

 <p><b>Adelaide Plains Council</b></p>	<b>21.2 Confidential Item</b>
<b>13 December 2021</b>	

21.2 Australia Day Awards 2022

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**“that:**

- 1. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that all members of the public, except Chief Executive Officer, General Manger – Governance and Executive Office, General Manager – Development and Community, General Manager – Finance and Business, General Manager – Infrastructure and Environment, Manager Governance and Administration, Manager Library and Community, Administration and Executive Support Officer/Minute Taker and Information Technology Officer be excluded from attendance at the meeting of the Council for Agenda Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2022*;**
- 2. Council is satisfied that pursuant to section 90(3)(o) of the Local Government Act 1999, Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2022* concerns information relating to proposed Australia Day Award recipients before the presentation of the awards; and**
- 3. Council is satisfied that the principle that Council meetings should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information, matter and discussion confidential.”**

 <b>Adelaide Plains Council</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>Australia Day Awards 2022</b>
	<b>Department:</b> <b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Development and Community</b> <b>Manager Library &amp; Community</b>
<b>Date: 13 December 2021</b>	<b>Document Ref:</b>	<b>D21/52229</b>

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- The Australia Day Awards are presented annually to local citizens/community groups that have made outstanding contributions to the community.
- The *Australia Day Council* offers three awards to recognise persons/community groups that have made a significant difference:
  - Citizen of the Year, awarded to the most outstanding Citizen for the Adelaide Plains Council (APC) region
  - Young Citizen of the Year, awarded to the most outstanding Young Citizen (aged 18-30 years) for the APC region
  - Community Event of the Year, awarded to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year in the APC region.
- Local government authorities may also offer their own Awards to reflect other achievements in their community. Adelaide Plains Council offers two additional awards:
  - Community Group of the Year, awarded to the group who have made a significant or beneficial contribution to the APC area and/or the community during the past year
  - Community Project of the Year, awarded for projects held entirely or predominantly in the APC region in the past year and organised with the assistance of one or more community groups/members.
- This year, Council has received nominations for four (4) of the five (5) award categories.
- Council Members need to deliberate and determine the successful recipients of the Australia Day Awards for 2022. These nominees will receive their Award from the Mayor (or his delegate) on 26 January 2022 at the Australia Day Event to be held in Two Wells.

## RECOMMENDATION 1

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2022*, dated 13 December 2021, receives and notes the report.”

## RECOMMENDATION 2

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2022*, dated 13 December 2021, determines [REDACTED] as the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award.”

## RECOMMENDATION 3

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2022*, dated 13 December 2021, determines [REDACTED] as the recipient of the Young Citizen of the Year Award.”

## RECOMMENDATION 4

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2022*, dated 13 December 2021, determines [REDACTED] as the recipient of the Community Group of the Year Award.”

## RECOMMENDATION 5

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2022*, dated 13 December 2021, determines [REDACTED] as the recipient of the Community Project of the Year Award.”

## BUDGET IMPACT

Estimated Cost:	Budgeted cost associated with Australia Day celebrations
Future ongoing operating costs:	Nil
Is this Budgeted?	Not Applicable

## RISK ASSESSMENT

Members need to ensure that applications are fairly assessed based on the *Australia Day Council's* selection criteria. This criteria is detailed in the ‘*Discussion*’ section of this report to assist Members.

An Assessment Form and Matrix has been provided as **Attachment 10** to this report to assist Members with their determinations. Please note that the comments and scoring are the Manager Library and Community’s interpretation only. The quality of our five nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award were of a very high standard, and it was very difficult to determine a ‘clear’ winner. Members can also ‘score’ all applications prior to the December 2021 Ordinary Council meeting.

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## **Attachments**

1. Nomination – Citizen of the Year – Marie Tapscott
2. Nomination - Citizen of the Year – Allan Parker
3. Nomination – Citizen of the Year – Maxine Symes
4. Nomination – Citizen of the Year – Norm Dicks
5. Nomination – Citizen of the Year – Anna White
6. Nomination – Young Citizen of the Year – Chloe Sharpe
7. Nomination – Community Group of the Year – Two Wells Regional Action Team
8. Nomination – Community Project of the Year – Two Wells Regional Action Team
9. Nomination – Community Project of the Year – Dublin Cricket Club
10. Australia Day Awards – Assessment and Matrix Forms

## **DETAILED REPORT**

### **Purpose**

To provide Council Members with the nominations for the various 2022 Australia Day Awards, in order to evaluate and determine the successful recipients.

### **Background/History**

The Australia Day Awards are presented annually to local citizens/groups that have made outstanding contributions to the community. The Awards are provided by the Australia Day Council of South Australia and are administered by Local Government Authorities throughout the State. The successful nominees are notified by the Mayor/Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) and receive their Awards at Council's Australia Day ceremony.

### **Discussion**

The Australia Day Awards are open to both individuals and groups that have:

- made a noteworthy contribution to the Adelaide Plains Council region on a voluntary basis; or
- have given an outstanding contribution exceeding their normal employment duties during the current year; and/or
- provided significant service to the local community over a number of years.

The Awards are open to all residents of the Adelaide Plains Council, although contributions made to our community by non-residents will also be considered. Persons or groups who were previously nominated, but were unsuccessful, may also renominate.

Nominations for the 2022 Australia Day Awards opened on Friday 1 October 2021 and closed on Wednesday 24 November 2021 (in line with the Australia Day Council guidelines). Hard copy nomination forms could be collected from the Mallala Principal Office, Two Wells Service Centre and the Two Wells Library. Forms could also be downloaded from the Council website or online nominations were accepted via the Australia Day Council website.

Advertisements were placed in the Plains Producer and Two Wells Echo. Council also emailed local community and recreation/sporting groups advising nominations for the annual Australia Day Awards were being sought, with the nomination form attached. The Adelaide Plains Library Facebook page also promoted the Australia Day Awards.

The Australia Day Council's "*Guidance and Criteria for Local Authorities*" states:

- *in choosing the recipients of the Awards, regard is given to the nominee's achievement in the year immediately prior to receiving the awards, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the community.*
- *an individual need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in the selection.*

This document also provides selection criteria for the Awards.

The selection criteria for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year are:

- significant contribution to the community
- an inspirational role model for the Australian community
- the scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area.

This criteria can also apply and extend to Council's additional category of Community Group of the Year.

The selection criteria for Community Event of the Year are:

- quality of the event
- scope of impact the event had on the local government area
- contribution of the event to the community.

The above criteria can also apply and extend to Council's category of Community Project of the Year.

For the 2022 Australia Day Awards Council received:

**Citizen of the Year** – five nominations

*Awarded to the most outstanding Citizen for the Adelaide Plains Council region.*

**Young Citizen of the Year** – one nomination

*Awarded to the most outstanding Young Citizen for the Adelaide Plains Council region.*

**Community Event of the Year** – no nominations

*Awarded to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year in the Adelaide Plains Council region.*

The Adelaide Plains Council offers two additional Awards, which received nominations as follows:

Adelaide Plains Council Award Categories

**Community Group of the Year** – one nomination

*Awarded to the group who have made a significant or beneficial contribution to the Adelaide Plains Council area and/or the community during the past year.*

**Community Project of the Year** – two nominations

*Awarded for projects held entirely or predominantly in the Adelaide Plains Council region in the past year and organised with the assistance of one or more community groups/members.*

After Council Members have made their decisions regarding the successful Award winners, the Mayor/Chief Executive Officer (or his delegate) will contact the successful candidates.

## Conclusion

According to the Australia Day Council criteria, all nominations submitted to Council meet the eligibility criteria. A decision can therefore be made to determine the following awards:

- *Citizen of the Year*
  - *Young Citizen of the Year*
  - *Community Group of the Year*
  - *Community Project of the Year*
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## References

### Legislation

*Corporations Act 2001*

*Local Government Act 1999*

*Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*

*Australia Day – Citizen of the Year Awards – Guidance and criteria for Local Government Authorities*

### Council Policies/Plans

Strategic Plan 2021-2024



## **RECOMMENDATION**

“that Council, having considered the matter of Agenda Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2022* in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, resolves that:

1. The staff report and the minutes pertaining to Agenda 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2022* remain confidential and not available for public inspection until all award recipients have been advised of the outcome;
2. Attachments 1-10 pertaining to Agenda 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2022* remain confidential and not available for public inspection until further order of Council;
3. Pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the confidentiality of the matter will be reviewed every 12 months; and
4. Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Council delegates the power to revoke this confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer.”