

Bunbury Geographe Sports Star of the Year Awards 2023

Nominations criteria

Assessment period:

Nominations for the inaugural Bunbury Geographe Sports Star of the Year Awards are to be based on sporting achievements from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Who can lodge nominations and when?

Nominations will be accepted until **4pm on Friday, 17 March 2023**. Nominations can only be lodged by anyone who recognises a Bunbury-Geographe individual or team who fits the below categories.

Nomination categories:

1. PERFORMANCE AWARDS:

- AJ Tood Buswell Sports Person of the Year
- Myles Junior Sports Person of the Year
- Para-Athlete of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Official of the Year
- Team of the Year

2. COMMUNITY SPORT AWARDS

- Volunteer Service to Sport Award
- Event/Program of the Year

Bunbury Geographe-based sport and recreation organisations can submit up to two nominations for each category.

These awards will be determined by the awards judging panel.

PERFORMANCE AWARDS:

AJ Tood Buswell Sports Person of the Year (*nominations via South Western Times):

The AJ Tood Buswell Sports Person of the Year is awarded to a Bunbury Geographe resident-athlete in recognition for their outstanding achievements in both their performance and contribution to sport, and exemplary character for the Bunbury Geographe community.

This award is sponsored by the South Western Times newspaper.

***For nominations contact South Western Times Sports Journalist Justin Fris via email at justin.fris@swtimes.com.au or call (08) 9780 0853.**

Myles Junior Sports Person of the Year:

The Myles Junior Sports Person of the Year is awarded to a Bunbury Geographe resident-athlete under the age of 18 in recognition for their outstanding achievements in both their performance and contribution to sport, and exemplary character for the Bunbury Geographe community.

Para-Athlete of the Year:

The Para-Athlete of the Year Award is awarded to a Bunbury Geographe resident-athlete with disability, in recognition for their outstanding achievements in their chosen discipline(s), and exemplary character for the Bunbury Geographe community.

Please note, the State Disability Services Act (1993) defines disability as any disability attributable to intellectual, psychiatric, cognitive, neurological, sensory, or physical impairment, or a combination of those impairments which is permanent, or likely to be permanent, which may or may not be of a chronic or episodic nature, and which results in substantially reduced capacity of the person for communication, social interaction, learning or mobility, and a need for continuing support services in daily life.

Criteria for nominees for the above awards:

Applications will be accepted on the following criteria:

- a. The nominee will or has resided in the Bunbury Geographe region during the period of nomination;
- b. The nominee will participate predominantly in sporting activities conducted within the Bunbury Geographe region;
- c. The nominee shall be a member of a Bunbury Geographe Club or Association; and
- d. The nominee's team, club or association must be affiliated with a State Sporting Association.
- e. Nominees must have achieved a level of outstanding performance in their chosen sport and will be judged on their achievements in the **12 months as defined in the assessment period.**

Coach of the Year:

The Coach of the Year is awarded to a Bunbury Geographe resident-coach in recognition for their outstanding achievements in both their performance and contribution to sport, and exemplary character for the Bunbury Geographe community.

Nominees must be:

- A coach who resides primarily in the Bunbury Geographe region, and
- A coach of Bunbury Geographe registered athletes or team, or
- A coach of a WA or Australian team who is registered with a WA State Sport Association or National Sport Association.

Official of the Year:

The Official of the Year is awarded to a Bunbury Geographe resident-official in recognition for their outstanding achievements in both their performance and contribution to sport, and exemplary character for the Bunbury Geographe community.

Nominees must be:

- An official who resides primarily in the Bunbury Geographe region.
- Registered with a WA State Sport Association.
- Officiates at any level, e.g. club, regional, state, national or international.

Team of the Year:

The Team of the Year Awards are awarded to a Bunbury Geographe team in recognition for their outstanding achievement in both their performance and contribution to sport, and exemplary character for the Bunbury Geographe community.

Nominees must be:

- A team registered and based in the Bunbury Geographe region.

COMMUNITY SPORT AWARDS:

Service to Sport Award:

This award seeks to recognise the contribution made by an individual to sport/s or sporting organisation/s over a long period of time. The award takes into account any notable achievement of the nominee during their involvement with the sport as a volunteer, coach or sporting official. May only be presented once to an individual.

Nominees must be:

- A volunteer who resides predominantly in the Bunbury Geographe region.
- The nominee will participate predominantly in sporting activities conducted within the Bunbury Geographe region.

Event/Program of the Year Award:

This award recognises the contributions an event/program has made to the Bunbury Geographe community. All programs/events must be run predominantly in the Bunbury Geographe region.

Nominations will be assessed on the following criteria:

1. Social contribution to the Bunbury Geographe sports community (such as increased sports participation, growth in sporting club memberships, increased awareness of sport, social media followers, jobs generated, engagement of sports industry stakeholders and local government, increased state/national/international connections).
2. Economic contribution to the Bunbury Geographe sports community (such as financial contribution to Bunbury Geographe through event tourism, grant funds attained, fundraising, business sponsorships, value of advertising exposure for the Bunbury Geographe region).

Please download and fill in the nomination form and submit your nomination by **4pm on Friday, 17 March 2023** to communityrecreation@bunbury.wa.gov.au or drop this form into the City of Bunbury's Administration Building at 4 Stephen Street, Bunbury (8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).