

Becoming a role model and inspiration to her family, youth and community members, and encouraging them to pursue their dreams and career pathways, is a goal that Cynthia Nelly is already well and truly on her way to achieving.

Her dedication and drive saw her being awarded the inaugural Nudge Clerical Trainee of the Year.

Nudge is a for-purpose charity focusing on getting young people into jobs and training opportunities. It is committed to empowering business through community employment. The awards, launched last year, acknowledge and recognise the contribution across sectors and industries of trainees and organisations in their commitment to training.

A proud young Aboriginal Yamaji woman, Cynthia won the award from a field of 33 clerical trainees state-wide. She has quickly become a respected member of the Mid West – Gascoyne Geraldton office receiving praise from her co-workers for the hard work she has put in throughout the year, both in her formal traineeship requirements and in her work environment.

She recently completed her Certificate III in Business with Registered Training Organisation, Trainwest and will continue on to the Certificate IV in Business and take advantage of the many opportunities Main Roads has to offer. She says this will help to increase and enhance her knowledge and skills, to gain more personal and professional development and help build her career pathway.

Speaking from personal experience, Cynthia says advantages and opportunities that are offered to youth though traineeships from organisations such as Main Roads can lead to many positive impacts. She sees these opportunities through training, employment and upskilling as vital to achieving great outcomes. Not only are there benefits for employers but the flow-on effect for trainees, their families and communities from taking on full-time roles is immeasurable.