

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 7 December 2016
CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

Item: 5.1

Originating Officer: Ebony Priest, Communications and Events Officer

Responsible Director: David Waters, Director Community and Customer Service

Subject: Australia Day Awards 2017

For: Decision

1. Australia Day Awards 2017 – Exclusion of the Public

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except:

- CEO, Andrew Aitken
- Director Engineering & Assets, Peter Bice
- Director Strategy & Development, Marc Salver
- Director Corporate Services, Terry Crackett
- Director Community & Customer Service, David Waters
- Executive Manager Governance & Risk, Lachlan Miller
- Communications & Events Officer, Ebony Priest
- Minute Secretary, Pam Williams

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 5.1 (Australia Day Awards 2017) in confidence.

The Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public, with the exception of Council staff in attendance as specified in (a) above, be excluded to enable Council to consider the report at the meeting on the following grounds:

Section 90(3) (a) of the Local Government Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead), the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to publicise the personal affairs of the Australia Day Award nominees, in that details of their nominations will be discussed.

Accordingly, on this basis the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information and discussion confidential.

2. Australia Day Awards 2017 – Confidential Item

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to:

- Advise Council of nominations for the 2017 Australia Day Awards
- Advise Council of the recommendations made by the Australia Day Awards Panel
- Enable Council to confer the applicable awards

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolves:

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
- 2. That Council confer the 2017 Citizen of the Year Award on Kim Jordan, Lobethal**
- 3. That Council confer the 2017 Young Citizen of the Year Award on Nicole Weidenhofer, Charleston**
- 4. That Council confer the 2017 Community Event of the Year Award on Uraidla & Summertown Country Show**
- 5. That Civic Awards (x 9) be presented to:**
 - a. Kenneth Craig, Mt Torrens**
 - b. David Little, Stirling**
 - c. Elise Carmen, Piccadilly**
 - d. Michelle Golding, Bridgewater**
 - e. Trevor Mueller, Birdwood**
 - f. Barbara Shepherd, Scott Creek**
 - g. Stephen Collins, Gumeracha**
 - h. John Rogers, Cherryville**
 - i. Inez Johnson, Bridgewater**

1. GOVERNANCE

➤ Strategic Management Plan

Goal 2 Strategy	Activities and opportunities to connect We recognise diversity in the community is one of our greatest strengths and we will support and promote opportunities for social inclusion.
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The annual awards presented on Australia Day are an opportunity for Council to recognise and celebrate members of the Adelaide Hills community who contribute to its success and inclusiveness.

➤ **Legal Implications**

Not applicable

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

The recognition of community achievements through the Australia Day Awards program will assist in mitigating the risk of:

Failure to provide for the wellbeing and interests of the community (through an outlet for formal recognition of community leaders) leading to negative attitudes towards Council in the community, disengaged community members and possible reduction in volunteerism

Inherent Risk	Residual Risk	Target Risk
Extreme (4A)	High (3B)	Low (3E)

Whereby the inherent risk takes into consideration no awards given, the residual risk considers Council support of community-led awards, and the target risk is whereby Council presents awards to the community as per existing arrangements.

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

Australia Day Awards are supported by the Australia Day Council of South Australia (ADCSA). Financial and human resources surrounding the events to support these awards are included in the operating budget.

➤ **Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications**

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

➤ **Environmental Implications**

Not applicable

➤ **Engagement/Consultation with Committee, Regional Subsidiary, Advisory Group and Community**

Recommendations for award recipients are provided by the Australia Day Awards Panel.

2. BACKGROUND

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

The Awards recognise outstanding contributions to the community by local Australians. The Adelaide Hills Council has chosen to confer the following awards on Australia Day:

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

The Citizen and Young Citizen (under 30) of the Year Awards recognise outstanding individual achievements and contributions to the community, while the Community Event of the Year Award recognises collaborative accomplishments.

The Civic Award category provides Council with opportunities 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.

3. ANALYSIS

Nominations for the Awards were sought through advertisements placed in the local press, on the Council's website, and through local media. The National Australia Day Council also promoted the scheme. Nominations for the 2017 Awards closed on 18 November 2016.

The Australia Day Awards Advisory Panel, comprising Crs Bailey, Kemp, Wisdom, Green and Hall, considered the nominations against criteria, assisted by the Council's Communications and Events Officer and the Director Community & Customer Service.

A summary of the nominations is provided in Appendix 1.

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

- Individual recipients must be Australian Citizens and their contributions should affect the Adelaide Hills Council district (they do not have to reside in the district)
- The Young Citizen of the Year must be under 30 years of age on Australia Day
- Outstanding contribution to the community, and inspirational achievements must be evident

The three major awards will be presented by the Mayor at the Council's Australia Day Event, as well as being acknowledged at each of the community events around the district, which the recipients may also attend. The Civic Awards will be presented by a Council Member at the Australia Day community events around the district in accordance with the recipient's preferred location.

Recipients of the three major awards will be forwarded to the Australia Day Council of South Australia for consideration in the State Awards, presented by the Governor of South Australia.

4. OPTIONS

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

The Australia Day Awards Advisory Panel 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 strongly considered.

5. APPENDIX

(1) Nominations for Australia Day Awards 2017

Appendix 1

Nominations for Australia Day Awards 2017

Category	Nominee name	Reason for nomination
Community Event	Adelaide Hills Emergency Alert	<p>This extraordinary group, administered by a handful of volunteers, crowdsources information during emergencies, including bushfire and flood. It has provided the most up to date information for hills dwellers in particular about hazards such as road closures, flooding and trees down or, in the case of fire, wind direction and present dangers. It is far more current than any government administered website.</p> <p>This has made an extraordinary difference to the community, both in keeping people safer and in bringing people together to recognise that we are all in this together and it is our responsibility to look out for one another.</p>
Community Event	Uraidla Show	<p>February 20th saw the biggest Uraidla Show in a decade, with over 5000 people through the gates of the Showgrounds to experience an event which pulled the whole community together. The 2016 Uraidla and Summertown Country Show was an action packed fun day out for the whole family. Featuring a full day of entertainment, family activities, rides, market stalls, exhibits, competitions, delicious food and some of the best wine from the Adelaide Hills region. There was something for every member of the family. Ending in a night of music featuring local artists, it finished with a bang when a spectacular fireworks display lit up the sky!</p>
Citizen of the Year	Chelsea Lewis	<p>Chelsea has played a pioneering role in South Australia to create a space for young women to voice their concerns. In doing so she has enabled the active participation of young women in various aspects of our community. By creating opportunities for them to demonstrate their leadership Chelsea has created a platform for these young women to carry forward the work to achieve women's equality.</p> <p>Chelsea is widely acknowledged for her work with young women through the YWCA. In order to give young women a voice, in 2012 she established the South Australian YWCA Adelaide She Speaks Survey of girls and young women aged 15 – 30. This survey has gone on to be supported by several Australian YWCAs and became the nation's largest young women's leadership survey in 2014.</p> <p>To raise awareness of the Gender Pay Gap, Chelsea used her creative skills to create and manage the 'Equal Pay Day Handbag Auction' as a key fundraising activity for YWCA Adelaide on Equal Pay Day 2014. The auction featured 65 donated handbags denoting the number of extra days women have to work to reach equal pay with their male peers. The auction was supported with handbags being donated by women such as Julia Gillard, Quentin Bryce, Ellyse Perry and Nova Peris.</p> <p>To highlight the need for men to take responsibility in addressing violence against women, in 2014- 15 Chelsea created the Rise Above the Pack campaign. The community safety campaign raised awareness of men's role in creating safe public spaces and men such as the Premier of South Australia and the Lord Mayor participated in the associated poster series. Chelsea regularly goes above and beyond her work to ensure women's voices are heard. She continues to inspire young women to find their voices and build their capacity to achieve greater equality for all women.</p>

Category	Nominee name	Reason for nomination
<p>Citizen of the Year Young Citizen of the Year</p>	<p>Nicole Weidenhofer</p>	<p>Nicole is truly an AMAZ ING young woman, Not only does she have her full time 9- 5 job but is also an integral part of the community in Lobethal. As part of the CFS for many years she has helped in all the major fires in the state.</p> <p>With these two roles combined you would think that it would take up all of her time, but she also still finds time to work for SA Ambulances, and sometimes working 3 shifts in a row. She is a real life guardian angel in SA. She has also fundraised for the CFS and volunteers for any role that makes a difference in the community. No need to look any further when wanting to look for inspiration.</p> <p>No one else works so hard in so many roles at her age, just so she can make a difference and keep her community safe. A true role model for all ages and I challenge you to find someone more deserving - she sacrifices so much of her personal time for the betterment of others</p>
<p>Citizen of the Year Civic Award</p>	<p>Kenneth John Craig</p>	<p>Ken has lived at Mount Torrens for the past seven (7) years. Appointed Chairman of the Mount Torrens Centennial Park in August 2015, a position he still holds, prior to which he was Treasurer for four (4) years. During this time, Ken has been the leader in restoring the kitchen of the Park pavilion, and headed a fund raising effort to raise some \$35,000 to complete the functionality and safety aspects of the kitchen. In addition, he plays a leading role in the conduct of monthly Friday night dinners, which attract up to 80 local community members and builds community spirit.</p> <p>Fire Fighter and member of the Mount Torrens CFS 2010 -2015 and currently Brigade Administration Coordinator. Member of the Upper Torrens Land Management Project Steering Committee and Chairman of the Technical Steering Committee overseeing the technical establishment and progress of a \$1.5m grant from the Federal Government Biodiversity Fund, the objective of which is to regenerate and restore 400 hectares of degraded land in the upper reaches of the River Torrens Catchment (commonly known as the Grassy Groundcover Restoration Project). Ken has provided a portion of his own land for use as plant and seed propagation for native red leg grass.</p> <p>A Justice of the Peace since 1987.</p>
<p>Citizen of the Year</p>	<p>Brett Partington</p>	<p>Brett Partington is a dynamic and inspirational person that is making a big difference in the area of Dementia and in particular Alzheimer’s Disease. Dementia is the 2nd biggest cause of death to Australians and is escalating at an alarming rate.</p> <p>Dementia is different to other medical conditions in that people lose the ability to communicate and function, and as their brain declines they no longer have insight and require a special type of care like no other. Dementia has a massive stigma and the people who are impacted the most (the families) do not have the knowledge or supports to cope with our most vulnerable members of our community.</p> <p>This is where Brett comes in. He has identified an area in need and jumped in there with everything he has got to make a massive difference to thousands of families across Australia. He has done it with so much passion (without a template), concerning a medical condition he knew absolutely nothing about. He did this under extreme pressure, and all as a VOLUNTEER whilst running a national award winning fashion business (Sydney Street) at the same time.</p> <p>Brett has also become a family carer for his dad (Bob) who is in the final stages of Alzheimer’s Disease and they have a very unique story that has involved extreme hardship requiring a level of commitment and loyalty that highlights the passion and values the entire Partington family possess.</p>

Category	Nominee name	Reason for nomination
Civic Award	David Little	<p>David currently holds the position of Vice President of the Mylor Oval Committee, and has been a very active working member of the above committee for 40 years, both personally and with his Earthmoving Business equipment, saving the Oval and Council thousands of dollars. He cooks a mean BBQ at fundraisers, and is always a willing participant and helper. In recent months he has worked significantly, and supported the establishment of the Archery SA home base at Mylor Oval. He is also President of the Mylor Cricket Club and has been a player for 39 years. In his younger days he served 2 years for the South Australian Cricket Umpires Association. He is available to the CFS with his water tanker, throughout the district, during the Bushfire season, and saved a man in the Ash Wednesday bushfire. As a member of the Mount Lofty SA Chamber of Commerce he helped the National Trust voluntarily as a Committee Member at Stangate House. His ongoing voluntary support year in and year out helping to maintain the Mylor Oval is greatly appreciated.</p>
Citizen of the Year	John Rogers	<p>John Rogers and his family have always been active members of the Cherryville Community. There have been countless times throughout the years that they have been called on to pull cars, tractors or trees out of predicaments due to the difficult terrain of the area. During the recent three-week September storm event Cherryville was lucky to not only have the CFS available to cut up and remove the many trees that fell, blocked our roads and pulled down the powerlines but we also were lucky enough to have our resident earth mover John Rogers who spent his time repeatedly restoring access to at least 30 households and businesses in Cherryville and Montacute.</p> <p>When John heard about the storms in Cherryville on September 14, he dropped his scheduled work to return to the area and help out. In the beginning he cleared multiple slips and a tree which had fallen on powerlines on 2 Fernhurst Road trying to provide access for 6 households on the road. In hazardous conditions he also tried to alleviate flooding problems caused by a blocked culvert eroding Fernhurst lane. As the storm worsened in the evening he cleared a large tree with his bulldozer so that emergency services to get through. In the aftermath of the first storm John repeatedly repaired a badly damaged Fernhurst lane to provide access to 11 residents and 2 businesses. He also diverted water flowing across 39 Fernhurst road to reduce erosion and allow 4WD vehicles through. John provided assistance to residents who had major damage to their properties by providing access to roads and tracks that had been lost due to landslide or water erosion. At 108 Fernhurst Road he helped the residents recover belongings from a shed that had been covered by a landslide. At 2f Fernhurst Road he helped to dig out a container covered by a landslide. At firetrack 19 he helped remove another massive tree. He also helped the residents of Institute Road Montacute road gain access to their properties in the immediate aftermath of the storms. In consultation with Council Staff, John created a safer path for traffic on Fernhurst Road which was effected by a major slip. So that 15 residents and 3 businesses could have safer access to their homes/orchards. During these storms, John Rogers' property also sustained a great deal of damage including smashed raintanks, septic tanks and impacted sheds which he did not address until his neighbours had access to their properties. I would like to commend John Rogers in his efforts to help create a strong and resilient community.</p>

Category	Nominee name	Reason for nomination
Citizen of the Year Civic Award	Elise Carmen	For an extraordinary commitment to the sporting life of the community over 35 years through contributions to the Piccadilly Netball Club. Commencing in 1981, and as President for the past two decades (since 1996), Elise has been a tireless, kind and generous worker for the Club, convening all club activities, organising player registration, teams and facilities, providing coaching and umpiring services at all levels of the club for three decades, mentoring young layers and trainee umpires, fundraising weekly, and playing for the club (1981-2012). Elise defines what it means to be 'community spirited'.
Citizen of the Year	Ms. Inez Johnson	Inez Johnson is a stalwart of the congregation at the Anglican Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Bridgewater, and has been for at least 40 years, possibly much longer. The congregation knows "If you want it done, Inez will get it done reliably, cheerfully and on time." She spares no effort in cooking cakes and biscuits for the church's monthly market, more than anyone else. She organises for building maintenance and repairs to be done, she cleans the building frequently, arranges grass-cutting, and personally trims the trees and bushes and disposes of the debris. Inez can be relied upon too, to voice an opinion, sometimes firmly, but always in the interests of the community.
Citizen of the Year Civic Award	Michelle Golding	Michelle has opened her restaurant 'Tranquilo' for the past three years on Christmas Day to provide a luncheon for people who cannot afford a nice meal and others who may be on their own. Attendees at this event are 50 people including families with young children.
Citizen of the Year Civic Award	Trevor Mueller	Trevor has mowed Birdwood Park and Sporting Club oval and soccer pitch for 25 years. He also mows the surrounds of the oval and grounds, 30 acres.
Civic Award	Barbara Shepherd	Barbara Shepherd has been a pillar of the Scott Creek community for over 40 years.
Citizen of the Year	Kim Jordan	Kim has been a tireless driving force in co-creating a thriving arts community in Lobethal. Over a period of years she has volunteered in and chaired the Lobethal Community Association, and has been representative in Adelaide Hills council groups with regard to advocating for community, public and artistic use of the Lobethal Woollen Mill. She is very community minded and aspires to co-create with the Lobethal arts group (h.ART) an inclusive place for all members of the community to have opportunity to connect through artistic projects. Over the last years, she has been instrumental in conceiving and creating several inclusive arts projects.
Civic Award	Stephen Collins	On transfer to the Gumeracha RSL has served as President over many years. Has ensured the continuance of the Sub-branch and its ceremonies for Anzac and Remembrance Days - particularly at the Hospital and Glenview, and in the community.

6. Australia Day Awards 2017 – Period of Confidentiality

Subject to the CEO, or his delegate, disclosing information or any document (in whole or in part) for the purpose of implementing Councils decision(s) in this matter in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of office, Council, having considered Agenda Item 5.1 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, resolves that an order be made under the provisions of sections 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* that the report, related attachments and the minutes of Council and the discussion and considerations of the subject matter be retained in confidence until the presentation of the awards on 26 January 2017.

Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, that Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.