

## Media Release

## Councillor Daniele Awarded for Outstanding 45 Years of Service to the Community

Adelaide Plains Council is extremely proud to share Councillor Peppino (Joe) Daniele's recent recognition at the Local Government Association (LGA) of South Australia's Best Practice Showcase Dinner held on 7 April 2022.

Councillor Daniele was first elected a Councillor in 1975 to the then District Council of Mallala. He was the first Italian-born ratepayer to serve on Council and is passionate about the advancement of the Two Wells district. At first, Council meetings were held during the day. Through arrangements with his employer, Councillor Daniele took the day off from work and then later made the time up.

Being a Council Member comes with the responsibility of attending or being part of community meetings and functions. "Joe was determined to prove himself as a responsible representative of the ratepayers – to serve to the best of his ability", is how his wife Jasmin described his dedication.

Amongst Councillor Daniele's achievements include the pivotal role he played in the establishment of a Kindergarten in the township, lobbying to get a new Primary School built at Two Wells (opened in 1980), supervising the construction of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and building the Two Wells Community Centre.

Councillor Daniele has also spent a considerable amount of time volunteering. He has been heavily involved in the street-scaping of the Two Wells township, including by planting hundreds of trees along the verges of Old Port Wakefield Road. He has had a keen interest in the Two Wells Cemetery project and has served on the Two Wells Football Club Committee, Community Centre Committee, and as a delegate at the Foreshore Committee. LGA President Mayor Angela Evans remarked on Councillor Daniele's incredible commitment saying, "He has been a driving force behind development and the provision of community services in the Two Wells area for the entirety of his 45 years on Council. He is a shining example of the difference one person's efforts can make in their community."

Councillor Daniele is unassuming and does not seek rewards, yet he does deserve recognition. He is passionate about his community and will fight and canvas for the causes he believes in.

In closing, Mayor Wasley said, "Over 45 years of service in any situation is rare and Councillor Daniele has achieved this representing his community. He has seen vast changes in how Council has had to change with the times and I am sure would like to wind the clock back. Despite the changing world he has always remained true to his word, listened to his community and committed to doing his best as a Councillor. Thank you Joe for your participation in helping create the Adelaide Plains we all enjoy today and into the future."



LGA President Mayor Angela Evans and Councillor Daniele



Councillor Daniele's acceptance speech

Mark Wasley Mayor

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