



Volunteer of the Year Award Nomination – Nancy Pattison

I am writing to proudly nominate Nancy Pattison for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

Nancy is a young Indigenous woman whose dedication to caring for Country, protecting the environment, and strengthening cultural knowledge has made a profound impact on our community. Through her volunteer work, she demonstrates outstanding leadership, generosity, and cultural pride well beyond her years.

She is deeply committed to caring for Country and educating others about the importance of environmental stewardship from an Indigenous perspective. Her work reflects a strong connection to land, culture, and sustainability, inspiring both young people and adults to respect and protect the environment.

Nancy regularly teaches in schools, sharing her Aboriginal culture and language with students in meaningful and engaging ways. Through storytelling, dance, and language, she creates safe and inclusive learning spaces where students gain a deeper understanding of Indigenous knowledge, history, and identity. Her ability to connect with students fosters respect, curiosity, and cultural awareness.

In addition, she facilitates weaving lessons with adults, using traditional practices alongside dance and language to strengthen cultural connections and community wellbeing. These sessions not only pass on important cultural skills but also create opportunities for healing, learning, and intergenerational connection.

Nancy gives her time, knowledge, and energy selflessly, always guided by a strong sense of responsibility to community and her culture. Her contributions have had a lasting and positive impact, and she is a powerful role model for young people and the wider community.

For her commitment to caring for Country, cultural education, and community engagement, I strongly believe Nancy is a deserving recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award.