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CAMP KULIN MANAGER NAMED AS TELSTRA BUSINESS WOMEN'S AWARDS FINALIST

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Camp Kulin Manager Tanya Dupagne has been named as a finalist for the 2015 Telstra Business Women's Awards in the Government and Academia Category.

In their 21st year, the Telstra Business Women's Awards celebrate women who have the courage to start their own business and lead their industries, and offer them a platform to encourage others to challenge the status quo and think differently.

Ms Dupagne founded the Camp Kulin program in 2013, and it has grown rapidly since this time. The program now has four full time staff and over 100 regular volunteers. It provides general camp programs open to any child in WA, local programming for children living in the Wheatbelt, school camps and excursions and the highly recognised scholarship camp program, which works with children who have been affected by childhood trauma. Families now travel up to 10 hours each way for their children to access the Camp Kulin program.

"I am very honoured and very surprised to be selected as a finalist for this year's Telstra Business Women's Awards," Ms Dupagne said. "The awards are a fantastic way to recognise the amazing work being done by women in all sectors of business, and a great way for us to spread the word about Camp Kulin to the rest of Australia."

Ms Dupagne was awarded the prestigious Department for Child Protection Churchill Fellowship by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust in 2012 to travel to America to research programs aimed at stopping the generational cycle of domestic violence. Since this time she has been working on ways to break destructive generational cycles, as well as raising awareness of issues such as youth suicide, childhood depression and trauma associated with the refugee experience.

Prior to her role with Camp Kulin, she spent 10 years running programs for at risk children in America, South Africa and Australia, and then went on to become CEO of The Global Good Foundation, working with children affected by domestic violence. She was the youngest Councillor elected to the City of Kwinana Council in 2009.

Ms Dupagne was named as one of Australia's 100 most influential women by the Australian Financial Review and Westpac, and also became the first individual to ever win the Constable Care Child Safety Award of the Year as the person or organisation making the biggest contribution to child safety in Western Australia.

The Telstra Business Women's Awards cap off a big 12 months for the Camp Kulin program, which was named as the winner of the Multicultural Australia: Strength in Diversity Category of the National Awards for Local Government in June and also won the Strengthening Families and Communities Category of the Premiers Awards for Public Sector Excellence.

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