Volunteers who make a difference

by Marie McDonald

TWO Shoalwater Islands volunteers, Eggy Boggs and Hillary Merrifield were rewarded recently for their dedicated services by the Volunteer Centre of WA.

Each received a 'Difference Award', which is given to those volunteers who have made a positive contribution to the community, to the extent that they have 'made a difference.'

Eggy Boggs was nominated by CALM's Shoalwater Islands Volunteers for her services to the group. She has co-ordinated the rosters on Penguin Island for nearly four years.

Her award reads: "Eggy is always cheerful and enthusiastic in her eager participation in all group activities. Eggy's long term preparation of the roster for the Shoalwater Islands volunteer group has been achieved with unfailing patience, good humour and courtesy to others. Her efforts are very much appreciated by CALM ranger-in-charge Terry Goodlich and everyone involved in the group."

Hillary Merrifield, also a keen member of CALM's Shoalwater Islands Volunteers since its inception in 1991, was nominated by the Friends of Shoalwater Islands Marine Park. Her award reads:

"Since the inception of the environmental group, The Friends of Shoalwater Islands Marine Park, Hillary Merrifield has been extremely generous in her support.

She has willingly served admirably and reliably on the committee in a variety of roles and assisted wherever possible. Hillary shares her great knowledge of marine biology and experience of environmental subjects. She is unstinting in her energetic involvement and impresses many with her enthusiasm."

CALM staff at Swan Region would like to congratulate Eggy and Hillary on receiving their Difference Awards, and look forward to continuing a long and fulfilling association with these dedicated volunteers.

Volunteers who make a difference Hillary Merrifield, left, with Eggy Boggs. (See story on page 2.) Photo by Neil Mulligan courtesy *The Bay Weekly*