

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Report Title: 2023 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards – consideration of nominations received

Item No: 8.1

Date of Meeting: 13 December 2022

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Attachments: 1. Citizen of the Year – Mr Ken WALTER
2. Junior Citizen of the Year – Ms Sienna LINES

Weblink: [Citizen of the Year Awards](#)

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

Yes No

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

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 Sam Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Brenton Daw, Director Infrastructure & Regulatory and Kathryn Crisp, Executive Assistant 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/or 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 – 2023 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 copies of the nominations received following Council's call for nominations in the following categories:

- **Citizen of the Year Award**
This is presented to someone making an extraordinary contribution to the community and may recognise outstanding service over a number of years. To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen
- **Young Citizen of the Year Award**
This is presented to a young person who is making a real difference in their community potentially over multiple years. To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen aged over 16 years and under 30 years of age on 26 January 2023.
- **Junior Citizen of the Year** (this is a Council specific category not included in the Australia Day Council Award process) This is presented to a young person who is making a real difference in their community. To be eligible the person must be an Australian Citizen aged 16 years or under as at 26 January 2023.
- **Community Event of the Year**
This is presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year. To be eligible, the person or group must be an Australian Citizen
- **Active Citizenship**
This is presented to a person or Group delivering outstanding work on an event or project for the community during the past calendar year. The person or group need not be an Australian Citizen.

At the close of nominations, the following nominations were received:

- Citizen of the Year (Mr Ken WALTER of Melrose)
- Junior Citizen of the Year (Ms Sienna LINES of Wilmington)

Council must now consider the nominations received and formally determine recipients of same. Copies of the nominations are attached to this report at Attachment 1 and Attachment 2.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receives and notes the report;
2. determines :
 - a) Mr Ken WALTER be awarded the 2023 Citizen of the Year Award;
 - b) Ms Sienna LINES be awarded the 2023 Junior Citizen of the Year, and
3. endorses for the Administration to formally advise the award recipients accordingly in order to seek verbal acceptance from recipients of the awards for presentation at Council's 2023 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 (excepting the Junior Citizen of the Year Award category which is a process specific to DCMR whereby nominations are sent directly to the Council).

Through its annual subscription membership of the Australia Day Council of South Australia, Council will forward the details of its 2023 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.

5. DISCUSSION

Council's call for nominations for the 2023 Awards opened 27 September 2022 and closed 18 November 2022. At the close of nominations a total of two (2) nominations were received in the following categories:

Citizen of the Year	(1 nomination)
Junior Citizen of the Year	(1 nomination)

The nominators in both nominations have declared that the nominees meet the criteria requirements as outlined in the nomination process.

The call for nominations was promoted and invited through advertisements on Council's website, newsletter, Facebook page, local newspaper and community notice boards. The Administration undertook several follow up reminders via email regarding the closing date for nominations.

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 held on Australia Day.

Council's Award presentations are made by the Mayor in the home town of the Citizen of the Year award recipient and the event is attended by Councillors and community members. The Awards event is promoted via Council's website and social media platforms.

6. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

Option 1:

That Council:

1. receives and notes the report;

2. determines that Mr Ken WALTER of Melrose be awarded the 2023 Citizen of the Year Award and Ms Sienna LINES of Wilmington be awarded the 2023 Junior Citizen of the Year, and
3. endorses for the Administration to formally advise the award recipients accordingly in order to seek verbal acceptance from recipients of the awards for presentation at Council's 2023 Australia Day event.

This option enables Council to acknowledge the nominees.

Option 2:

That Council receives and notes the report.

This option should only be preferred if the Council considers that the nominations submitted do not warrant for awards to be presented.

7. RECOMMENDED OPTION

Option 1 is the recommended option.

8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Financial/Budget

Nil.

8.2 Legislative/Risk Management

Nil.

8.3 Staffing/Work Plans

Nil.

8.4 Environmental/Social/Economic

Nil.

8.5 Stakeholder Engagement

Nil.

9. REPORT CONSULTATION

Discussions were held with the Chief Executive Officer.

11. REPORT AUTHORISERS

Sam Johnson	Chief Executive Officer
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