

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 19 December 2023  
CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 19.1

**Responsible Officer:** Jennifer Blake  
Manager Communication, Engagement and Events  
Community Capacity

**Subject:** Citizen of the Year 2024 Recommendations

**For:** Decision

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**1. Citizen of the Year 2024 Recommendations – 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:

- Chief Executive Officer, Greg Georgopoulos
- Director Corporate Services, Terry Crackett
- Director Community and Development, Natalie Armstrong
- Director Environment and Infrastructure, David Waters
- Minute Secretary, Kylie Hopkins

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.1: (Citizen of the Year 2024 Recommendations) in confidence.

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

Section 90(3)(o) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to reveal award recipient information before a special event.

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. Citizen of the Year Awards 2023 Recommendations – Confidential Item**

### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to:

- Advise Council of the recommendations for Citizen of the Year and Civic Awards
- Enable Council to confer the applicable awards.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Council resolves:**

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
  - 2. That Council confer the 2024 Citizen of the Year Award on Dagmar Skipworth of Uraidla**
  - 3. That Council confer the 2024 Young Citizen of the Year Award on Georgia McDonnell of Upper Sturt.**
  - 4. That Council confer the 2024 Community Event of the Year Award be awarded to two events, the 2023 Uraidla and Summertown H&F Show and the 2023 Houghton Spring Fair.**
  - 5. That Civic Awards (eight individuals and two groups) be presented to:**
    - a. Ken Craig of Woodside**
    - b. Bruce Ind of Woodforde**
    - c. Pip McGowan of Basket Range**
    - d. Paul Hammer of Gumeracha**
    - e. Tania Mc Gregor of Crafers**
    - f. Sylvia Ullmer and Rob Hawke of Gumeracha**
    - g. Karen Warner of Paracombe**
    - h. Charleston Park Run - Kylie Ross on behalf of organisers**
    - i. Oakbank Market**
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## 1. BACKGROUND

Local Citizen of the Year Awards are conferred by local councils as part of the national awards scheme coordinated by the National Australia Day Council (NADC) and local branches.

The Awards recognise outstanding contributions to the local community by local Australians. For many years the Adelaide Hills Council has conferred the following awards on Australia Day:

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

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

The Civic Award category, which is not part of the NADC scheme, provides Council with the 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 multiple each year.

In accordance with resolution 270/17 that Council made on 14 November 2017, nominations are assessed by staff with recommendations made for the Council's consideration.

## 2. ANALYSIS

### ➤ Strategic Management Plan/Functional Strategy/Council Policy Alignment

*Strategic Plan 2020-24 – A brighter future*

Goal Community Wellbeing

Objective C3 A community that grows together

Priority C3.2 Support volunteering both organisationally and in the community as an essential element in delivering community outcomes and building wellbeing.

The annual awards presented on Australia Day are an opportunity for Council to recognise and celebrate members of the Adelaide Hills community who are volunteering their time, skills, and expertise to benefit the wellbeing of the wider district.

### ➤ Legal Implications

*Section 74 – General conflicts of interest* of the Act set out the provisions regarding General Conflicts of Interest. In considering a General Conflict of Interest (COI), an impartial, fair-minded person might consider that the Council Member's private interests might result in the Member acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty. If a Council Member believes that they may have a General COI, they should consider declaring the interest and acting in accordance with s75B – Dealing with general conflicts of interest.

*Section 75 – Material conflicts of interest* of the Act set out the provisions regarding Material Conflicts of Interest. In considering a Material Conflict of Interest (COI), a member of a council has a material conflict of interest in a matter to be discussed at a meeting of the council if a class of persons as defined in s75(1)(a-l) in the Act would gain a benefit, or suffer a loss, (whether directly or indirectly and whether of a personal or pecuniary nature) depending on the outcome of the consideration of the matter at the meeting. If a Council Member believes that they may have a Material COI, they should consider declaring the interest and acting in accordance with s75C – Dealing with material conflicts of interest.

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

The recognition of community achievement and sacrifice through the Citizen of the Year 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
High (2A)	Low (2E)	Low

The residual risk takes into consideration the current practice of making annual awards and assumes continued Council support of these awards.

A number of other initiatives also contribute to mitigating this risk.

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

Citizen of the Year 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.

➤ **Sustainability Implications**

Not applicable.

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted in the development of the report**

In accordance with the decision made at the Special Council Meeting on 14 November 2017, recommendations have been made by a panel of staff members, convened by the Manager Communications, Engagement, and Events.

Consultation on the development of this report was as follows:

<i>Council Committees:</i>	Not applicable
<i>Council Workshops:</i>	Not applicable
<i>Advisory Groups:</i>	Not applicable
<i>External Agencies:</i>	Not applicable
<i>Community:</i>	While the community is not consulted on the recipients of the awards, the community is the primary source of nominations.

➤ **Additional Analysis**

Nominations for the Awards were sought from the community through promotions in Council’s communication channels of eNewsletters, social media, website, libraries and community centres, and direct emails encouraged community groups to promote the nomination period to their networks. Nominations for the 2024 Awards closed on Friday 17 November 2023.

The panel of staff members convened to evaluate the nominations and make recommendations contained in this report comprised the following:

Jennifer Blake – Manager Communications, Engagement, and Events (Convenor)  
Mark de Lange – Community Development Officer Youth and Recreation  
Karli Hull – Community Development Officer  
Ty Allen – Club Sport Officer  
Penelope Starling – Communications Officer - Communications, Engagement, and Events

The panel evaluated nominations for Citizen and Young Citizen of the year against the criteria recommended by ADCSA, which were:

- Contribution to the community
- Scope of impact on the Adelaide Hills
- Inspirational role model.

Likewise, the Community Event of the Year nominations were evaluated against the following criteria:

- The quality of the event
- The scope of impact the event has on the local government area
- The event’s contribution to the community.

A summary of the recommendations is provided in **Appendix 1**. Those nominees not recommended for awards have been removed to protect the dignity and privacy of those individuals (who it is assumed are not aware of their nominations).

Citizen of the Year

Dagmar Skipworth, of Uraidla, has been nominated for her dedication to her community over many years, in particular her investment in the Imagine Uraidla committee.

As a founding member of the Imagine Uraidla committee, Dagmar has seen the organisation through from its grassroots foundations to a thriving community movement with more than

300 members. Dagmar was Imagine Uraidla's secretary for many years and served on the Committee for nine years.

To the Committee she has brought her business experience, passion for community connection, many hours of voluntary effort and care. She also acted as the liaison with the local Uraidla Market, of which she is also a Steward.

Dagmar has a sharp mind with key founding roles in volunteer committee work for the Uraidla Market and Stirling Market. She started the Uraidla Market with three other women.

Her fellow committee members speak very highly of Dagmar's skills and dedication.

*"While she was the secretary for Imagine Uraidla, and despite being one of the more senior members of the group she had a better command of technology than most of us and could always access every piece of information we needed on her trusty iPad." Mel, Former Chair Imagine Uraidla.*

*"I remember Dagmar as Chair of both the Uraidla and Stirling markets for quite a few years at the same time. She was very committed to both, I admired her tenacity in keeping the Uraidla Market going until now." Tom, Former Uraidla Market Stall holder and Imagine Uraidla committee member.*

Her nominators also speak of her love for plants and many amazing stories.

*"I think there was a story of her being part of a rescue operation in Ash Wednesday heading back into the smoke in a bus to help people who were stuck." Anya, local and Stirling Laneways Market organiser.*

Dagmar's community work has been invaluable as a steward, organiser and loyal contributor.

The panel believe Dagmar's community work is invaluable and has had a significant impact, not only just on Uraidla but the wider Adelaide Hills. She has set a fantastic example of paved the way for many more people to become actively involved in their communities.

### Young Citizen of the Year

Georgia McDonnell of Upper Sturt, (26) is a leader in her community who has brought new life to the Upper Sturt Soldiers Memorial Hall, a valued community space.

Georgia has been elected (and re-elected) as the vice-president of the local hall, which had previously struggled to get young people involved. In her role, she has introduced a diverse array of new events, such as two successful art exhibitions that showcased the work of local artists and raised money for the hall through the commission.

She also organised a 'Christmas in July Quiz Night' which raised money for the hall and local CFS. The event was impeccably organised and attracted a massive turnout, including Adelaide Hills Councillors, the Adelaide Hills and Mitcham Mayors and Federal and State parliamentary politicians.

The organising of these events often requires weeks and months of preparation, without much support. She does this while juggling full-time work in the planning sector and care for her family's farm animals.

Her determination comes out of love for her local community and the Soldiers Memorial Hall – an institution and in many ways the heart of the Upper Sturt community for almost a century.

Georgia also inspired the hall to help a local roadside flower stall operator, whose roadside stall had operated at its location for 40+ years, was forced to shut down. It was moved to the hall car park after Georgia worked with the committee and the stall owner Bernice to make it happen.

Her contribution has been recognised in the mail out 'in the community' from Federal Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie, and State Member for Heysen, Josh Teague and written about in the Mount Barker Courier on numerous occasions.

Her nominator also mentioned that Adelaide Hills Councillor, Adrian Cheater, had referenced Georgia during a Council meeting in August 2022, speaking of how impressed he was that there were still some community halls out there with young leaders involved.

The panel feel that Georgia's commitment to her community and the hall deserve recognition and believe she is a fantastic candidate for the Young Citizen of the Year that will inspire other young people to become involved in their communities.

#### Community Event of the Year

This year, the panel were impressed with the varied event nominations received and feel two of the nominations deserve to be recognised in the Event of the Year category. Both the Uraidla and Summertown Horticultural and Floricultural Show and the Houghton Spring Fair are community led events that bring a positive impact to our area.

#### **Uraidla and Summertown Horticultural and Floricultural Show details:**

The Uraidla and Summertown Horticultural and Floricultural Show has grown year on year and is the cornerstone of its community. It provides an annual event for residents to come together, which fosters a sense of pride and connection among the local population.

The show reflects who the town is and showcases the many values, skills and contributions peri urban Australia provides for the metropolitan majority. It is a unique learning environment providing those who visit tangible examples of both the struggle and the prosperity experienced by producers, farmers and Australians working on the land.

The show has also been a gateway for other events, organisations and individual to emerge. The Show has nurtured other events such as the district's Sustainability Fair which has gone on to revel in great success, first as a subset of the Show and more recently as a fully-fledged individual event.

As a landowner in the town's activity hub, it has supported playgroups, car rallies, weddings and social gathering from far and wide.

All activities fostered and undertaken on and by the Show have been done by volunteers. It is a reflection of the wonderful volunteer base that the Uraidla Show relies on to achieve such a high-quality event.

This event reflects and represents its community and attract many from far and wide to the Adelaide Hills. It provides a meaningful, authentic and relevant event for its community, by

its community and with its community. This is why the panel believe that the Uraidla and Summertown Horticultural and Floricultural Show deserve to be awarded the Community Event of the Year.

#### **Houghton Spring Fair details:**

The annual Houghton Spring Fair has been running for five years and each year bigger and involves more community members. This year the event saw over 2000 people attend and featured over 100 local stall holders.

The Fair showcases what is best about the Hills community - a gathering of people to connect and enjoy our local produce and community space.

It also raised close to \$20,000 despite not charging patrons an entry fee and also providing free activities, such as tractor rides and spinning demonstrations. This is a choice by the committee to reflect the organiser's focus on family and community. Local artists freely give their time and talents to sing and perform during the event.

The Spring Fair contributes to the community by providing a welcoming environment and opportunity for people to come together and view local performers, get to know community groups and engage with emergency services.

The fair is an important place for local artists and vendors to display and sell their work. It provides a point of connection and embraces talent and diversity from across the Adelaide Hills.

This is why the panel believe the Houghton Spring Fair is a worthy recipient of the Event of the Year award.

#### Civic Awards

Eight individuals and three groups that are recommended to receive Civic Awards. These include a number of people who were nominated for Citizen of the Year.

Civic Award recipients have been selected for a variety of reasons including outstanding contributions to their communities, creating connections and a sense of belonging, bringing events to life, and inspiring others in their community. All of our recommended civic award recommendations go above and beyond and show true service to our community.

In conferring the Awards, the Council should consider the following factors:

- Individual recipients (for Citizen and Young Citizen) 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 panel considers each of the recommended recipients to meet these factors where applicable.



Awards will be presented by the Mayor or another Council Member at a Council supported Australia Day event of the recipients' choice (Stirling, Uraidla or Gumeracha confirmed to be holding events). Should a recipient prefer to receive their award on another day, arrangements will be made accordingly.

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.

### **3. OPTIONS**

Council must determine which individuals and/or groups, if any, should receive Citizen of the Year 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 staff panel assigned to assess the Citizen of the Year Awards nominations was formed to allow time to properly consider each nomination and establish worthy award recipients. Its recommendations should therefore be strongly considered.

### **4. APPENDIX**

(1) Recommended Recipients for Citizen of the Year Awards 2024

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# **Appendix 1**

*Recommended recipients for Citizen of the Year  
Awards 2024*

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**2024 Citizen of the Year Awards – Recommended recipients for Council consideration – confidential**

Nominee name	Reason for nomination, as stated by nominator(s)	Panel recommendation
Dagmar Skipworth	<p>As a founding member of the Imagine Uraidla committee, Dagmar has seen the organisation through from its grassroots foundations to a thriving community movement with more than 300 members. Dagmar was Imagine Uraidla's secretary for many years, and served on the Committee for 9 years.</p> <p>To the Committee she has brought her business experience, passion for community connection, many hours of voluntary effort and care. She also acted as the liaison with the local Uraidla Market, of which she is also a Steward.</p> <p>Dagmar has a sharp mind with key founding roles in volunteer committee work for the Uraidla Market and Stirling Market. She started the Uraidla Market with three other women.</p> <p>Dagmar's community work has been invaluable as a steward, organiser and loyal contributor.</p> <p>Dagmar's fellow committee members and nominators speak very highly of her skills, her tenacity, and the significant impact on her community.</p>	Citizen of the Year
Georgia McDonnell (26yrs)	<p>Georgia is a leader in her community who has brought new life to the Upper Sturt Soldiers Memorial Hall, a valued community space.</p> <p>She is the vice-president of the hall and in her role has introduced a diverse array of new events, such as two successful art exhibitions that showcased the work of local artists and raised money for the hall through the commission.</p> <p>She has also organised a successful 'Christmas in July Quiz Night' that raised money for the hall and local CFS and attracted a massive turnout, including Adelaide Hills Council Councillors, the Adelaide Hills and Mitcham Mayors and Federal and State parliamentary politicians.</p> <p>Georgia dedicates weeks and months of preparation, without much support, while juggling full-time work in the planning sector and caring for her family's farm animals.</p>	Young Citizen of the Year

	<p>Georgia also inspired the hall to help a local roadside flower stall operator, whose roadside stall had operated at its location for 40+ years, was forced to shut down. It was moved to the hall car park after Georgia worked with the committee and the stall owner Bernice to make it happen.</p> <p>Her contribution has been recognised in the mail out 'in the community' from Federal Member for Mayo, Rebekha Sharkie, and State Member for Heysen, Josh Teague and written about in the Mount Barker Courier on numerous occasions.</p> <p>Her determination comes out of love for her local community and the Soldiers Memorial Hall – an institution and in many ways the heart of the Upper Sturt community for almost a century.</p>	
<p>The Uraidla and Summertown Horticultural and Floricultural Show</p>	<p>The Uraidla and Summertown Horticultural and Floricultural Show has grown year on year and is the cornerstone of its community. It provides an annual event for residents to come together, which fosters a sense of pride and connection among the local population.</p> <p>The show reflects who the town is and showcases the many values, skills and contributions peri urban Australia provides for the metropolitan majority. It is a unique learning environment providing those who visit tangible examples of both the struggle and the prosperity experienced by producers, farmers and Australians working on the land.</p> <p>The show has also been a gateway for other events, organisations and individual to emerge. The Show has nurtured other events such as the district's Sustainability Fair which has gone on to revel in great success, first as a subset of the Show and more recently as a fully-fledged individual event.</p> <p>As a landowner in the town's activity hub it has supported playgroups, car rallies, weddings and social gathering from far and wide.</p> <p>All activities fostered and undertaken on and by the Show have been done by volunteers. It is a reflection of the wonderful volunteer base that the Uraidla Show relies on to achieve such a high quality event.</p>	<p>Community Event of the Year</p>

	<p>This event reflects and represents its community and attract many from far and wide to the Adelaide Hills. It provides a meaningful, authentic and relevant event for its community, by its community and with its community.</p>	
<p>Houghton Inglewood Hermitage Memorial Oval Committee</p>	<p>The Houghton Spring Fair was nominated in the Event of the Year category and the panel feel that the event deserves recognition. The panel propose that two events be awarded in the Event of the Year category.</p> <p>The Houghton Spring Fair is an annual event that has been running for 5 years. Each year it becomes bigger and involves more and more community members.</p> <p>The 2023 event held on 22 October was attended by over 2000 local residents with over 100 local stall holders.</p> <p>The Spring Fair showcases what is best about our community - a gathering of people to connect and enjoy our local produce and community space.</p> <p>Whilst a successful fundraising event, raising close to \$20k, the event's focus is on family and community with no entry fee and free activities such as tractor rides and spinning demonstrations. Local artists freely give their time and talents to sing and perform on stage.</p> <p>The Fair contributes to the community by providing an opportunity for community members to come together and view local performers, community groups and engage with emergency services in a welcoming environment. It is an important place for local artists and vendors to display and sell their work and it provides a point of connection and embraces our regions talents and diversity.</p>	<p>Event of the Year</p>
<p>Ken Craig</p>	<p>Ken has been a member of the Mt Torrens CFS for over 10 years and is very active in the Mt Torrens Oval committee.</p> <p>Ken has been on the board of Restvale Aged Care for the past seven years, including two as chairperson. He coordinated a complex building program at Restvale for the past two years liaising with architects and builders to ensure a smooth operation occurred whilst Restvale continued to be operational.</p>	<p>Civic Award</p>

	<p>When Ken came to Mt Torrens he embraced the hills community and is a great example of being an active member of the hills, wanting to make his community a better place.</p>	
Bruce Ind	<p>Bruce is a role model, a volunteer and an inspiration. He is a leader for people living with a disability in South Australia, and a major volunteer contributor to local community life.</p> <p>He contributes to many service organisations, such as Guide Dogs SA/NT as a volunteer and Board Member, Kiwanis as a committee member and President multiple times, a volunteer through Rostrevor Campbelltown Kiwanis, and Chair of Morialta Uniting Church for nearly 25 years.</p> <p>He has applied his lived experience and his skills and aptitudes to support other South Australians with a disability to live fulfilled lives. His work in Kiwanis and his church has provided leadership and service in the local community.</p> <p>Kiwanis has recognized Bruce's long and distinguished service through the awarding of a George Hixson medal.</p>	Civic Award
Pip McGowan	<p>Pip has recently completed 40 years of service in the CFS. This includes 17 years as Captain of Basket Range CFS. She is an inspirational leader, incredibly humble and accepting of everyone in our community.</p> <p>She is open to ideas and suggestions from members of the community, contributing to the attractive ambience of the oval precinct.</p> <p>Pip leads the CFS and community within Basket Range in a calm, professional manner. She enables those volunteering with her to perform to their best.</p> <p>She has been unwavering in her commitment to the community and CFS and always goes the extra mile to support the local residents.</p> <p>The Basket Range CFS Brigade has 10 women out of 36 members, many of whom are empowered and encouraged by her leadership.</p>	Civic Award

	<p>Captain Pip started off as a cadet at Basket Range in 1983, just after the Ash Wednesday II bushfires. When she turned 16 years old she was able to join as a firefighter. Since then, she has held numerous brigade positions, including Communications Officer, Training Officer, Lieutenant, and for the past 17 years, as Captain.</p> <p>The Basket Range CFS held a celebration to mark her 40 years of service earlier this year.</p>	
<p>Paul Hammer</p>	<p>Paul has lived in Gumeracha for 40 years and constantly contributes to community life and service. He is described as a very helpful person, there when physical helps is needed. No task is too hard!</p> <p>He is a former member of the Paracombe CFS and currently a member of the Gumeracha CFS, totally 40 years of service. He actively served during the Sampson Flat and Cudlee Creek bushfires, and as a member of the town hall committee he assisted with setting up the town hall as the designated CFS staging post and preparing food for the CFS volunteers.</p> <p>He has been a member of the Lions Club of Torrens Valley for over 35 years and regularly assists with fundraising events.</p> <p>Events such as the Australia Day Civic awards in Federation Park are supported in set up by Paul, as well as the Medieval Fair, the Winter Solstice and the Rare Trade Festival.</p> <p>Paul also offers his assistance to the Gumeracha Bowling Club by providing maintenance and has done so for 30 years.</p> <p>As a member of the RSL Gumeracha Sub Branch he helps to run the ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services by assisting with set up and pack down of the events.</p> <p>Paul is highly respected as a hardworking, reliable and trustworthy citizen. It was noted that every organisation needs a Paul to get in and get the job done.</p>	<p>Civic Award</p>

<p>Tania Mc Gregor</p>	<p>Tania hand makes a knitted bear for every prep or grade one student starting at Crafers Primary School at no cost to the school.</p> <p>They are made in beautiful colours and patterns and each student gets to choose a bear to cherish and enjoy. The bears live at the school for that year and are finally taken home at the end of term four.</p> <p>These bears provide reassurance for children beginning their schooling and make them feel special. Tania has been already been working on the next years bears as enrolments are expected to be at least 30 students for term one.</p>	<p>Civic Award</p>
<p>Sylvia Ullmer and Rob Hawke</p>	<p>Sylvia and Rob have composed, planned and implemented a project of banners highlighted on the light poles through the main street of Gumeracha.</p> <p>They arrange the changing of the flags for different seasons, events, or celebrations. The banners add to the Gumeracha street scape and were made possible through fundraising.</p> <p>Sylvia and Rob worked with Council and town groups to make this project happen, being involved in the planning, funding, implementation and now rotation of the banners.</p>	<p>Civic Award</p>
<p>Karen Warner</p>	<p>Karen Warner is the epitome of the unsung hero. Always in the background, Karen contributes many hours assisting events in our community.</p> <p>This includes assisting the setup for the Anzac Day service and cooking the BBQ, coordinating fundraising activities for the Houghton Inglewood and Hermitage Memorial Oval, and assisting the catering for monthly Community Cook Ups.</p> <p>Karen is an active member of the HIH Memorial Oval Committee where she has been critical in sourcing materials for the current build of the community building - spending well over 100 hours painstakingly stacking and sorting bricks.</p> <p>Karen does not seek recognition for her contributions. She happily gives her time, expertise and hard work which often goes unnoticed in the background for her fellow community members.</p>	<p>Civic Award</p>



	<p>Her efforts have assisted in the running of the Anzac Day Service, Houghton Spring Fair, Community Cook Ups, countless local weddings and celebrations, CWA Soup Day, the Medieval Fair and the ongoing building of the Community Hub at the Houghton Oval.</p> <p>Karen has contributed to the community for over 20 years and most recently in the past 12 months she would have volunteered well over 200 hours for the local community.</p>	
<p>Charleston Park Run - Kylie Ross</p>	<p>Charleston Park Run was nominated in the Event of the Year category, but the panel feel that the volunteer group who organise the event each week deserve recognition in the Active Citizenship category.</p> <p>Each Saturday, a group of volunteers come to Charleston to provide a timed event for people of all ages to walk or run 5km.</p> <p>This fully volunteer run event provides a safe, caring and friendly environment for people to get together and talk, to get to know others, and to support mental health through health, fitness and communication.</p> <p>After completion of the weekly 5km walk or run all attendees are welcome to meet together for a cuppa and chat.</p> <p>The volunteer group gives 90 mins every Saturday to provide this experience for many locals and non-locals to enjoy.</p> <p>This was especially helpful for many families after the bushfire as a way for people amongst the community to chat about how they were coping.</p>	<p>Civic Award</p>
<p>Oakbank Market</p>	<p>The Oakbank Market was nominated in the Event of the Year category, but the panel feel that the organisers deserve recognition in the Active Citizenship category.</p> <p>The Oakbank Market has been held every second Saturday of the month since December 2020 and was initially created to provide an income stream to save the Oakbank Soldiers Memorial Hall.</p>	<p>Civic Award</p>

	<p>While this aim has been accomplished, the market has taken a life of its own. It has contributed to the local community by bringing everyone together each month to engage in social, recreational creative and commercial activities.</p> <p>A volunteer committee from the local community run the market and residents of Oakbank and its surrounding district attend the market. Many of the stallholders are from the local community, creating artisan products that reflect the Oakbank way of life and a number of stalls have been created as a result of the opportunity to attend the market.</p> <p>The Market has become a monthly social event. The 'Market Square' is a lively engaging place where the attendees can buy food and drinks, buy a raffle ticket, enjoy local live music and sit and relax with the friends and neighbours. In this way, the market draws the community together much like the old Saturday morning shopping might have done.</p> <p>The market hosts stalls from service clubs and organisations and has strong commercial relationships with many local businesses.</p> <p>Each year the Market invites all members of the hall association and all residents of Oakbank to a free Christmas evening picnic to thank them for their continued support.</p>	
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**3. Citizen of the Year Awards 2024 Recommendations – Duration of Confidentiality**

Subject to the CEO, or his delegate, disclosing information or any document (in whole or in part) for the purpose of implementing Council's decision(s) in this matter (which may include disclosure to media outlets to aid in achieving reporting timelines for publication; and disclosure to award recipients and their nominators, families and friends) in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of office, Council, having considered Agenda Item 19.1 in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(o) 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* to retain the Items in confidence as detailed in the Duration of Confidentiality Table below:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Duration of Confidentiality NB: Item to be reviewed every 12 months if not released</b>
Report	25 January 2024
Related Attachments	25 January 2024
Minutes	25 January 2024
Other	Nil

The Australia Day Council allows recipient information to be disclosed from 22 January. Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council delegates the power to revoke the confidentiality order either partially or in full to the Chief Executive Officer.