

ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 9 December 2014
CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM

Item: 18.1

Originating Officer: David Waters, Director Community & Customer Service

Responsible Director: David Waters, Director Community & Customer Service

Subject: Australia Day Awards 2015

File No: 02.85.2

SMP Goal: Goal 1: Healthy, Safe & Connected Community

SMP Key Issue: 1.3: Community Participation, Partnership & Support

1. Australia Day Awards – Exclusion of the Public

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Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999, an order be made that the public, with the exception of appropriate Council staff:

- CEO, Andrew Aitken**
- Director Engineering & Assets, Deb Richardson**
- Director Strategy & Development, Marc Salver**
- Director Corporate Services, Tim Piper**
- Director Community & Customer Service, David Waters**
- Manager Governance & Risk, Lachlan Miller**
- Minute Secretary, Pam Williams**

be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to receive, discuss or consider in confidence any information or matter relating to Section 90(3):

- (a) Information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead);**

2. Australia Day Awards – Confidential Item

2.1 SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to:

1. advise the Council of nominations for the 2015 Australia Day Awards
2. advise the Council of the recommendations made by the Australia Day Working Group
3. enable the Council to confer the applicable awards

The recommendations of the Working Group will be provided at the meeting.

2.2 GOVERNANCE

➤ Strategic Management Plan

Not applicable.

➤ Legislation

Not applicable.

➤ Sustainability

- Economic
- Social
- Environmental
- Governance

Conferring awards such as these creates a sense of civic pride in personal and group achievement. It encourages others to take similar steps in provided self-less community service.

➤ Budget

Not applicable.

➤ Consultation

Not applicable.

2.3 BACKGROUND

Local Australia Day Awards are conferred by local Councils as part of the national awards scheme co-ordinated by the National Australia Day Council and local branches.

The Awards recognise outstanding voluntary contributions to the community by local Australians. The Adelaide Hills Council confers the following awards each year on Australia Day:

- Citizen of the Year (1)
- Young Citizen of the Year (1)
- Community Event or Group of the Year (1)
- Civic Award (as many as determined by the Council)

The Citizen and Young Citizen (under 25) of the Year Awards recognise outstanding individual achievements and contributions to the community, while the Event or Group Award recognises collaborative accomplishments.

The Civic Award category provides the Council with an opportunity to recognise individuals or groups who may not be given one of the major awards, but who are considered to warrant recognition nonetheless. The Council has discretion as to how many Civic Awards are conferred and it has typically awarded a number each year.

2.4 DISCUSSION

Nominations for the Awards were sought through advertisements placed in the local press, on the Council's website and through local media. Nominations for the 2015 Awards closed on 30 November 2014.

An Australia Day Working Party comprising Crs Nelson, Herrmann, Hall, Daniell and Loveday considered the nominations, assisted by the Council's Events Co-ordinator.

A summary of the nominations is provided in Appendix 1.

The Australia Day Working Party will report on its recommendations for each of the three major awards and the Civic Awards at the Council meeting.

In conferring the Awards, the Council should consider the following award criteria:

- Individual recipients must be Australian Citizens and reside within the district
- The Young Citizen of the Year must be under 25 on Australia Day
- Outstanding personal achievement and/or significant voluntary contribution must be evident

The major awards will be presented by the Mayor or the Mayor's representative at the most appropriate one of the Council's four Australia Day Events for each recipient. The Civic Awards will likewise be presented at the event closest to each person's place of residence or group location.

2.4A OPTIONS

The Council must determine which individuals and/or groups, if any, should receive local Australia Day Awards. The Council is not obliged to confer each award and to preserve the integrity of the awards, it should only do so where genuine merit has been established.

The Australia Day Working Party was formed to allow representatives of the Council to take the time to properly consider each nomination and establish worthy award recipients. Its recommendations should therefore be highly considered.

2.5 RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Council confer the 2015 Australia Day Local Citizen of the Year Award on _____ .**
- 2. That the Council confer the 2015 Australia Day Young Local Citizen of the Year Award on _____ .**
- 3. That the Council confer the 2015 Australia Day Local Group/Event of the Year Award on _____ .**
- 4. That Civic Awards be presented to (insert).**

2.6 APPENDIX

- (1) Nominations for Australia Day Awards

3. Australia Day Awards – Period of Confidentiality

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That having considered this matter in confidence under section 90(2) and 90 (3) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, orders that the documents, reports and minutes pertaining to this matter, including discussions and considerations, be retained in confidence until 26 January 2015, pursuant to section 91(9).

That, pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to release documents at the conclusion of the period of confidentiality.

Appendix 1

Nominations for Australia Day Awards

