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Nominate a vital vollie in City's annual Volunteer Awards by 30 September

There is no doubt volunteering is rewarding but it's also important to recognise the dedication and passion our local vollies demonstrate every time they do their bit to improve our community.

The City of Cockburn holds annual awards to recognise the inspirational efforts of local volunteers and nominations for the 2021 Cockburn Volunteer Awards are open until 30 September.

This year three separate awards will recognise a Cockburn Volunteer Organisation of the Year, Volunteer of the Year plus a Mayor's Volunteer Award.

Last year's winners were local food/household supplies charity Cooby Cares and joint Volunteers of the Year Renae Barker (Cockburn Toy Library) and Phil Charles (Feed it Forward Maori Stylz WA).

Mayor Logan Howlett, a strong advocate of volunteerism, said the awards were an important part of letting volunteers know that their efforts were valued and appreciated more than they could know.

"Cockburn is renowned for its volunteering and the benefits it brings to the health and wellbeing of our community and importantly in today's world, our mental health.

"I encourage people to nominate those that go above and beyond to volunteer on behalf of others. Not only are they fantastic role models but they make a real difference to the lives others."

This year \$3,600 in prizes is available across the three categories.

Submit nominations <u>online</u> or for more information, contact the Cockburn Volunteering Development Centre via <u>email</u> or phone 08 9411 3490.

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