

WALGA MEMBERS WIN WADE AWARDS

Western Australian Disability Enterprises (WADEs) are a collection of eight like-minded organisations that provide employment opportunities for more than 2,000 Western Australians with disability and mental illness in a supported environment. WALGA supports Local Governments to access WADE's across a diverse range of industries to access first-class quality products and services at competitive prices.

At the 2017 WADE annual event two WALGA Members received awards in recognition of their use of WADE's.



CITY OF COCKBURN "EMBRACING SOCIAL VALUE"

Steve Edgar, CEO Intellife and John Mitchell, CEO Westcare co-presented the award with the Disability Services Minister Hon Stephen Dawson MLA.

The WADE convenors presented the Embracing Social Value award to the City of Cockburn and noted "The City of Cockburn has taken a lead role within the Local Government sector, to generate more social outcomes in the local community.

The City has made a strong statement by embedding social procurement within its policies and work practises to harness the purchasing power of the Council to create new business opportunities and generate better work for our employees.

This year, we have partnered with the City to provide cleaning, fire equipment servicing and the roll-out of a three bin waste management program.

They are great steps and provide a solid foundation to continue to work together to create more positive change in the future."

Photo: Mayor Howlett, Gail Bowman (Manager Community Development, Governance and Community Services, Nelson Mauricio, Manager Financial Services and Tony Natale, Strategic Procurement Manager accepted the Certificate of Appreciation.



CITY OF CANNING "CREATING INCLUSIVENESS"

Michael Leers, Director Shire of Manjimup co-presented the award with the Disability Services Minister Hon Stephen Dawson MLA.

The WADE convenors presented the Creating Inclusiveness award to the City and noted "In Activ Business Services' own backyard, the City of Canning, has also come on board and embraced the value of Social Procurement.

The City has made distinctive changes to its procurement framework to ensure WA Disability Enterprises and Indigenous Businesses are considered for any purchase of goods or services.

These are important steps, and a simple decision to 'Buy Social' can only lead to developing strong partnerships and deliver huge benefits to individuals and the community as a whole.

This represents best practice and results will mean more and better work opportunities."

Photo: Mayor Ng and David McGarvie, Leader, Contracts and Procurement accepted the Certificate of Appreciation.

