



## MEDIA RELEASE

### KULIN WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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The Shire of Kulin was recognised as one of the top councils in the country for its Camp Kulin program this week, becoming the only WA local government to take out a category win at the 2015 National Awards for Local Government.

Out of all the local governments in Australia, the Shire was announced as the winner of the Multicultural Australia: Strength in Diversity category of the awards, presented at Parliament House in Canberra.

The awards celebrate local government projects that demonstrate leading practice, deliver better outcomes for communities, have the potential to be rolled out across the country and make a meaningful difference.

Camp Kulin Manager Tanya Dupagne said the Shire was honoured to be selected amongst this year's winners.

"Camp Kulin was by far the smallest project of all the winners, with some of the other entrants in our category having 120 times the population that Kulin has. To be awarded as the winner against such large scale projects is a huge achievement for us, and something we never thought would be possible 2 years ago when we started the program," she said.

The award caps off a big 12 months for Camp Kulin, who have won many awards for the program including the Premiers Award for Excellence in Public Sector Management and the Constable Care Child Safety Awards. Camp Kulin Manager Tanya Dupagne was named as one of Australia's 100 most influential women by the Australian Financial Review and Westpac, and camp counsellor Brittany Smeed received the Helen Handbury Leadership Award selected from all year 12 students in Australia.

Camp Kulin is expecting further rapid growth over the next year, following the announcement of funding from the State Government's Royalties for Regions fund to expand the program.

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