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2008 NAIDOC PERTH AWARD RECIPIENTS

OUTSTANDING ACHEIVEMENT

Winner: Hannah McGlade

Hannah McGlade is a proud Noongar lawyer, academic and activist who has worked tirelessly in the pursuit of social justice for Noongar people, often on a voluntary basis. Hannah has championed issues of child sexual abuse, discrimination and services to the Aboriginal community including having recently assisted the Noongar Media Enterprise in successfully obtaining a radio broadcasting licence. Hannah has been instrumental in the purchase of Sister Kate's Mission on behalf of all children who attended Sister Kate's and is now securing funding to build a healing centre on the site.

Runner-up: Josey Hansen

Josey Hansen is a proud Noongar woman who is dedicated to her family and community. Over the years, she has been actively involved in several committees and Indigenous networks. Josey is currently the Manager of Aboriginal Services at Anglicare where she has implemented an Aboriginal Reference Group, delivered cultural awareness training, taught Sunday school and coordinated the distribution of Christmas gifts to children in Armadale.



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MALE ELDER

Winner: Albert McNamara

Albert McNamara has been a tireless worker for Aboriginal rights for many years. Albert spent many years in Education, has been a strong supporter of NAIDOC on both National and State Committees and recently was the Chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee to the Armadale Council, assisting in the development of an Indigenous cultural centre at Champion Lakes.

Runner-up: Ben Taylor

Ben Taylor is a well known and respected elder of the Noongar Community. Throughout the years Ben has worked tirelessly towards active reconciliation for Aboriginal people. Uncle Ben is often called upon to perform the "Welcome to Country" at events and is noted for his capacity to advocate, speak out and educate others about Aboriginal culture and people.

FEMALE ELDER

Winner: Lorna Lewis

Lorna Lewis has been an Aboriginal Health Worker for 20 years and is a role model both professionally and to her family and friends. Lorna currently works at the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, assisting with elderly activities and events.

Runner-up: Judith Brennan

Judith has always been a dedicated mother, grandmother and role model to others. Judith currently works three jobs at the Post Office, as a carer and as an Occupational Therapist Assistant.



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SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKER

Winner: Harold Humes

Harold Humes aka 'Woody' is a tireless community worker in the social justice area who has been involved in numerous local and national events and programs targeting children, offenders and the aged. Harold is a gentle man who leads by example and only wants the best for his people, working on issues until they are no longer issues.

Runner-up: Victoria Hovane

Vickie Hovane holds a First Class Honours in Psychology and is part way through a PhD in Forensic Psychology examining child sexual abuse in Aboriginal communities. Over the past 27 years, Vicki has advocated and promoted Indigenous social justice in legal services, social welfare, counselling, community-based offender rehabilitation programs and victims services.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATION

Winner: South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Corporation

The South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council has provided first class native title services for Noongar people including litigation and complex negotiations for several years. In June 2008 the organisation hosted an Australia wide conference on Native Title. The organisation is also providing work experience and training opportunities for Noongar youth and supports community events such as the Sorry Day function in Perth on 13 February 2008.

Runner-up: Aboriginal Grandparents & Family Support Services

The Aboriginal Grandparents & Family Support Services is a not profit organisation based in Northbridge, which started in 2003. The service provides information, education, advocacy, counselling, referrals, respite care and community development for Aboriginal grandparents and families. The Aboriginal Grandparents & Family Support Services also work to bring community together with Respite Camps, Pampering events, Peer Support Groups, Aboriginal Playgroup, craft groups, professional Networking, Suicide prevention and the Yowarling (Singing) Up Project.



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BUSINESS

Winner: Wagyl T-Shirt design (Roger Turvey)

Roger Turvey has been designing for over five years, with his 'Sorry Poem T-Shirt' selling throughout Australia. In the past year his t-shirt business has gone to a new level by adding accessories, developing a website and business cards and employing an assistant. Roger donates his products to fundraising events and assisting families in need.

Runner-up: Ellenbrook Auto Electrics and Raymond Russ

Despite encountering many unforeseen hurdles, Ray's business, Ellenbrook Auto Electrics, has been recognised as one of the best small enterprises in the area. Ray has learnt his trade through hard work and endeavour. He has been described as an excellent role model for young people, never being afraid to ask questions and always being ready to try a new approach to a problem.

CARER

Winner: Charlie Taylor

Charlie Taylor Charlie has worked tirelessly to care for Aboriginal children. He has been a foster carer for many Indigenous children and has worked for the Department for Child Protection mentoring young Indigenous children in care, transporting them to and from family contacts for over six years.

Runner-up: Gloria Walley

Gloria is as an inspirational woman to her family, community and the wider-community and has demonstrated a tremendous level of commitment, love and a never-wavering support for her family.



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PERFORMING ARTIST

Winner: Derek Nannup

Derek Nannup is an accomplished actor, performer, musician, comedian and street performer who has delivered thousands of workshops promoting Aboriginal culture. Derek's roots lie in circus theatre having trained with the Reg Bolton Circus Troupe. Derek boasts a long list of acting, dancing and directing credentials and has toured nationally and internationally playing the didgeridoo. Derek's is now the Associate Director of Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Theatre.

Runner Up: Narelda Jacobs

Narelda Jacobs completed her broadcasting studies at the WA Academy of Performing Arts. Her television career started at the Golden West Network and then to Network Ten as a reporter. In April 2008, Narelda was selected to the prestigious position of newsreader for Network Ten Perth. Narelda takes on many voluntary duties including providing motivational talks to high school students, visits to juvenile detention centres and role modelling.

VISUAL ARTIST

Winner: Peter Farmer

Peter Farmer is a talented visual artist having won a number of awards including the tender to produce Curtin Universities new Mace, in the traditional form of a Doak. Peter has also worked extensively in developing Aboriginal art in schools and is passionate about language and cultural heritage. Peter is currently an artist in residence at the Australian Tourism Expo within the "Indigenous Showcase".



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SPORTSMAN

Winner: William Kickett

William Kickett or "Cool Willie" as he is known has excelled in Pro Boxing and is currently an Australian Title Holder. William holds an impressive record of winning 10 professional fights from 10 bouts. He has been described as the greatest Indigenous fighter since Lionel Rose and has been offered mentoring from Danny Green.

Runner-up: Michael Johnson

Michael Johnson is a current AFL Fremantle Dockers player. In 2007, whilst playing for the Demons, Michael was selected in WA's State of Origin team and averaged 17 disposals per game with a season haul of 154 marks. Off the field, Michael is an ambassador for Aboriginal people and is actively engaged in the Redkite charity, Clontarf Football Academy's 'Live the Dream' programme and mentoring with Apprenticeships Australia.

SPORTSWOMAN

Winner: Deja-Anne Yarran-Clanton

Deja-Anne is the "Ruck" for "East Fremantle Sharks", and was the only Indigenous player selected in the most recent Women's AFL 'State of Origin' series, played at the MCG. Deja supports Indigenous women in football and trains the "Mustangs", an Indigenous amateur league team. Deja is in her final year of a Sports Science Degree at UWA, and aspires to be one of the first female umpires in the AFL.



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TERTIARY SCHOLAR

Winner: Bill Hayward

Bill Hayward is a final year chiropractic student at Murdoch University and the Indigenous Representative on the Murdoch University Student Guild. Upon graduation at the end of this year, Bill will be the first male Indigenous chiropractor in Australia, and only the second Indigenous person nationally to be a qualified chiropractor.

Runner-up: Dr. Dawn Bessarab

Dr. Dawn Bessarab is an accomplished Indigenous scholar, having completed her PhD in 2007 on gender differences between Aboriginal people in urban and remote settings. Dr. Bessarab provides cross cultural training, mentoring and supervises Doctoral and Masters Students. She has made valuable contributions to elderly and sexual abuse prevention, HIV service delivery models and the Aboriginal Family Domestic Violence Community Court. At Curtin Uni, Dawn is currently involved in a number of projects including alcohol rehabilitation, parenting, the development of an Indigenous Health Unit and the Indigenising of the curriculum across the University.

SCHOOL SCHOLAR

Winner: Abby-Rose Cox

Abby-Rose is a Year 12 student at Iona Presentation College. Abby-Rose has been instrumental in a number of activities around the College including the Charcoal Footprints Dance programme and the purchase of flagpoles and Aboriginal flags. Abby-Rose is the current Chair of the WA Future Footprints Student Council and has recently attended the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Program in Sydney, where she was the Master of Ceremonies at the Formal Dinner.

Runner-up: Cameron Smith

Cameron Smith is a 15 year old student at Kolbe College. Cameron is making excellent academic progress in chemistry, calculus, physics, geometry and trigonometry. Cameron shows strong leadership in all areas of school life and has recently been selected as a peer support leader.



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YOUTH (17 – 25 YEARS)

Winner: Brooke-Louise McAullay

Brooke-Louise McAullay is an officer with the Australian Taxation Office. Within the APS, Brooke has been a member of the APS Indigenous Employment Steering Committee, worked on the “Not Just a Job” initiative and organised NAIDOC celebrations. Out of work, Brooke coaches an Indigenous netball team, is a member of the Swan Districts WA Women’s AFL Football Team and has participated in FACSIA leadership courses.

Runner Up: Samuel Pilot-Kickett

Samuel Pilot-Kickett, a graduate of the WA Academy of Performing Arts is an accomplished actor, dancer, musician and Master of Ceremonies. Sam has been involved in numerous Theatre productions, in the movie 'Two Fists, One Heart' and has played the didgeridoo interstate and will soon be travelling to Spain to perform at the World Expo.

YOUTH (≤17 YEARS)

Winner: Krista McMeeken

In High School at St George’s College, Krista McMeekan was a Prefect and “Follow the Dream” leader. She received many academic awards and was selected as the WA Outstanding Aboriginal Female Student for 2007. Krista, now studying law at UWA, has been selected to appear in the 2008 edition of “Who’s Who in WA.”

Runner-up: Acacia Collard

Acacia Collard, a Year 11 Student at Mirrabooka Senior High School is a talented artist who has contributed in many artworks and murals at her school. Acacia is currently enrolled in a traineeship with the Department of Environment and Conservation, which she hopes will enable her to continue to promote Aboriginal culture throughout Western Australia.