For more than 20 years, the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia has recognised the achievements of individuals in regional WA through the Rural Community Achiever Award.

RURAL COMMUNITY ACHIEVER AWARD

This prestigious award acknowledges the service of those who have volunteered their time to make their communities strong and vital - the unsung hero.

The 2017 Rural Community Achiever Award winner will receive $2,000 in prize money with their nominated community project also receiving $2,000.

Nominations are open so please nominate your local unsung hero.

For further information contact Cassie Marriott
Competition and Event Coordinator
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**RURAL COMMUNITY ACHIEVER AWARD**

Each year, the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia holds a competition to recognise rural achievers who have made significant contributions to WA communities.

The winner of the competition will receive $2,000 in prize money and their nominated community project will also receive $2,000.

RASWA invites you to nominate individuals from your region who deserve a public thank you for their contribution to the community. Nominees may have a high profile project that progresses the whole region or be someone assisting in the running of clubs and associations that keep rural societies together.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To acknowledge those among us within the rural community who have given extraordinary time and effort to help improve agriculture and rural life in Western Australia.

Nominees can include:
- People who have given themselves and their time in an unpaid capacity; and
- People who have given extra time and energy over and above their paid duties.

Judging details:
- The judges will select one winner only; no runner-up will be selected.
- Previous winners are ineligible for nomination; however all other previous nominees may be re-nominated.

Below are some suggested guidelines to assist you in building a resume for a Rural Community Achiever nominee. Every person nominated for this award will be acknowledged for their contribution to their community through their service and personal endeavour.

**NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

**Nominee Details**
The nominee details page must be completed and attached to the entry for each nominee.

Please note: We are accepting self-nominations.

**Selection Criteria**
Include the following information (max. two pages):

1. Current position(s) held – including community organisation or volunteering;
2. Achievements and their time input and impact on the local community;
3. Goals for their community;
4. Details of the community project of their choice and how the prize money would be spent should they win.

You might like to include things like:
- Their participation in rural organisations and the benefits returned to their community/industry and its people.
- Their involvement in rural groups.
- The resources and effort they have put into their community/industry.

**Tips:** Remember to be specific and keep it simple (min. 1,000 words and max. 3,000).

Use headings: It might be helpful to begin with a rough outline under headings based on what is required. You can then jot down a few points under each heading which will get you started. Remember to address each of the selection criteria as it relates to the community on a Local, Regional, State and National basis.

**Attachments**
The following documents should be included:

1. A current photograph suitable for publication;
2. Two to three supporting letters from personas associated with the nominee in relevant organisations that outline the contribution the nominee has made in a particular field.

**Tip:** Attachments should be kept to a maximum of ten A4 pages.

**Checking**
Ensure that all the information required of you on the application form is completed and correct.

**Final Reading**
Give the application to a colleague or member of the nominee to read through and look for any errors or omissions. Remember that the judging is based on the written application and you want to put the best application forward for your nominee.
RURAL COMMUNITY ACHIEVER AWARD

Send the application
Post a hard copy of the application to:

Competition and Event Coordinator
Rural Community Achiever
The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia
PO Box 135
CLAREMONT WA 6910

The judging panel assess the nominees for the Rural Community Achiever Award from the documentation presented to them at the time of judging. A winner will be selected from the finalists; no runner-up will be selected.

If you wish to receive further instructions on how to put a nomination together, please contact Ms Cassie Marriott by phone on (08) 6263 3124, fax (08) 6263 3171 or email cmarriott@raswa.org.au.

Closing date for receipt of nominations is Friday 25 August 2017.

We look forward to receiving your nomination.
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