

Volunteers honoured for outstanding service

Three YouthCARE CVE volunteers have been honoured for their outstanding service to the Gosnells school community.

Ruth Welch (45 years of service), Beverley Pabedinskas (31 years) and Gillian King (25 years) were presented Certificates of Appreciation at the annual Gosnells YouthCARE Council Chaplains and CVE Dedications Service at Thornlie Anglican Church.

CVE Field Officer Shelley Puddle said it was wonderful to be able to honour such faithful volunteers.

“These ladies have done an amazing job and their longevity is truly a testament to the great work they do,” she said.

Mrs Welch has served for as long as YouthCARE has existed, and is still passionate about her role.

“I have always loved children and I love story telling,” she said.

“As a child, I really enjoyed story-telling so this gave me the opportunity to story tell with the children.”

A particular highlight was teaching students how to be sensitive to the needs of others.

“My son is handicapped so we used different forms of communication,” Mrs Welch said.

“Teaching the kids how to communicate in song form was always fun for the children and taught them how to communicate with the handicapped.

“I really just love the opportunity of meeting with the children and telling them how much they are loved because the world around them is always so negative.”

While many things have changed over the last 45 years, some things have stayed the same.

“I’ve noticed the change more in myself, my gifting, learning to be used in the season I am at.

“Children are children and they never change, but it has been interesting watching more children from other countries come along.

“It’s lovely seeing the Children working and growing together.”

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