

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Report Title: 2022 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards
Item No: 8.1
Date of Meeting: 14 December 2021
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Attachments: Nominations
Weblike: [Citizen of the Year Awards](#)

Officer Direct or Indirect Conflict of Interest:
In accordance with Section 120 of the Local Government Act

Status:
Information classified confidential under Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act

Yes

No

Yes

No

Confidentiality Clause to move into confidence:

That pursuant to section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that persons present with the exception of the Acting Chief Executive Officer/Manager Administrative & Community Services Jacqui Kelleher, Manager Infrastructure & Regulatory Services Brenton Daw, Acting Corporate Services Manager Donna Anderson and Senior Administration Officer Kathryn Crisp, be excluded from the meeting as Council considers that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in circumstances where the Council will receive and consider a report relating to the personal affairs of any person (living or dead) being a report associated with consideration of Australia Day Citizen of the year Award nominations containing details pertaining to personal qualities, attributes and employment.

Confidentiality Clause to keep a matter in confidence:

That in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999, Council orders that this report (Agenda item 8.1 – 2022 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards), the appendices to this report and the discussion and minutes pertaining to this item having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Act, be kept confidential and not available for public inspection on the basis that it deals with information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead). This order is to remain in force until Award recipients are notified and have indicated their verbal acceptance to receive the award.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Citizen of the Year Awards are administered by the Australia Day Council of South Australia and participating local Councils. The Citizen of the Year Awards reward and recognise individuals and organisations that have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year, and/or given an outstanding service over a number of years, to a local community over and above normal employment duties. Outstanding contribution and community service includes areas such as education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sport, arts, environment and or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of a community.

The purpose of this report is to provide for review, the nominations received following Council's call for nominations in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Active Citizenship

This year's process did not include a call for nominations for "Junior Citizen of the Year" (ie under 17 years). It is noted that the 2016-2020 calls for nominations for this category resulted in no nominations being received. The Administration sought engagement with local school principals this year as to appetite for nominations in this category, with no interest being received.

Council must now consider the nominations received and determine recipients of same. In assessing the nominations, members should have regard to the considerations dot pointed in the table below. Copies of the nomination forms received are attached to this report.

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| <p>Citizen of the Year Someone making an extraordinary contribution to the community and may recognise outstanding service over a number of years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant association with the Council area, through long term residency or other continuous involvement • A commitment to the district/community over a considerable and/or continuous period of time. • Demonstrated leadership on a community issue resulting in the enhancement of community life. • An inspirational role model in the Council District, positive and inspiring personal attributes, showing qualities such as versatility, flexibility and dedication/commitment. • Personal effort that has made a lasting and significant difference in the area. • An exceptional or extraordinary history of achievement within the community. • the benefit to the community from the nominee's service or contribution • other outstanding achievements by the nominee • other recognition of the nominee's contribution or work, including publicity • whether the nominee worked as part of a team and their role within the team • whether the nominee has had assistance from council, government or other grants • whether the nominee has had to overcome any particular difficulties or hurdles • who has benefited most from the work of the nominee | <p>Community Event of the Year Person/group who has staged the most outstanding event in their community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the quality of the event • the scope of impact the event has on the local government area • the event's contribution to the community |
| <p>Nominations received (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greg PECH - Paula HANISCH - Emma WATERS | <p>Nominations received (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Booloroo Centre Sheep Races 2021 - Melrose Tennis Club Easter Tennis Tournament |

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receives and notes the report;
2. determines :
 - a) _____ be awarded the 2022 Citizen of the Year Award;
 - b) _____ be awarded the 2022 Community Event of the Year,
and
3. endorses the Mayor formally advising the award recipients accordingly in order to seek verbal acceptance of the award for presentation at Council's relevant Australia Day event.

3. RELEVANT CORE STRATEGIES/POLICIES

DCMR Community Plan 2021-2031:

- 1.1 Foster a sense of pride, community participation and civic contribution
- 1.2 Promote inclusiveness
- 1.5 Foster civic leadership
- 6.1 Demonstrate Community Leadership

4. BACKGROUND

Each year the District Council of Mount Remarkable invites nominations from citizens, community groups and organisations for the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards. Nominations are submitted on line via the Australia Day Council of South Australia website and directly to Council (ie by email/hard copy).

Through its membership of the Australia Day Council of South Australia, Council will forward the details of its award recipients to the Australia Day Council to go in the running for the State Awards which are presented by the Governor of South Australia.

6. DISCUSSION

Council's call for nominations for the 2022 Awards opened 1 October 2021 and closed 24 November 2021. At the close of nominations a total of five nominations were received:

- Citizen of the Year (3 nominations)
- Community Event of the year (2 nominations)

Nominations were promoted and invited through advertisements on Council's website, newsletter, Facebook page and via local newspaper, radio station and community notice boards.

Council has traditionally considered nominations annually at its December meeting to enable appropriate time for recipients to be notified of the award and to allow recipients to ensure holiday plans accommodate availability for presentation of the award on Australia Day in January 2022.

Council's Award presentation events are traditionally held in the home town of the award recipients and are promoted via Council's website and social media platforms.

7. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

Option 1:

That Council:

1. receives and notes the report;
2. determines :
 - a) _____ be awarded the 2022 Citizen of the Year Award;
 - b) _____ be awarded the 2022 Community Event of the Year,
and
3. endorses the Mayor formally advising the award recipients accordingly in order to seek verbal acceptance of the award which will be presented at Council's Australia Day event.

Option 2:

Whist not recommended in this particular instance, Council may determine that no nominee is suitable for an award in any category. This is a matter for Council.

8. RECOMMENDED OPTION

Option 1 is the recommended option.

9. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Financial/Budget

Nil.

9.2 Legislative/Risk Management

Appropriate COVID-19 plan at presentation event.

9.3 Staffing/Work Plans

Nil.

9.4 Environmental/Social/Economic

Nil.

9.5 Stakeholder Engagement

Nil.

10. REPORT CONSULTATION

Discussions were held with the Chief Executive Officer.

11. REPORT AUTHORISERS

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| Sam Johnson | Chief Executive Officer |
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