

Thank A Volunteer Day 2007

On Sunday the 25th of November the Shire of Mundaring's annual Thank a Volunteer Day was held for more than 65 volunteers and their family members at the Parkerville Recreation Ground. Volunteers represented a wide range of community, service and sporting groups from across the Shire.



Guest speakers included Gary Hodgen, the past president and current under 13's coach of the Darlington Parkerville Football Club and coach and president of the Darlington Junior Cricket Club. Gary highlighted the benefits and rewards of being a volunteer and why he found volunteering such a positive experience.

Mundaring Councillor Jenny Johnson said, "Volunteers not only make a positive difference to the organisations they work with, but more importantly, they make a positive difference to the lives of the users of those services. They make a constructive difference to the communities in which they live and serve. Where we find organisations and communities that have active volunteering, we also find healthy organisations and communities."



The Giving Back Milestone Event Grant was also officially launched on the day. Each year, one local organisation that has reached a major milestone in its history or development will be provided with \$2,500 by Council, to assist in holding a major recognition event for its members.

A buffet lunch was provided by the Country Women's Association as well as treat bags and ice creams for the children.

As one of the volunteers said "it is really nice to be recognised by my peers and recognised for the award".



For more information on volunteering, "Giving Back Grants", and volunteer support programs in the Shire of Mundaring, call Cathryn Hewitt at the Shire of 9290 6682 or email cda1@mundaring.wa.gov.au