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Local heroes recognised on Australia Day

Phil Leach and the Broome Netball Association have been recognised as Broome's Community Citizens of the Year for 2018 during Australia Day celebrations.

Deputy Broome Shire President, Desiree Male, presented the accolades at the town's annual community breakfast, assisted by Australia Day Ambassador and former WA Young Australian of the Year, Clinton Heal.

Twenty-five new Australians were also welcomed by the Shire of Broome and Yawuru Traditional Owners at a Citizenship Ceremony during the event at Town Beach.

"The Community Citizen of the Year Awards acknowledge and reward people and groups for their contributions to community life," Cr Male said.

"Our Community Citizen of the Year, Phil Leach, has served with the Broome Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service for the past 15 years, including roles as Treasurer, Lieutenant and the past five years as Captain.

"Phil leads a capable team of dedicated firefighters who keep our Broome community safe, along with training and developing many new volunteers."

Cr Male said that with more than 500 members for the first time in its history, the Broome Netball Association was making a significant contribution to participation and physical activity in our community.

"The Association provides an example of professionalism for our town's many other clubs and community groups, with a highly successful local competition, representative teams doing Broome proud, and senior and junior members being trained and accredited in coaching and umpiring.

"We congratulate Phil Leach and the Broome Netball Association for exemplifying community spirit."

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