



# EARLY YEARS NETWORK NEWS

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## 2017 WA Child Safety Awards

The WA Child Safety Awards is an independent awards programme created by the Constable Care Child Safety Foundation to celebrate remarkable Western Australians who are dedicated to protecting children and young people from harm and building safe communities.

This year, the WA Commissioner for Children and Young People will support the initiative by sponsoring a new award category, **Commissioner for Children and Young People's Award**, which recognises an organisation or programme which has improved the safety of children and young people by applying the domains and practices outlined in the Commissioner's Child Safe Organisations WA resources.



The criteria include:

1. Provide an overview of the organisation's approach to the implementation of child safe strategies and practices.
2. Describe the organisation's continuous improvement activities including how you know your strategies are working.
3. Give examples of how child safety is embedded in the organisation's leadership, governance and culture.
4. Explain how children and young people, as well as families and communities, were involved and empowered in establishing this approach.
5. Outline how all children and young people involved with the organisation are supported to know it is their right to feel safe and be safe, and to know who to talk to if something is worrying them.

Other award categories recognise the work and programmes of individuals, community programmes, government organisations and educators. Prizes of \$1000 will be provided to each of the individual award category winners, with an additional prize of \$2000 to be awarded to the recipient of the WA Child Safety Award of the Year. The nomination period is now open and closes at 5pm on 12 May 2017. [Click here](#) for more information.

## DSR KidSport Programme

The Department of Sport and Recreation's (DSR) KidSport programme enables eligible 5 to 18 year olds to participate in sport and recreation with up to \$200 towards their registration fees. They must have a Health Care Card and be living in the City of Karratha (or any other Pilbara local government area). Those interested can:

- Contact their local club to see if they are a KidSport Club, or check the list of registered clubs by [clicking here](#).
- Go online for more information and to complete the electronic application form by [clicking here](#)
- [Click here](#) to obtain a hard copy form which can be submitted to their local government (Karratha Leisureplex or Wickham Recreation Centre in the City of Karratha)

Families who do not have a health care card may still be eligible and should call (08) 9492 9911 to access a Financial Assessor to assist.