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**VOLUNTEERS PLAY VITAL ROLE AT SWIMMING WA**

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of the many volunteers around Australia. From 21–27 May 2018, thousands of events were held across the country to say thank you to the six million Australians who volunteer their time.

The theme for 2018 is Give a little. Change a lot, which represents the millions of volunteers who make a significant impact in their communities and on society, by giving a little of their time.

Swimming WA recognises that volunteers are a vitally important part of our sport. Whether it be pushing the stop watch button weekly at club nights, organising club uniforms, creating, setting up and packing down swim meets, coaching, driving kids to training or cooking the BBQ at club meets, these roles contribute to the sport of swimming.

Swimming WA created a programme to promote and reward their hard working volunteers. During the period October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, Swimming WA asked for nominations for a Volunteer of the Month to be awarded each month.

The monthly winners were chosen by the Swimming WA Honours and Awards Committee, and these winners are put forward to be the Volunteer of the Year, as part of the 2018 Westpac Swimmer of the Year Awards.

These awards will be on Saturday 26 May 2018 and the winner will be announced. The winner will then be nominated for Swimming Australia’s Local Legend of the Year award and receive return flights for two, one night’s accommodation and two tickets to attend the Swimming Australia 2018 Gala Dinner where the Swimming Australia Local Legend of the Year award will be announced.

The three volunteers vying for the 2018 Westpac Swimmer of the Year Award are:

Shirley Godfrey	St Hildas Swimming Club
Luke Jackson	Moora Swimming Club
Julia Roberts	Kambalda Swimming Club

Best of the luck to these wonderful volunteers.

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