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COMMUNITY ASSISTED TRANSPORT SERVICE WINS MAJOR AWARD

Community Assisted Transport Service has won the inaugural Rinehart Family Volunteering Award in the **2011 Regional Achievement and Community Awards**. **Community Assisted Transport Service** won the Award from a strong field of nominees announced on Friday night 11th November at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

400 guests attended the Gala event including Politicians, Mayors, Shire Presidents, sponsors and finalists, to celebrate the wonderful achievements of many of regional and rural Western Australia's highest achievers and community groups.

Community Assisted Transport Service representatives were presented with their Award by Ailan Tran, Executive Adviser External Affairs and Approvals, Hancock Prospecting. Host for the evening was WIN Television Newsreader, Matt Tinney and official guest was Awards Patron, the Hon Brendon Grylls MP, Minister for Regional Development.

Winners each received a \$2,000 Bank Account from Commonwealth Bank and a trophy. Record nominations and a record attendance at the Award ceremony culminated another tremendously successful year for the Awards. The ten category winners are:

- **AUSTRALIAN ECO CONSTRUCTIONS of Broome** - RSM Bird Cameron Business Enterprise Award
- **MAGABALA BOOKS of Broome** - Department of Indigenous Affairs Indigenous Service Award
- **COMMUNITY ASSISTED TRANSPORT SERVICE** - Rinehart Family Volunteering Award
- **GAVIN TREASURE of Morawa** - Horizon Power Leadership and Innovation Award
- **SHIRE OF ASHBURTON - ONSLOW GARDEN PROJECT** – Department of Local Government – Local Government Best Practice Award
- **AVON VALLEY ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY IN** - CSBP Environment Award
- **KALGOORLIE-BOULDER URBAN LANDCARE GROUP** - LandCorp Sustainability Award
- **ATHENA HAIN-SAUNDERS of Bunbury** - Curtin University Teaching Excellence Award
- **GOLDFIELDS AGED PENSIONERS WELFARE ASSOCIATION INC** - Prime Super Community Group of the Year Award

AUSTRALIAN ECO CONSTRUCTIONS of Broome was also named the overall State winner: The Department of Regional Development and Lands Regional Achievement and Community Award winner.

COMMUNITY ASSISTED TRANSPORT SERVICES of Narrogin has been operating since 2007. Volunteer drivers transport patients who lack transportation to out of town non emergency medical doctors and specialist appointments. The vehicle transports patients four days a week and is operated and coordinated by volunteers of the Narrogin and District Senior Citizens Centre. Starting with 32 trips in 2007, the vehicle completed 81 trips in the first 6 months of 2011.

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