

 <b>Adelaide Plains Council</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>Australia Day Awards 2021</b>
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## **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 all of the five awards categories.
- Council Members need to deliberate and determine the successful recipients of the Australia Day Awards for 2021. These nominees will receive their Award from Mayor Wasley (or his delegate) on Tuesday 26 January 2021 at the Australia Day Event to be held at the Dublin Oval.

### **RECOMMENDATION 1**

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2021*, dated 14 December 2020, receives and notes the report.”

### **RECOMMENDATION 2**

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2021*, dated 14 December 2020, determines \_\_\_\_\_ as the recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award.”

### **RECOMMENDATION 3**

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2021*, dated 14 December 2020, determines \_\_\_\_\_ as the recipient of the Young Citizen of the Year Award.”

### **RECOMMENDATION 4**

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2021*, dated 14 December 2020, determines \_\_\_\_\_ as the recipient of the Community Event of the Year Award.”

### **RECOMMENDATION 5**

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2021*, dated 14 December 2020, determines \_\_\_\_\_ as the recipient of the Community Group of the Year Award.”

### **RECOMMENDATION 6**

“that Council, having considered Item 21.2 – *Australia Day Awards 2021*, dated 14 December 2020, determines \_\_\_\_\_ as the recipient of the Community Project of the Year Award.”

### **BUDGET IMPACT**

Estimated Cost:	Nil
Future ongoing operating costs:	Nil
Is this Budgeted?	Not Applicable

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Members need to ensure that all 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 – **Attachment 10**– to assist Members with their determinations. Please note that the comments and scoring are the Manager Library and Community's interpretation only. Members can also 'score' all applications prior to the December 2020 Ordinary Council meeting.

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## **Attachments**

1. Nomination – Citizen of the Year – Pat Thompson
2. Nomination - Citizen of the Year – Jayne Tiller
3. Nomination – Young Citizen of the Year – Jack Harris
4. Nomination – Community Event of the Year – Two Wells Community Garden Official Opening
5. Nomination – Community Group of the Year – Adelaide Plains Equestrian Club
6. Nomination – Community Group of the Year – Mallala Lions Club
7. Nomination – Community Group of the Year – Mallala and Districts Lions Club
8. Nomination – Community Project of the Year – Mallala Lions Club
9. Nomination – Community Project of the Year – Dublin Cricket Club
10. Australia Day Awards – Assessment Form and Matrix

## **DETAILED REPORT**

### **Purpose**

To provide Council Members with the nominations for the various *2021 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 Chief Executive Officer (or his 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 *2021 Australia Day Awards* opened on Thursday 1 October 2020 and closed on Friday 20 November 2020 (in line with the *Australia Day Council* guidelines). Due to the COVID-19 'lockdown', and the Council Offices and Two Wells Library being shut, late nomination forms were accepted up to close of business, Wednesday 25 November 2020. Nomination forms were available from the Mallala Principal Office, the Two Wells Service Centre and the Two Wells Library. The forms could also be downloaded from the Council website. Advertisements were placed in the *Plains Producer* and *Two Wells Echo*. Community service staff also emailed community groups with the nomination form attached. The *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 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
- event's contribution to the community.

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

For the *2021 Australia Day Awards* Council received:

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

*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** – three nominations – the Mallala Lions Club was nominated twice

*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 Chief Executive Officer (or his delegate) will contact the successful candidates. After the CEO has informed all the Award winners, the Manager Library and Community/Community Development Officer will advise all nominators that their nominee was successful. Also, community services staff will inform nominators whose applications were unsuccessful and encourage them to consider resubmitting their application for the 2022 Australia Day Awards.

## 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 Event 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*

### Council Policies/Plans

Strategic Plan 2017-2020