will learn more about other organisations through the quiz questions which may encourage them to reach out and volunteer in new areas in 2024. | Goldfields/ Esperance |
| Denmark Community Resource Centre | Thank our Volunteers Garden Party | Denmark Community Resource Centre will host a garden party, the event will be an occasion to express gratitude and honour to the invaluable contributions of volunteers in the community. Through a beautiful morning tea, heart-warming speeches and local MC and musicians, the event will provide an opportunity for volunteers to connect, share stories, and be recognised for their remarkable efforts, ensuring they feel cherished and inspired to continue their vital work in the community. | Great Southern |
| Wellstead Community Resource Centre Inc | Thank a Volunteer Day | Wellstead Community Resource Centre Inc would like to host an inclusive community BBQ dinner to celebrate the role and importance of volunteers in the community who are reliant on their volunteers for the provision of emergency services, sports, P&C and recreational services. All community groups are governed by volunteer management committees; therefore, it would be particularly special to thank the multitude of volunteers that wear multiple hats to keep their community 'going'. | Great Southern |
| Shire of Cranbrook | Volunteers Keep us Afloat | Shire of Cranbrook recognises on a bi-annual basis, an individual volunteer award and a community group volunteer award. The event recognises individuals from each community group and individuals within the Shire to provide a token of appreciation. It is a community event that allows volunteers to congregate with friends, family members, individual residents and provide an avenue of support, encouragement and promote health and wellbeing within a rural community. | Great Southern |
| Shire of Plantagenet | Thank a Volunteer Sundowner | Shire of Plantagenet will hold a sundowner as a celebration of the outstanding contribution their volunteers make to the community. This will be a family friendly and celebratory setting offering high quality, locally produced food and refreshments. The Shire Chief Executive Officer and Shire President will formally honour and thank volunteers for their contribution to the community. | Great Southern |
| Albany & Regional Volunteer Service Inc. | Thank a Volunteer Day | Albany & Regional Volunteer Service Inc. will hold a morning tea to acknowledge, thank and celebrate the hard work and dedication to the community. It will also be a chance to share stories and experiences, and to build connections between volunteers and the organizations they serve. Local MP Rebecca Stephens, the Mayor of Albany and key VIO stakeholders will be invited to speak on the importance of volunteering in regional communities. | Great Southern |
| Umbrella Group Great Southern Inc | Volunteers Get Together | Umbrella Group Great Southern Inc will host an afternoon tea with raffles and games for the people in the community who volunteer their time for clubs, committees, and organisations. They will prepare a presentation and invite volunteers to speak about their experiences and benefits of volunteering to the community and how others can get involved. | Great Southern |
| Shire of Broome | Volunteering Champs Podcast Exhibition 2023 | Shire of Broome will have a photographic and audio display acknowledging community volunteers at the town's main shopping centre and public library. This exhibition celebrates and acknowledges the diversity of volunteers within the Broome community. Portraits of local volunteers interviewed as part of the Volunteering Champs podcast series, will be displayed in Broome's main shopping centre and public library from December 2nd - 8th. A QR code directing people to individual podcasts will complement each portrait. Interviewees represent a diverse range of demographics and from a variety of community organisations. Displaying their familiar faces and connecting their positive volunteer stories allows the community a deeper understanding of what people just like them can do. Hopefully, it inspires more volunteers in the community. | Kimberley |
| Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley | Thank a Volunteer Day Cruise | Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley will host a Thank a Volunteer Day Cruise as a free event for all community volunteers to attend. The invitation will go out to all known volunteer groups in Kununurra and Wyndham so that no club or group is left out and everyone has a chance to celebrate. The event is aimed at creating a fun and relaxing day on the beautiful lake in Kununurra at the end of the year to acknowledge and thank all of the hardworking volunteers for their dedication throughout the year. | Kimberley |
| Shire of Derby - West Kimberley | Thank a Volunteer | Shire of Derby - West Kimberley will hold a meal or barbecue event or activity to acknowledge and celebrate the invaluable role of volunteers in their community. To acknowledge volunteers, they will recognize their efforts and dedicate a special segment or speech to highlight the impact they have made and express their gratitude and appreciation for their commitment and selfless contributions. This recognition will not only validate and value their hard work but also inspire others to get involved in volunteer activities. The Shire will organize networking sessions or social gatherings specifically designed for volunteers to foster a sense of community and camaraderie among them. This will create a supportive environment and encourage them to continue their volunteer efforts. | Kimberley |
| Kununurra Neighbourhood House Inc. | Kununurra Neighbourhood House Sundowner | Kununurra Neighbourhood House Inc. will hold a sundowner event. The main emphasis of their event is to express gratitude towards the dedicated volunteers who provide support to Kununurra Neighbourhood House. The Op Shop relies solely on the efforts of volunteers and serves as the exclusive affordable clothing and homewares store in the East Kimberley region. Additionally, their Management Committee consists entirely of volunteers. It is their sincere desire to thank both these groups, as well as their families, who form the foundation of the centre's day-to-day activities. | Kimberley |
| Town of Bassendean | Thank a Volunteer Day Outdoor Movie Night | Town of Bassendean volunteers will be invited to attend the opening night of the Community Cinemas screening, with complimentary entrance and popcorn. The Mayor will thank volunteers in the community and Community Cinemas a volunteer run organisation will talk about volunteers. The Town of Bassendean will request volunteer organisations to provide highlights of the year to be collated into a PDF document with QR codes available at the event for volunteers to see the diversity of volunteering in the Town of Bassendean. | Metropolitan |
| Royal Perth Yacht Club of Western Australia Inc | Thank a Volunteer Day 2023 | Royal Perth Yacht Club of Western Australia in collaboration with Sailability WA and Fishability WA will host a barbeque lunch to thank volunteers that give up so much of their time to support those with disability. | Metropolitan |
| Umbrella Multicultural Community Care Services Inc. | Volunteers Get Together | Umbrella Multicultural Community Care Services Inc. is partnering with the Ethnic Community Council WA to host a Thank a Volunteer Sundowner for their combined volunteers. The sundowner promises to be an uplifting event that brings together a diverse community with a shared purpose. The occasion will provide a platform for volunteers to connect, fostering a strong sense of unity and camaraderie within the organisations. Through this event, the aim is to highlight the significance of volunteerism and its profound impact on the lives of seniors and communities from culturally diverse backgrounds and the LGBTIQ backgrounds. | Metropolitan |
| Western Australia Multicultural Association Inc | Thank-A-Volunteer Day Awards Ceremony & Celebration | Western Australia Multicultural Association Inc will acknowledge and celebrate the role of volunteers by holding an awards ceremony. They will have a short programme where volunteers will be awarded by certificates, followed by afternoon tea/dinner. They will invite a guest speaker and attendees from the CALD Community. | Metropolitan |
| UnitingCare West | Unite and Shine: Celebrating Community Champions | UnitingCare West will hold a sundowner event to honour Community volunteers celebrating their unwavering dedication and selflessness. Held in a picturesque setting, the event will feature speeches acknowledging the volunteers' invaluable contributions to the community. Attendees will enjoy a warm, inclusive atmosphere, with live music and refreshments, fostering camaraderie. Personal stories of impact will be shared, highlighting how volunteers have touched countless lives. A visually captivating presentation will showcase their diverse efforts, leaving everyone inspired. Meaningful tokens of appreciation will be presented, symbolizing the organisation's gratitude for these exceptional individuals who have united to create positive change. | Metropolitan |
| Blind Sports Western Australia | 2023 Volunteer Thank you | Blind Sports Western Australia 2023 Volunteer Thank You will reward, acknowledge, and thank their volunteers who have supported their sports and recreation programs for blind and vision impaired people during the year. The programs rely on support from volunteers and without their valued volunteers they would not be able to run their programs for people part of the blind and vision impaired community. The volunteers help them transport people to the events, referee and umpire sports, help with set up and pack down of equipment and generally support blind and vision impaired participants. | Metropolitan |
| The Roman Catholic Bishop of Geraldton Centacare Family Services | 2023 Thank a Volunteer Day and Volunteer of the Year Awards | The Roman Catholic Bishop of Geraldton Centacare Family Services will hold an award ceremony with professional photography, providing light refreshments and entertainment in an environment whereby volunteers, their family and Volunteer Managers can network. Awards will be presented in 5 different categories: Youth, Community Group, Volunteer Manager, Individual and Kate Rickerby Recognition Award for Exceptional Volunteering Service to the Midwest Community. The aim of this popular and inclusive community event is to formally thank and recognise the hard and often thankless job their community volunteers do. This event has become the main annual volunteer recognition event of their community which is in its fourteenth year of being held, and they believe this grant will ensure the continued success of this well attended ceremony. | Mid West |
| Shire of Perenjori | Volunteer's Dinner | Shire of Perenjori will hold a meal or barbecue event which will be focused on thanking & celebrating the successes of their hardworking & dedicated volunteers. A three-course meal, award ceremony & an evening of entertainment will all be included in the celebration of their local & committed volunteers. Certificates & recognition will be presented to individuals and community groups, thanking them for their commitment. | Mid West |
| Leeman and Green Head Community Resource Centre Inc. | Thank our Volunteers Banquet | Leeman and Green Head Community Resource Centre Inc. volunteers will be invited to a Black-Tie dinner. The evening will be held at the local Country and Sporting Club which will allow them to take advantage of their restaurant who will be catering the event. The tables will be elegantly dressed, and the atmosphere will be one of honour and respect with attendee’s receiving a walk of applause by community members on arrival and red-carpet entry. Certificates of appreciation will be issued to each community group with a representative of each invited to speak about their group’s involvement in the community. The elegance of the evening will start with the invitations being issued with enough time to plan and prepare an outfit fit for a glamourous evening out. A short video will be shown that involves each of the groups. This video was filmed earlier this year as part of the Shire of Coorow’s “The Change Makers” project for National volunteer week. The evening will be MC by a local Shire Cr. | Mid West |
| Mullewa Community Resource Centre Inc. | Thank a Volunteer Sundowner | Mullewa Community Resource Centre Inc. will hold a meal or barbecue. Their project involves displaying painted portraits of their dedicated volunteers at the Mullewa Community Resource Centre. This grant will help them add another portrait to their wall, further acknowledging and celebrating their outstanding contributions within their community. In addition to the painted portrait, Mullewa Community Resource Centre will organize a BBQ dinner as a heartfelt thank-you to their dedicated volunteers. This gathering will serve as a celebration where volunteers can come together & relax over a BBQ. It will also be the perfect occasion to reveal the new painted portrait, showcasing it proudly on their wall of volunteers. This moment of unveiling will be a special highlight, allowing them to collectively honour and appreciate the volunteers' significant contributions over the years while capturing their heartfelt reactions as they see another volunteer added to the esteemed collection. | Mid West |
| Shire of Three Springs | Volunteer Week and Christmas Tree - Silo Movie Night | Shire of Three Springs will host a movie night and barbecue to honour and recognise the selfless efforts of volunteers and present them with certificates acknowledging their dedication and commitment. This event will showcase the profound appreciation the Shire and wider community hold for their volunteers. | Mid West |
| Mingenew Community Telecentre | Thank a Volunteer Afternoon Tea | Mingenew Community Telecentre in the lead up to the Thank a Volunteer afternoon tea will run a local campaign recognising individuals and groups, as nominated by their peers, for their contributions as a volunteer in the community. At the afternoon tea there will be spot prizes awarded and a guest to speak to attendees on the value volunteerism has in the community. | Mid West |
| Regional Sounds Incorporated | Thank a Volunteer Sundowner at Regional Sounds | Regional Sounds Incorporated will host a sundowner and extend an invitation to local volunteer organisations to come along. The event will provide live music, catering, non-alcoholic beverages and a thankyou pack to all attendees. | Mid West |
| Shire of Cue | Thank a Volunteer | Shire of Cue host a volunteer BBQ every year to acknowledge the contributions made to the community by the various groups and individuals in Cue. The Shire Councillor’s usually cook the dinner along with several other people. It’s a night of music, memories and gratitude. It’s a very much looked forward to event. This event highlights the great work volunteers do and the need for more volunteers in their community. | Mid West |
| Ellenbrook Cultural Foundation Incorporated | Ellenbrook Thank A Volunteer Community BBQ | Ellenbrook Arts will hold a BBQ event to celebrate the importance of all the volunteers in the local and surrounding communities. The program involves awards ceremony where each of the volunteers would receive a certificate. Live music, BBQ meal and light refreshments will be offered and an opportunity to network. This event will not only aim to recognise the contribution of the existing volunteers, but also to inspire more people to follow in their steps. | North East Metropolitan |
| Munda Biddi Trail Foundation Inc | Thank a Volunteer Day "Biddi Brunch" | The Munda Biddi Trail Foundation (MBTF) proposes to hold its ‘Thank a Volunteer Day Biddi Brunch’ to celebrate the hard work and personal commitments made by its trail maintenance and governance volunteers during 2023. The MBTF staff and its key partners will hold a social awards ceremony presenting on the key projects delivered by both groups, highlighting the total hours contributed and recognising individual and collective achievements. The volunteers will be invited to attend the ceremony and brunch at a local cafe in Mundaring (Northern Terminus of the Trail) before heading out on a social Munda Biddi Trail ride together. | North East Metropolitan |
| Shire of Mundaring | Celebrating Community – Thank a Volunteer Sundowner | Shire of Mundaring will hold a Thank a Volunteer Sundowner. The focus for this event will be to recognise the role of volunteers by calling for nominations from the community and holding a sundowner to celebrate the contribution of those nominated. They will select a ‘Volunteer of the Year’ from this pool. The remaining nominated volunteers and the groups they represent will be recognised with displays at the event. The event will be informal with a focus on encouraging networking between volunteer groups. As such, the 12 local resident and ratepayer associations will also be invited | North East Metropolitan |
| Environment House Incorporated | Thank a Volunteer Day for Our Local Enviro Heroes | Environment House Incorporated 'Thank a Volunteer Day' project aims to host a meaningful long table BBQ brunch on 3rd December by appreciating and celebrating the devoted volunteers of Enviro House and local friends of wetlands groups. Their relentless efforts in safeguarding critical wetland areas and promoting environmental education within the City of Bayswater deserve recognition. By uniting volunteers from diverse projects, these gathering fosters community connection, while highlighting their remarkable achievements in 2023. They seek funding to create a memorable occasion to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of these volunteers, further motivating them to continue their impactful environmental work in their community. | North East Metropolitan |
| Cultural Learning Centre Mosaica Inc | Volunteer Dinner | Cultural Learning Centre Mosaica Inc Volunteer Barbecue/Dinner will acknowledge and celebrate the invaluable role of volunteers in their community by recognizing their dedication and commitment to supporting their cultural and educational centre's growth. Through this event, they will publicly express their gratitude for their selfless efforts in assisting with various programs and activities, ranging from Russian language and literature lessons to dance and vocal classes. Volunteers play a pivotal role in enriching the lives of their students and contributing to the success of their centre. This gathering will provide an opportunity to honour them and foster a sense of appreciation and community spirit. | North East Metropolitan |
| People Who Care Inc. | Thank a Volunteer Day Sundowner | People Who Care Inc. will promote the event as an opportunity to thank volunteers for the valuable support they provide to people in need, starting over following crisis. The event will be a sundowner and provide light refreshments and acknowledgement via meaningful and respectful story sharing about the impact of volunteers on the lives and outcomes of people assisted. The event will include a mocktail station which will be alcohol free. | North East Metropolitan |
| Riding for the Disabled Association of Western Australia – Carine Group Inc. | RDA Carine Thank a Volunteer Day 2023 | Riding for the Disabled Carine will host a special BBQ event to acknowledge and celebrate the invaluable role of volunteers in their community. The event will feature heartfelt speeches, a volunteer recognition ceremony, and a lively atmosphere filled with appreciation and gratitude. Volunteers will be recognized for their selflessness, dedication, and the positive impact they have made in the lives of individuals with disabilities. This event aims to honour and thank volunteers for their tireless efforts in supporting their organization's mission and spreading joy through equine therapy. | North West Metropolitan |
| Parkinson's Western Australia Inc | Volunteer Thank you event | Parkinson's Western Australia Inc. as a grassroots West Australian charity, who could not do what they do without their volunteers have a group of very committed volunteers who volunteer each month and run the 17 support groups. They also have a large group of volunteers who help with admin duties as their way of giving back, and the event volunteers who help run their signature event "A Walk in the Park". They also have a number of Community Fundraiser who fundraise throughout the year for Parkinson's WA. They also give out an award for the Fundraiser of the year known as the 'Geoff Pride Fundraiser of The Year' Award’. | North West Metropolitan |
| Swimming WA Incorporated | Swimming WA's Thank A Volunteer Day | Swimming WA Incorporated will hold a Swimming WA Pool Meet scheduled for Volunteer Week at which a large number of their sports volunteers, including key club committee members and Technical Officials will be attending and/or working in a volunteer capacity. At the 2-3 December Swimming WA-managed event, they aim to reward event volunteers and club committee people, by providing complimentary catering - morning tea, coffee vouchers. They will also celebrate the contributions their volunteers make by conducting interviews (including video) at the event, posted on their social media platforms and Western Swimmer eDM (15,000 subscribers). There will be acknowledgment of volunteers throughout the event and other collateral developed to promote and celebrate their volunteers' contribution. | North West Metropolitan |
| City of Vincent | Mayoral Community Christmas - Thank a Volunteer Day Sundowner | The City of Vincent will be hosting a Mayoral Community Christmas - Thank a Volunteer Day Sundowner for all local volunteers who contribute their valuable time selflessly to the Vincent community. The sundowner will be a celebratory event focused solely on recognising, valuing and acknowledging the substantial ongoing and wonderful contribution the volunteers make. Each year, individuals, groups, sporting clubs and local community organisations value the opportunity to connect with each other and celebrate their contribution and support that they provide to ensure that programs and services are delivered to their community. | North West Metropolitan |
| Neurological Council of WA Inc | Neurological Sector Volunteer Appreciation BBQ | Neurological Council of WA will hold a barbeque sundowner to recognise and reward their valued volunteers for their dedication and hard work. | North West Metropolitan |
| Shire of Boddington | Thank a Volunteer Day | Thank a Volunteer Day in Boddington: Breakfast of Champions will comprise of treating volunteers from local community groups and sporting clubs to a breakfast recognition and celebration event. It will acknowledge volunteers in an invitation format to elevate the prestige of volunteering, with organisations being presented certificates of appreciation. The RSVP process will also involve simple data collection questions to measure the impact of volunteering in Boddington and be a point of acknowledgment during and post-event. Hotham Park facilitates a number of recreation and community uses, so volunteers will have opportunity to engage in the space as guests. | Peel |
| Shire of Waroona | Thank a Volunteer Day Breakfast | Shire of Waroona will hold a meal or barbecue. One of the most anticipated events on the Shire of Waroona’ s calendar – initiated through volunteer consultation – is the annual Thank a Volunteer Day Breakfast. Held in two locations (Waroona and Preston Beach due to geographical distance and the parochial nature of the communities), each year the breakfasts attract representation from around 50 different local groups including services, sporting clubs, emergency personnel, schools, and not-for-profits. Free to attend, the breakfasts are cooked and served by the Shire Councillors and staff to formally recognise and express gratitude for their volunteers; one of the strongest examples of volunteerism within Western Australia. | Peel |
| Mandurah Wildlife Rescue Incorporated | Thank a Volunteer Day with Mandurah Wildlife | Mandurah Wildlife Rescue Incorporated will hold a meal or barbecue and a workshop. This activity will bring together their onsite volunteers and off-site carers with whom they collaborate. Upskilling opportunities over two days gives more volunteers the chance to attend which is important for their newer volunteers. Being able to acknowledge everyone’s contribution and skill is valuable as well as an opportunity to make social and experience comparing interactions possible. High school work experience student volunteers to be included. | Peel |
| City of Kwinana | Thank a Volunteer Day – Voices of Volunteering | City of Kwinana will hold a meal or barbecue event. The event will be the celebration and thank you to volunteers and the launch of the Voices of Volunteering videos. The Voices of Volunteering (VoV) videos is a project in collaboration with youth from the Zone, Kwinana Youth Centre. The VoV will tell volunteer stories that will inspire messages to the community about the valuable contribution of volunteers. The barbecue will be the launch and thank you to volunteers and volunteer organisations. Volunteers and volunteer involving organisations will be invited to attend. Mayor and Councillors will also be in attendance to personally thank volunteers. | South East Metropolitan |
| Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Resource Centre Inc. | Thank a Volunteer Day | Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Resource Centre Inc. will hold a sundowner. They will be inviting volunteers from multiple organisations, last year they had a speech from their President and the Local Member acknowledging volunteers and their achievements. The invite specifically mentioned that the event was in recognition of volunteers. | South East Metropolitan |
| Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre Inc | The Perth Hills Wildlife Thank a Volunteer Day | The Perth Hills Wildlife Thank a Volunteer afternoon tea is an opportunity for Perth Hills Wildlife groups and home carers to meet together and celebrate their roles as wildlife carers. There will be a respected keynote speaker to deliver a presentation to the attendees. Wildlife groups work in isolation with limited opportunity to meet with like­minded volunteers to share their experience and knowledge. This event will recognise and thank the wildlife volunteers for their contribution to the preservation of native wildlife in Western Australia. | South East Metropolitan |
| Multicultural Community Arts Festival of Western Australia Inc | Thank-A-Volunteer Day Lunch & Presentation | Multicultural Community Arts Festival of Western Australia Inc will hold a Thank-A-Volunteer Day lunch and presentation. They will acknowledge their volunteers during the ceremony and award them with certificates. They will have sharing of experiences relating to volunteering, how and where volunteers started, challenges faced and the positive effects of volunteering. They will mention that the grant is supported by the Department of Communities. They will recognise their volunteers for their dedication and contribution to the community and will celebrate this event with their families. The volunteers will feel appreciated. | South East Metropolitan |
| Belmont Netball Association Inc. | Association Thank A Volunteer Day | Belmont Netball Association Inc. will hold a meal or barbecue event. This barbecue will call together the 100 volunteers that give their time freely every week to ensure that over 600 players and their families benefit from healthy exercise and the interaction that the activity brings. They will provide a low-cost meal to the volunteers who ask for nothing in return each week, and show up rain, hail or shine during the winter months. There has been a huge workload for their volunteers, both on court and off, to make sure that sport is accessible in these very difficult times where they see many cases of financial hardship. | South East Metropolitan |
| Shire of Harvey | Shire of Harvey Thank a Volunteer Day | Shire of Harvey will hold Morning/Afternoon tea in collaboration with the Shires’ Community Resource Centres, who currently facilitate and work with volunteering organisations and volunteers. On Thank a Volunteer Day, 5th December 2023, three events will be held across separate localities within the shire to celebrate and acknowledge their Volunteers. This is an excellent opportunity to officially thank all volunteers in their community and ties in with the Community Awards which celebrates their volunteers. Volunteer South West WA have been invited to attend to talk about their work and how organisations can make their volunteering pathway easier. | South West |
| Thommo's Community Garden Inc. | Thommo’s Thank a Volunteer Day | Thommo's Community Garden Inc. will hold meal or barbecue. They will bring together their sponsors, collaborators and all the community volunteers who come from a wide range of organisations to acknowledge their individual and collective contribution to the community at a sundowner barbeque in their beautiful riverside setting. Culminating in an awards ceremony where certificates will be presented, and individuals contributions acknowledged. | South West |
| Busselton - Dunsborough Environment Centre Inc. | Thank a Volunteer Day | Busselton - Dunsborough Environment Centre Inc. volunteers from over 100 community organisations will be invited to attend a sundowner movie event in the grounds of the City of Busselton. Refreshments, lucky ticket prizes and speeches from invited guests highlighting and thanking volunteers for their contribution will be on offer. A roaming entertainer will randomly distribute small gifts to volunteers and certificates of thanks to volunteers will be presented to organisations to be displayed in their premises. | South West |
| Nannup Community Resource Centre Inc | Thank a Volunteer Bowling Day. | Nannup Community Resource Centre Inc will hold a recreation activity. Organisations and individuals will be recognized with a free Lawn Bowls event. Participating groups will display their banners and be acknowledged in an awards presentation. Volunteers will network and enjoy a catered social event where their contribution is recognized. Prizes will be sourced from local businesses for bowling teams and each organization will be asked to create a whimsical award category (e.g.: Lions-volunteer most likely to burn a sausage) for the occasion to celebrate outstanding contributions. Everyone will be given a memento. The event will be publicized in local press and social media to raise awareness of volunteering. | South West |
| Shire of Collie | Thank you in the Park | Shire of Collie aims to celebrate local volunteers by acknowledging the selfless dedication they give the community by bringing them and their families together. Local leaders will serve up a BBQ while music, games and free fun will be offered. A community family movie in the park will be shown after heartfelt speeches and tributes highlighting their impact. | South West |
| Shire of Narrogin | Thank a Volunteer Event | Shire of Narrogin will host a sundowner event, recognising standout volunteers from 120 volunteer-run organisations in their town. Prior to the event, storytelling videos and photos of volunteers will be shared on social media pages. The gathering will offer catering and feature prominent speakers from the council, shire, and local community groups. Major volunteer-run organisation will have their own stalls to recruit new volunteers among new and current residents. Objectives include fostering appreciation, promoting volunteerism, and strengthening community bonds. The Sundowner Event will serve as a meaningful platform to celebrate the remarkable impact of volunteerism in their town. | South West |
| Brunswick Junction Community Resource Centre Inc. | Puzzle Trust | Brunswick Junction Community Resource Centre Inc. would host a morning/afternoon tea, award ceremony/community event. The event is designed to bring community members together for a celebration of fellow volunteers to demonstrate acknowledgement and appreciation of the efforts and work that volunteers contribute towards making Brunswick a great place to live and work. The event is aimed to be engaging and fun, through a planned carousel of themed table activities and live entertainment from a local singing group. The event would include light refreshments, enabling time to catch up with existing fellow volunteers and to meet new friends across the range of groups and organisations that the local area supports. As part of the event, they will stage an award ceremony that recognises the valued input from the volunteers, requesting nominations from within the group or organisation where the volunteers are working. | South West |
| Manjimup Community Resource Centre Inc. | Thank a Volunteer Day 2023 | Manjimup Community Resource Centre Inc. were successful in obtaining a Grant from Volunteering WA to develop a Volunteer organisation Directory and are working with the different groups in Manjimup to include details, logos and opportunities for each group. The Directory will be launched at the Sundowner and both representatives and volunteers will be invited from the groups and the public who are interested in volunteering to attend and learn about the local groups and the opportunities available. | South West |
| Bridgetown Family and Community Centre Inc | Thank A Volunteer Day Bridgetown Greenbushes. | Bridgetown Family and Community Centre Inc will hold a morning tea event. The event will be a coming together of the many volunteers and volunteer groups in the community to acknowledge and celebrate their vital role in a meaningful way. The volunteers will enjoy a scrumptious morning tea and enjoy a performance from the local volunteer group, Bridgetown Repertory Theatre. Organisations will be given a chance to personally acknowledge the great work of their volunteers throughout the year. | South West |
| Busselton Hospice Care Incorporated | Busselton Hospice Care Inc Thank a Volunteer Event | Busselton Hospice Care Incorporated will host an award ceremony. All volunteers will be invited and celebrated for their ongoing support of their community. In addition to food and drink provided, they will be presented with a certificate and small gesture of thanks gift. They will be publicly acknowledged by the BHCI CEO and a representative from Western Australia Country Health Service and the City of Busselton. A slideshow will be projected of volunteers in their roles, quotes of the value of volunteers and testimonials from those lives they have touched. They will also work with local media to cover the event and promote via their social media outlets. | South West |
| City of Fremantle | City of Fremantle Thank a Volunteer Morning Tea 2023 | City of Fremantle will invite internal volunteers, friends of groups & precinct groups to attend a morning tea event, catering with tea and coffee. High school students will perform acoustic live music. There will be a short speech by the Mayor of Fremantle to acknowledge and thank volunteers and certificates presented to volunteers who have completed notable years of volunteer service to the City. A Friends of Group volunteer will give a short speech about the value of volunteering and their community impact. Photos & media reels of City of Fremantle volunteers taken throughout 2023 will be shown. | South West Metropolitan |
| Peel Multicultural Association Incorporated | Peel Multicultural Association Thank-A-Volunteer Day Celebration 2023 | Peel Multicultural Association Thank-A-Volunteer Day Celebration 2023 will acknowledge the contributions of their dedicated volunteers from community groups in the Peel Region. Their celebration will include a programme, awards ceremony and lunch. They will invite representatives from City of Mandurah & MLA as guest speaks and award volunteers with certificates issued by Department of Communities for Thank-A-Volunteer Day. They expect to award over 30 volunteers. | South West Metropolitan |
| Multicultural Connect Australia | “Thank a Volunteer Day” Community Award Luncheon | Multicultural Connect Australia will hold the “Thank a Volunteer Day” Community Award Luncheon which will include recreational activities and guest speakers. Volunteers will be acknowledged and awarded with certificates. Afternoon luncheon will be provided with a variety of international food, and participants will be able to enjoy music and dancing. | South West Metropolitan |
| Bengali Association of Western Australia | ‘Thank A Volunteer Day’ BAWA PICNIC | Bengali Association of Western Australia (BAWA) will organise a recreational event. BAWA thrive on promoting and sharing the rich and vibrant cultural heritage of India to the wider Western Australian community. A primary focus of BAWA is to engage new migrants through various cultural initiatives that promote and enable cultural diversity among youth and adults. They will organise a picnic and will award mementos and certificates to recognise their volunteers and to express gratitude to their wonderful volunteers who have supported BAWA. | South West Metropolitan |
| Perth Region NRM (Inc) | Coastal Conservation - Thank a Volunteer Day | Perth Region NRM will hold a coastal conservation day which includes a bus tour of Rottnest Island aimed at celebrating volunteers from Perth's coastal community groups and provide an insight on the coastal conservation activities of their neighbouring island. Through engaging presentations and guided walks volunteers will be learn about local wildlife, environmental conservation, coastal hotspots and visit habitat restoration projects. This event will be a gesture of appreciation for coastal volunteers, fostering a sense of pride and motivation to continue their crucial work. | South West Metropolitan |
| The Hub 6163 Inc. | Thanking our Hamilton Hill vollies | The Hub will be organising a local volunteer meal and catch up to celebrate all the amazing volunteers in their area. They will be inviting people from many groups, such as The Hub 6163, The Hamilton Hill Community Group, Hami Helps, Hamilton & Surrounds Pets Page, Cockburn Pets Page, Love Hami Hill, Feed it Forward - HH (may need a letter of support as incorporated as well), the HH Gifting/Buy Nothing page and the like. They intend to hold a pizza and wine night with live music at the Hub, a local community centre. The Hub venue can hold 50 people for an event. They will be using food prepared at the Pear Tree Café to cater for the event. The pizzas are amazingly hand made in their oven on site, so this event would also benefit a well-loved local business. Ron, the proprietor is also a member of the Hamilton Hill Community Group. | South West Metropolitan |
| Dalwallinu Community Resource Centre Inc. | Thank a Volunteer Day Morning Tea | Dalwallinu Community Resource Centre Inc. will host a morning or afternoon tea. The event hopes to be an opportunity to raise awareness of the incredible contribution volunteers make to their community. Volunteers will be invited to relax and share their experiences. A guest speaker will talk about the wonderful benefits of volunteering and children from the local school will make cards to say a personal thank-you. Volunteers are invaluable within the community with many organisations relying on their vital support. The event will show their gratitude to those who give so much back to the community and hopes to inspire more people, including the younger generation, to take up a volunteering role. | Wheatbelt |
| Shire of Kulin | Kulin Community Christmas Celebration | The Kulin community has a massive volunteer presence, their biggest event­ Kulin Bush Races, is entirely volunteer run. Kulin relies on the huge input of volunteers and recognises at least 15 committees run by volunteers, and the many community initiatives organised and managed by volunteers. The Community Christmas Party will celebrate all the massive contributions their volunteers make and allow them to spend time celebrating without having to make a contribution as a volunteer. Without volunteers, their town would be significantly less progressive, and this is something they are immensely proud of. | Wheatbelt |
| Cunderdin Community Resource Centre Inc. | Thank A Volunteer Cuppa and a cupcake | Cunderdin Community Resource Centre will host a coffee pit stop for their community to express their gratitude and to acknowledge the commitment of their dedicated volunteers. A local coffee van will provide complimentary hot chocolate and coffee to community volunteers and customised cupcakes saying "Thank a Volunteer" will be offered to each attendee. There will be a decorative social media selfie frame to capture the volunteers enjoying themselves, these photos will be published on social media and in the local community paper. | Wheatbelt |
| Shire of West Arthur | Thank You Volunteers | Shire of West Arthur will hold an award ceremony. The Shire of West Arthur would like to acknowledge the work done by the volunteers within the Shire at the biggest event hosted by the Shire, Australia Day. It is planned to present awards to all volunteers and community groups, who are not recognised in any major awards. Volunteers will enjoy a BBQ breakfast, followed by the awards ceremony. After the ceremony, a local musician will provide music to encourage people to linger at Lake Towerrinning, where they can swim, enjoy activities, and socialise. A bus will be provided to bring people to the lake from Darkan, approx. 32 km away. | Wheatbelt |
| Dumbleyung Community Resource Centre | Thank a Volunteer in Kukerin | The Dumbleyung CRC will contact all the volunteer organisations within the Dumbleyung Shire and invite them to ‘Thank a Volunteer BBQ’, which will be held in the town of Kukerin. They plan to provide hamburgers, sausage sizzles and non-alcoholic refreshments, as well as a fruit platter and other snacks. Each volunteer group will have the opportunity to nominate one or two of their members that goes that extra mile to receive an appreciation certificate at the BBQ event. The organisations will be asked to submit a short summary of their nominated volunteers’ attributes. The event will be free for all volunteers, to say thank you and acknowledge their efforts for maintaining the services in their community such as the local Fire and Rescue Brigade, St John Ambulance, Sporting Clubs, Agricultural Societies, and many more. | Wheatbelt |
| Shire of Wandering | Wandering Thank a Volunteer Day community BBQ | Shire of Wandering will have a community BBQ which will enable the community to come together to celebrate all volunteers and their contribution to the community. The day will include family outdoor games, music and a BBQ for everyone to enjoy and a display of volunteer contributions throughout the community over the last year. They will have information available for other volunteer opportunities to encourage continued involvement. An outdoor movie for the family to enjoy will follow the BBQ. The event will be run by the Shire of Wandering/CRC, Lions Club and CWA as a joint project. | Wheatbelt |
| Shire of Lake Grace | Thank a Volunteer Day - Community Sundowner and BBQ | Communities from within the Shire of Lake Grace will come together to host Sundowner and BBQ events across the four towns of Lake Grace, Newdegate, Lake King and Varley. The events, to be held at swimming pools or town open spaces will aim to acknowledge the important role that volunteers hold in the sustainability and future of regional towns and celebrate the many achievements throughout 2023. It will also aim to highlight the positive impacts that volunteering has on the personal lives of rural families, to encourage continued volunteer involvement and growth. | Wheatbelt |
| Shire of Chittering | Chittering Thank a Volunteer Day | Shire of Chittering will be bringing the community together for a social gathering with food trucks and celebration of volunteers. They intend on having various ways for the general community to thank individual volunteers or community groups on the day. | Wheatbelt |
| Nungarin Community Resource Centre Inc | Thank a Volunteer Day 2023 - Movie Event | Nungarin Community Resource Centre Inc will host a movie event. Following the movie will be a short talk listing all the achievements of the volunteers of Nungarin. It will list the people and the organisations, the work they undertake and will include all ages and roles of their local volunteers. | Wheatbelt |