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MEDIA RELEASE

Mandurah Businesses Support Community Champions

A wide range of businesses in Mandurah have come forward to support the Seasons Community Champions Award by donating generously to the gift packages for the finalists – two of which are from Mandurah itself.

The award seeks to recognise and honour those unsung heroes in Perth and Mandurah who go out of their way to help people in the community. The winner will receive a cheque for \$2,000 from Seasons, but all eight finalists will receive a gift package which includes a number of vouchers for activities and accommodation in Mandurah.

Finalist Dawn Draper volunteers at Ac-cent Mandurah (previously The Mandurah City Senior Citizens Centre) several days a week performing a wide range of roles in the kitchen, in the library and at bingo sessions.

The second finalist, Jan Newman is President of the Friends of Mandurah Performing Arts Society and donates uncounted hours of her time to support the Society across many areas of operation.

The eight finalists were selected by a panel of judges and will now be subject to a community vote through the Seasons website.

General Manager of Seasons Funerals, Erin Erceg, said that the Seasons Community Champions Award is a great opportunity for people to get recognition for the hard work and hours of free time that they give in order to help other people in their community.

“As the Community Champions Award celebrates community spirit, we felt it was important that the winner was selected by the community itself,” said Ms Erceg.

“The public can review information on each finalist and decide on who they feel best deserves the prize of \$2,000,” she said.

The finalists will attend a dinner in their honour in April at Chez Pierre, Nedlands, where the winner will be announced following a public vote through the Seasons website.

One of the five Seasons Community Champions Award judges is also from Mandurah. Kerrie Robinson is Team Leader at the Billy Dower Youth Centre, run by the City of Mandurah.

The Mandurah businesses which contributed to the finalists' gift packages are:

- **Gourmande Delights** Owner Anne Richards (Mandurah) donated a small individual hamper for each finalist
- **Drakesbrook Wines** Owner Bernie Worthington (Waroona) Donated 2 bottles of wine gift packed for each finalist
- **Artizan Restaurant** Venue Manager Dorina Madaras (Mandurah) Donated vouchers for morning tea for all finalists and a guest
- **Forte Hospitality** Director Tanya Forsyth (Mandurah) Donated overnight stay for the finalist and guest in a choice of Mandurah/Margaret River
- **Mandurah Cruises** Sales Manager Kev Mahney (Mandurah) Donated a Dolphin Cruise for all finalists and a guest
- **Treasure Box** Owner Paula Beevor donated 8 \$25.00 gift voucher to spend in the shop
- **Catch 22** Functions Manager Marie TeAu donated one \$100.00 dinner voucher
- **Taste & Graze** Manager Claire Long donated \$50.00 dinner/lunch voucher

To view the finalists of the Seasons Community Champion Award and select your winner, go to www.seasons.com.au/communitychampions

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About Seasons:

Seasons is a family owned and operated funeral company that places a premium on celebrating life, and telling life stories. We are passionate about innovation, about over-service, and have a fastidious attention to detail that we use to tell and to share life stories.

Seasons offers state-wide services and has chapels in Balcatta, Belmont, Canning Vale and Kelmscott.

About the Seasons Community Champions Award:

- All completed entries were reviewed by a panel of judges, who have selected eight finalists
- Finalists are now up for a public vote through the Seasons website
- All finalists will attend a dinner in their honour at Chez Pierre, Nedlands where the winner will be announced
- The winner will receive a cheque for \$2,000 from Seasons Funerals.

The Seasons Community Champion Judges:

- **Erin Erceg:** General Manager of Seasons Funerals
- **Hon. James Clarko AM AE JP:** former speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Stirling City Councillor and prominent community figure
- **Kerrie Robinson:** Team Leader at the Billy Dower Youth Centre
- **Linda Winchester:** CEO of CASM (Citizens Advocacy South Metropolitan)
- **Graham Castledine:** Partner, Castledine & Gregory Law and Mediation