

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Port Kennedy woman acknowledged for outstanding support

Port Kennedy disability support worker, Janine Streat, has won the Activ Foundation's prestigious annual staff recognition award – the Activ Stars Award.

Ms Streat is a disability support worker for Activ customers in the Rockingham region.

Activ CEO Danielle Newport said Ms Streat supports customers from as young as five to more than 65 years old and she always takes the time to get to know their values, beliefs and perspectives.

“Janine is an inspirational staff member who goes to great lengths to support her customers achieve their independence goals,” said Ms Newport.

Ms Streat said she was inspired to work in the disability sector after growing up with a brother with an acquired brain injury (ABI).

“I thank my amazing customers who, through all their challenges, never stop inspiring me to do better,” she said.

“They constantly show me that by setting goals - no matter how big or small - and trying again no matter how long it takes, you can get there.

“My customers teach me patience, resilience and we always have great fun along the way,” said Ms Streat.

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About Activ

Activ has a strong and proud history of supporting people living with disability to reach their goals, achieve their dreams and break through barriers. Established in 1951 by a small group of motivated families who joined forces to build a future for their intellectually disabled children, Activ has grown into the state's largest not for profit disability service provider. Today, Activ supports more than 2,000 people living with disability and their families across the state, offering a range of person centred services and supports. Activ's services are provided across the Perth metropolitan

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area, as well as regionally in Albany, Bunbury, Busselton, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie and Kellerberrin. For more information visit: www.activ.asn.au.

Important Information

When referring to people with disability, we ask that you use the term 'living with disability', rather than 'disabled person' or 'the disabled'. The term 'customer' is used to refer to a person living with disability that Activ supports.