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SILVER CHAIN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Silver Chain celebrated National Volunteer Week last week by recognising the outstanding contributions made by Silver Chain volunteers to the organisation and to the health and wellbeing of the Western Australian community.

Mr Brad McKay, Silver Chain Team Leader Volunteer Services, noted that Silver Chain regards its volunteers as an integral part of the organisation and that the annual Silver Chain Volunteer of the Year Awards is a great opportunity to recognise their significant contributions.

“We have over 500 volunteers working with Silver Chain, more than half of whom help our clients and families in country and remote locations. Our trained volunteers enhance the quality of service Silver Chain provides to clients and their families through a range of activities. These include providing carer respite and companionship, conversation and support as well as providing assistance at special events, promotions and for general fundraising initiatives,” said Mr McKay.

“Every year Silver Chain recognises their valued support through the Silver Chain Volunteer of the Year Awards which recognises volunteers across four categories; Hospice, Community, Country and remote services, and Fundraising.

“Mrs June Bremner from Perth was awarded the Silver Chain Hospice Care Services Award. Mrs Bremner has been a volunteer with Silver Chain for over 20 years providing support to families in hospice care services. She is a great mentor to new volunteers coming into the service and is extremely dedicated and respected by her peers. Her passion is an inspiration to all who work with and know her.

“Mrs Joy Wood from Margaret River was awarded the Silver Chain Country and Remote Services Award. Mrs Woods has been volunteering for Silver Chain since 1990 and is considered a very valuable member of her team. She supports clients at Silver Chain’s Community Day Centre, does local transports and assists with Meals-on-Wheels deliveries.

“Initially volunteering for the Silver Chain Social Enablement program two years ago, Mrs Diana Brown has continued her efforts under the Social Support program. Her dedication to providing social support to Silver Chain’s client’s across the metropolitan area has been recognised through the Silver Chain Community Volunteer Award and we thank Mrs Brown for her ongoing contributions.

“Mr and Mrs Charlie and Nellie Schuiling from Rockingham were awarded the Silver Chain Community Fundraising Award. Mr and Mrs Schuiling have dedicated more than 14 years of volunteer service to fundraising for Silver Chain services and supporting clients and families in the Peel area. Their dedication has contributed to the purchase of equipment for hospice services, clinical and home support clients in the area.

“The demand for the invaluable support provided by volunteers is constant so Silver Chain and the community really appreciate our volunteers’ dedication and support. Congratulations to all of the volunteers who were nominated,” concluded Mr McKay.

For more information about volunteering with Silver Chain and our services, visit www.silverchain.org.au.

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