

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday 15 December 2020  
CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

**Item:** 18.1

**Responsible Officer:** David Waters  
Director Community Capacity  
Community Capacity

**Subject:** Citizen of the Year 2021 recommendations

**For:** Decision

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**1. Citizen of the Year 2021 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, Andrew Aitken
- Director Infrastructure & Operations, Peter Bice
- Director Development & Regulatory Services, Marc Salver
- Director Corporate Services, Terry Crackett
- Director Community Capacity, David Waters
- Executive Manager Governance & Performance, Lachlan Miller
- Governance & Risk Coordinator, Steven Watson
- Minute Secretary, Pam Williams

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 18.1: (Citizen of the Year 2021 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)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, 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 Citizen of the Year 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. Citizen of the Year 2021 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 2021 Citizen of the Year Award on Adam Weinert of Lobethal.**
  - 3. That Council confer the 2021 Young Citizen of the Year Award on Sebastian Ascott of Woodside.**
  - 4. That Council confer the 2021 Community Event of the Year Award on The Lobethal Community Garden Bushfire Support and Hillstock by Matt Hawkins.**
  - 5. That Civic Awards (15) be presented to:**
    - a. Billy-Jo Brewer of Lobethal**
    - b. Blaze Aid Catering Volunteers**
    - c. Brian Parker of Uraidla**
    - d. Colin Checker of Kersbrook**
    - e. Cynthia Weyland of Lobethal**
    - f. Dianne Liebelt of Uraidla**
    - g. Jeanette Biggs of Cherryville**
    - h. Jodie Turpin of Lobethal**
    - i. Karen Palmer of Mylor**
    - j. Kelly Johnston of Balhannah**
    - k. Linda Keen of Cromer**
    - l. Margarete Ehrhardt of Millbrook**
    - m. Metod 'Ted' Setnikar of Crafers**
    - n. Stephanie Bettison of Mylor**
    - o. Tremaine Kerber of Woodside.**
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## 1. GOVERNANCE

### ➤ 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

Not applicable.

### ➤ 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 our 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 Director of Community Capacity.

Consultation on the development of this report was as follows:

*Council Committees:* Not applicable

*Council Workshops:* Not applicable

*Advisory Groups:* Not applicable

*Administration:* Sport and Recreation Coordinator  
Community Development Officer – Community Centres  
Community Development Officer – Youth and Recreation

*External Agencies:* Not applicable

*Community:* While the community is not consulted on the recipients of the awards, the community is the primary source of nominations.

## **2. 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 5.7 that Council made on 14 November 2017, nominations are assessed by staff with recommendations made for the Council's consideration.

### 3. 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 (this year including Cudlee Creek Bushfire Recovery) to promote the nomination period to their networks. Nominations for the 2021 Awards closed on Friday 20 November 2020.

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

David Waters – Director Community Capacity (Convenor)  
Sarah Hunt – Community Development Officer – Community Centres  
Renee O'Connor – Sport and Recreation Coordinator  
Mark de Lange – Community Development Officer – Youth and Recreation

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**

Adam Weinert was a standout nominee in this year's program, having a wide-spread impact on the recovery of the community affected by the Cudlee Creek Bushfire of December 2019. Nominations referenced his selflessness, compassion, and leadership in managing volunteers and recovery operations in the aftermath of the fire, despite having lost his own home in the disaster. It is clear from the nominations sent in that Adam has inspired his community through his many actions, and continues to be an asset to the Adelaide Hills district.

### **Young Citizen of the Year**

Sebastian Ascott (9) has shown initiative beyond his years in the wake of the Cudlee Creek Bushfire of December 2019. Witnessing the loss of a neighbour's home, and having the fire threaten his own, Sebastian was driven to create Bushfire Kids Connect (BKC). BKC was designed to build connections between children in the bushfire-affected region, build resilience, and create positive memories in a stressful time. Other programs he was involved in included the Pillow Case Project with the Red Cross, helping children build resilience by knowing how to pack their special belongings in a pillow case in the event of future emergencies, and the coordination of 70 families to attend the 2020 Adelaide Christmas Pageant. Sebastian is now working with the Red Cross to pilot an online program to connect children across Australia who have experienced similar disasters.

### **Community Event of the Year**

The Lobethal Community Garden Support and Hillstock events were coordinated by Matt Hawkins, who threw himself into opportunities to support locals and raise much needed funds for the recovery of the district after the Cudlee Creek Bushfire of December 2019. Across two events Matt arranged over 80 live performances and raised over \$15,000 for the CFS. In addition to the fundraising, the events acted as recovery initiatives for local businesses and for residents impacted by the fire. Matt also extended his efforts to support the community of Kangaroo Island through their recovery, and by all accounts was only slowed down by the introduction of COVID-19.

### **Civic Awards**

Fifteen people 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 generous volunteerism, active participation in local clubs and associations, and coordination of community events and services, several of which were a direct part of our community's recovery from the Cudlee Creek Bushfire.

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 an Australia Day event of the recipients' choice (Stirling, Mylor, Uraidla, Woodside, or Gumeracha). 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.

**4. 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.

**5. APPENDIX**

- (1) Nominations for Citizen of the Year Awards 2021

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# **Appendix 1**

*Nominations for Citizen of the Year Awards 2021*

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Nominee name	Reason for nomination (as stated by nominator)	Other notes / recognition	Panel Recommendation
Adam Weinert	<p>Adams passion and love for our local community shine so brightly, He has inspire myself and others search for the best within ourselves, others and for our community, his constant contribution to our community has held us together in some very hard times in the past years, Adam has shown continues selessness,Love, kindness, compassion, and support within our community and all around. Adam has and will continue to inspire me to strive for the best within myself and those around me and to always search for what is best for everyone.</p> <p>Adam has been an active community member from his service in the Lobethal RSL and Anzac Day Events and has played an integral role along side other community members to initiate and develop infer structure to provide the community with a bank (bendigo bank) after the closure of our one and only bank( ANZ) and has continued to support our community from the Lobethal bush re recovery center, introducing help organisations like Team Rubicon to aid in our recovery and the Bring back Christmas event hosted by bank SA for members of our community to bring back a little joy. He liaised on behalf of the commmunity with Government departments and aid services insisting only the highest and most ethical of support.</p> <p>Adam has supported our local community with passion and love for many years, but showed extraordinary commitment to our community and its people when we suered from the cuddle creek bush re in December of 2019 and the impacts in the following months, by standing up and showing leader ship for our community in a time of grief and confusion even when he himself had lost substantially. Adam was fundamental in the organisation of the Lobethal bush re recovery center which oered our community the much needed support from things like money, clothes, Trades people, Food, Accommodation, emotional support and so much more. without Adam and his community support we may not have made it through as successfully as we have although there is still a long road ahead with Adam still leading the way.</p> <p>Adam has stood proud as a leader of our community taking every opportunity to support and better our little town, he considers all aspects and all age groups, always searching for only the best outcome for everyone. Adam is a person that has inspired me to expect better of myself and others., he is honest, kind, compassionate, and willing to make the hard choices to ensure the right thing is done.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-02-25/team-rubicon-veterans-volunteer-help-bushfire-victims-rebuild/11996286">https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-02-25/team-rubicon-veterans-volunteer-help-bushfire-victims-rebuild/11996286</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/am/half-of-bushfire-relief-donations-remain-not-spent/12331602">https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/am/half-of-bushfire-relief-donations-remain-not-spent/12331602</a></p>	Citizen of the Year
Adam Weinert	<p>Adam was instrumental in the creation of the Lobethal Bushfire Recovery centre. In the first few days Adam had organised town meetings at the Lobethal recreation grounds, spoken with council and started support rolling in. . He helped organiser he fundraiser Christmas Eve and his tireless work has been so very helpful to the community to survive and recover. Adam would record short videos to get messages across to people in need and information for the community. He worked with local and national government and council to get the needed funding and support to the community. One of those very important steps in the beginning, the waste perishable bins in the area. The recovery centre in Lobethal was so critical in this time. On top of everything Adam has done and is still doing for the community, he lost his own family home in the fire but that didn't stop him giving everything to the community and people in need. If you passed Adam on the street he would stop and ask if you were ok and if you needed anything. He was a bright light in our time of darkness. Thank you Adam.</p> <p>Adam has and is still helping the community of Lobethal and local area. With his help many of hundreds of families got the help they needed to survive the aftermath of the Cudlee Creek bushfire.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FDC1472AD-D615-49F0-8B51-9A1187A31AB8.jpeg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=81e43a351a2ed0ee48023c9c9a0fa9866320a4c07b969c89f51f41894e5c2c9a">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FDC1472AD-D615-49F0-8B51-9A1187A31AB8.jpeg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=81e43a351a2ed0ee48023c9c9a0fa9866320a4c07b969c89f51f41894e5c2c9a</a></p>	Citizen of the Year
Adam Weinert	<p>President RSL Lobethal sub branch 2017- present  Chairperson- Lobethal Archive and Historical Museum 2017-2019  Chairperson-Lobethal and Districts Community Bank Project 2018- present (formed after ANZ bank closed)  Founder and Leader- Lobethal Bushfire Recovery Centre - 2019-2020  Lobethal Community Representative- on both the Local Recovery Committee and Community Reference Group 2000 -present  Despite Adam's residence being destroyed by the Cudlee Creek Bushfire while he was out fighting it, he played the most significant role in the local commnity post the bushfire. He:  -founded the Lobethal Recovery Centre to provide full spectrum relief and recovery operations to the Lobethal Community and surrounding districts.  -Led approximately 250 volunteers for three weeks in providing trauma triage, emergency accommodation (about 90 homes lost), mental health first aid, life support logistics, animal welfare, emergency power route clearance, and water provisioning.  -provided daily community updates during the power and communications blackout to guide the community through the bushfire crisis.  -Successfully lobbied all levels of government to have support provided to fire impacted residents.  -Provided significant evidence to and appeared before the Royal Commission into the National Disaster Arrangements.  -Conducted significant liaison and coordination with the Australian Defence Forces (he was a senior Officer in the ADF before retiring), non government organizations in providing relief and recovery services.  Ongoing service with various community groups through representative roles to ensure continued recovery activity and delivery during COVID 19.  He is a highly respected resident and businessman of Lobethal.  I did hear on the grapevine that his name has been put forward for a Commonwealth Award</p>		Citizen of the Year
Adam Weinert	<p>Leading his community through the Cudlee Creek Fire despite having a young family, running his own business and looking his home.  His leadership in Recovery and determination to help everyone get back on their feet.</p>		Citizen of the Year
Billy-Jo Brewer	<p>Over 10 years of actively volunteering with Friends of Lobethal Bushland Park.  Actively assisted with interpretive signs and enhancing the natural biodiversity of bushland park by removing weeds and being a committee member of Friends of Lobethal Bushland Park.</p>		Civic

Nominee name	Reason for nomination (as stated by nominator)	Other notes / recognition	Panel Recommendation
Blaze Aid Catering Volunteers	<p>On 20 December 2019 the Cudlee Creek Bushfire (CCBF) devastated a large part of the Adelaide Hills Council Area. As with the Sampson Flat Fire, Blaze Aid moved into the District and set up its Headquarters at the Lobethal Recreational Grounds from mid January to late March 2020. It was forced to suspend its operations due to COVID 19 , but resumed again in July, based at Springhead and has now completed its deployment on 27 October 2020. Generally volunteers are grey nomads who live on site in caravans.</p> <p>With both fires, local community groups were approached to provide the evening meal and spend important time with the volunteers during and after the meal in fellowship. The Torrens Valley Lions Club was approached to organise the groups (see attached) and prepare and manage rosters to ensure that each night was covered and that a variety of meals was provided.</p> <p>At Lobethal, 50-60 two course dinners per evening and just under 20 were provided at Springhead. Meals were provided free of cost to acknowledge their work during the day. All costs associated with the preparation, cooking , serving and cleaning up were met by the respective community group. About 8-10 people helped in the kitchen each night. The community response demonstrated a willingness to support Blaze Aid which in turn helped the devastated residents rebuild their lives.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FblazeAid-1-2020.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=9a997a3eaf32ec0e9b5ae23413a226a8cca2c2f10d0005be3fc9f3dfa5db548f">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FblazeAid-1-2020.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=9a997a3eaf32ec0e9b5ae23413a226a8cca2c2f10d0005be3fc9f3dfa5db548f</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FblazeAid-2-2020.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=f3ccc75ec734020d8248959f8f361ebeb7feb0ddb34d68049247cf2be466a365">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FblazeAid-2-2020.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=f3ccc75ec734020d8248959f8f361ebeb7feb0ddb34d68049247cf2be466a365</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FblazeAid-2a-2020.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=92ae378a801c36454eeb4ede6cd24e72fff89f588a90f0ab20949a1b8e74eb42">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FblazeAid-2a-2020.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=92ae378a801c36454eeb4ede6cd24e72fff89f588a90f0ab20949a1b8e74eb42</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FblazeAid-3-2020.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=78cac9c236eb7f43cdfec05f4da4f61aff5410c3aa081fca1b2f970a4bb05f3f">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FblazeAid-3-2020.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=78cac9c236eb7f43cdfec05f4da4f61aff5410c3aa081fca1b2f970a4bb05f3f</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FblazeAid-4-2020.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=ff203c28203ce16cefb217ec3e18292039b699cb4e4f08e9d16e98c7bdf45a5">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FblazeAid-4-2020.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=ff203c28203ce16cefb217ec3e18292039b699cb4e4f08e9d16e98c7bdf45a5</a></p>	Civic
Brian Parker	<p>Brian has continued to contribute to the district of Uraidla, and in particular to the Uraidla Districts Football Club, the Uraidla Cricket Club and The Uraidla District Soldiers Memorial Park since he first played competition football in 1968.</p> <p>Brian is a life member of both the Uraidla Districts Football Club (UDFC) and the Uraidla Cricket Club.</p> <p>Brian coached the Uraidla Districts Football Club at every level for over twenty seasons, including under 8s, under 10s, mini colts, senior colts, B-Grade and A-Grade. He coached the 1979 senior colts team to a premiership, the first won in this grade at Uraidla, and also coached the A-Grade team to the 1984 Grand Final.</p> <p>Brian has served on the football club management committee continuously since 1976 filling all positions including treasurer, secretary, president and director of football. He is still an active committee member for the club. Brian is the club's longest serving president 1993-2012 and 2016-2018, a total of 23 seasons.</p> <p>Brian played over 400 senior games for the Uraidla Districts Football Club over a twenty-season period, and also played cricket at Uraidla for forty seasons.</p> <p>Brian has also represented the UDFC on the Hills Football League management committee.</p> <p>Brian has also served for many years on the Uraidla Cricket Club management committee and is also currently a trustee of The Uraidla District Soldiers Memorial Park Incorporated, a role he has undertaken for the last twenty years.</p> <p>Through his family business (AF Parker &amp; Sons) Brian contributes as a major sponsor of the Uraidla Districts Football Club, Uraidla Cricket Club, Uraidla Netball Club and the Uraidla Tennis Club and the Uraidla &amp; Summertown H&amp;F Society. Through significant financial support over a long period of time, he has given opportunity for many generations of aspiring young sports people to compete and grow in their chosen sport within the district.</p> <p>His very significant contribution to local football and cricket has been recognised by being awarded life membership to both the Uraidla Districts Football Club and the Uraidla Cricket Club.</p>		Civic
Colin Robert Checker	<p>Treasurer of FDCC 24 years.</p> <p>Life member FDCC (one of only five members)</p> <p>Secretary, Torrens Valley Cricket Association</p> <p>Vice President, Kersbrook Cricket Club</p> <p>President, Cricket Union of SA</p> <p>Member, Kersbrook Soldiers Memorial Park Ground Committee</p> <p>Treasurer, Kersbrook CFS</p> <p>President , Gumeracha Branch Agriculture Bureau</p> <p>Branch President of SA Farmers Federation</p> <p>Fostering children's involvement in sport. Provides fruit (apples) to churches and sporting groups to raise funds.</p> <p>Life membership Fleurieu &amp; Districts Cricket Council.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FC-Checker-1.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=efd24c7ee1984e98d192c55bf556f4edf515422b7617b50bc677c79c53c88815">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FC-Checker-1.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=efd24c7ee1984e98d192c55bf556f4edf515422b7617b50bc677c79c53c88815</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FC-Checker-2.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=029a29990bc93a560ecf8446146e3e7b13a251993e467f12b8b74ff69fd82f0d">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F10%2FC-Checker-2.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=029a29990bc93a560ecf8446146e3e7b13a251993e467f12b8b74ff69fd82f0d</a></p>	Civic

Nominee name	Reason for nomination (as stated by nominator)	Other notes / recognition	Panel Recommendation
Cynthia Weyland	<p>Cynthia has lived in Lobethal for 51 years and married to Graham. They have two daughters Dianna and Sonya, grandchildren and greatgrand children. Cynthia grew up in Keresbrook went to school at Kersbrook PS and a Girls High School. Cynthia's father was killed when she was a teenager. Cynthia was a St John Ambulance volunteer for nearly 10 years based at Woodside until she became ill with Ross River Virus and could no longer continue with the Ambulance. Cynthia was so decated she would practice first aid on her children. After this Cynthia became a volunteer radio operator for the Lobethal CFS and has confined with this roll for the past 30 years. Cynthia does not play bowls, but volunteers as a bar assistant at the Lobethal Bowling Club and has done this for 25 years, Cythia also volunteered cooking meals on Saturday nights for club patrons up until about 2years ago. Ten years ago Cynthia received a letter in the post asking if she would consider joining The Lions Club Of Onkaparinga. Cynthia went to the market one Saturday morning to politely thank the club for their kind offer, but no thanks as she was working full time as a cook at Restvale in Lobethal and too busy. A couple of members said well just come to one of our club meetings and see what you think. That was the beginning of a very valued Lions Member, Cynthia has been a member for 10 years. "No time she says!" Cynthia has been awarded The Helen Keller Award, a prestige award given to privlged Lions members, Since being in the Lions Club, Cynthia has been a great asset helping organizing meals weekly for Blaize Aid after Sampson Flat bushfire 2015. The 2019/2020 Cudlee Creek Bushfire Blaizeaide weekly and Team Rubicon nightly for two weeks. Cynthia is one of five Lions shed committee coordinators, attends the Lions Shed on Friday and Saturday mornings helping with sales and organizing pickups and deliveries. The shed is The Lions Fundraiser situated in Woodside. Cynthia, Shatyn Shillabeer and myself worked together oganizing The Lions Club Of Onkaparinga 50th Anniversaiy_ We worked well together. Cynthia is a proud parent, loves her children and grandchildren loves cooking and looking after her family. Cynthia's daughter Dianna has cancer, but is in remission at present. Cynthia attends appointments with Dianna. Cynthia was also a rock for Sonya when Sonya's marriage crumbled. Cynthia has a lovely personality and manner, is not fazed by tasks givem to her and a proud Lobethal community person. This is an assesment of Cynthia and why I think she is worthy of a citizen award and should be considered for an Australia Day Award.</p>		Civic
Dianne Liebelt	<p>Dianne Liebelt's heart and soul are in the Adelaide Hills district encompassing Summertown, Uraidla and Carey Gully. As a down-to-earth, realistic, practical, whole-hearted woman, she is simply known as Di amongst the locals. Starting her life in Summertown and attending the local Uraidla Primary School, Di has actively involved herself in many local community groups over her years with many a long-term membership. Retiring a few years ago, Di continues with her enthusiastic approach to supporting her local community creating that connective link between the groups and clubs.</p> <p>As a member of many community groups, Di's involvement is diverse; from helping out with football match recordings for the Uraidla Districts Football Club to knitting up mittens and poppies and baking her speciality biscuits for the local Uraidla &amp; Districts SACWA stalls. Her support towards all the local community groups has helped to bond and tie the local community associations.</p> <p>In addition to these activities, Di is a volunteer at the local Meals on Wheels. Weekly she heads out in her car delivering meals to the local community residents who need that bit of support and is someone who cares for each person she meets along the way.</p> <p>Di is an active volunteer committee member on two local committees; the Uraidla District Soldiers Memorial Park (Parks) and the Uraidla &amp; Summertown H &amp; F Society (Uraidla Show). Over many years, Di has been a long-standing member in varying roles within the Park's committee who are the caretaker of the local Uraidla sportsgrounds and war memorial complex. Each year, the Park's host the ANZAC day Dawn Service for our community and as a big supporter Di is up early assisting and then as a member of the SACWA she will find time to bake ANZAC biscuits for the morning breakfast.</p> <p>I have work with Di over the last four years in our volunteer positions on the Uraidla Show and she is the backbone of the show with a wealth of knowledge of the show's history and local community connections. This you would expect as she has been involved since she was a young lady and has been addicted to this community event since! I could go on endlessly about Di's contributions to the show and I think the best way I can sum it up is in a term of endearment I coined during the early days of working with her on this committee; "Showzilla"! She's determined to get things done and does not dilly dally around! Di eagerly pulls up her sleeves and works endlessly in the space that has become passion; the Uraidla Show, the society and grounds. When it's not Show time, you will find Di with either a paint brush in hand or tool repairing the buildings or a wheelbarrow full of mulch to spread around the grounds. She doesn't stop!</p> <p>Di shares her time with another passion, history. As a walking encyclopaedia of local knowledge, Di is a great source of information on local history and in 1984 all this expertise was captured in her book, The history of Summertown and Uraidla, 1836-1984. Recently she led a tour of local SACWA ladies "around the block" in Uraidla who were most appreciative of Di's abundance of knowledge of the ever-evolving changes of the Uraidla township.</p> <p>The one thing you can guarantee here in Uraidla is that you will bump in to Di somewhere in the street or at the front of the post office, or bakery, which is where she seems to rustle up enthusiasm from the locals to lend a hand here or there! Di is well known in her community and the connection she brings to its story.</p> <p>Through Di's passionate involvement in the local Summertown and Uraidla district she has built many connections between the locals, the townships and community groups. No silos here, we're all one big district supporting each other.</p>		Civic
Jeanette Biggs	<p>Even though the Cherryville Community has been riven by dissent, Jeanette has been a shining example of peace, harmony and plain hard work for the community. Jeanette has put in hours and hours of her own time into pulling together some workshops for healing in the Cherryville Community. Then she was tasked with organising an Annual General Meeting, which again was demanding of her time.</p> <p>Yes. Jeanette was an active member of the Cherryville Residents' Association before our problems and she is still demonstrating active citizenship by providing a positive and harmonious example as a member of the new committee.</p> <p>The person employed to facilitate healing meetings made specific mention of the efforts made by Jeanette is assisting our community to grow in a positive manner.</p>		Civic
Jodie Turpin	<p>Jodie stood up and volunteered to help the community of Lobethal after the devastating bushfires in December 2019. Working to co-ordinate the community run Lobethal Recovery Centre, a hub where we all went for assistance with food, clothing and any household item you needed after the fire. She has worked for months and continues to assist every member of our community and the surrounding communities to provide any support needed. She is respected by her community.</p> <p>She was herself affected by the fire at her own property.</p> <p>She works tirelessly for her community and ensured everyone had whatever they needed after the fire.</p> <p>She does anything she can to help her community.</p> <p>She was awarded \$10,000 for her community by Westfield recently.</p> <p>She has been recognised by Disaster Relief Australia, (formally Team Rubicon) for all the volunteer work she has done with them both here in Lobethal and more recently in Kangaroo Island, being awarded the Premiers certificate.</p> <p>Winning the Westfield Local Heroes award from hundreds of applicants.</p>		Civic

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Karen Palmer	<p>Karen Palmer has been volunteering at Stirling Districts Football Club (SDFC) for over 10 years and at some point she has held almost every position!</p> <p>For years she was the SDFC Junior Co-ordinator. She expanded the Junior participation from a few teams to 10 Junior teams currently with over 130 Junior players. To help achieve this she took on Junior coaching roles herself and became the Adelaide Hills Junior Soccer Association (AHJSA) representative for SDFC, and for several years she was manager for AHJSA Representative teams that competed at the South Australian Junior Soccer Associations Championships.</p> <p>Karen continues to be an active Committee member at SDFC and this year she brought the clubhouse into the 21st century by organising installation of Wifi, tap&amp;go EFT payments at the canteen and fitting a large TV into the common room. She has enrolled her sons into marking the lines on the pitches each week. Karen frequently takes days off work so she can help with the administration of the club.</p> <p>Most impressively Karen has developed our annual 7-a-side Twilight football tournament from a small local competition into a massively popular community event with over a thousand Junior and Senior players in 96 teams participating over two nights every week throughout October to December. Players come from all over the Adelaide Hills and the city to join in. Karen persisted in organizing the tournament despite suffering a nasty fracture to her ankle earlier this year which required surgery and she still walks with a limp. How did she sustain the fracture? She slipped over whilst trimming bushes at SDFC's pre-season Working Bee!</p> <p>In addition to her work at SDFC Karen also took time to play netball for Mylor and she was very involved in support for her local school and community events in Mylor. She can be seen serving burgers at the annual Mylor Bonfire event whilst her husband Phil played the guitar in the band.</p> <p>Karen's diligence, selflessness and indefatigability are truly awe inspiring. She is one of the nicest people I know and she always has a friendly smile with an air of positivity. When she recruits new members she is nurturing, supportive and generous with her time and wisdom. I cannot think of anyone more deserving for the award</p> <p>Karen has been awarded Junior Club Person of the year by Stirling Districts Football Club</p>		Civic
Kelly Johnston	<p>Kelly started to provide meals for people cleaning up their properties only 2 days after the fire. She has contributed to providing over 10,000 meals in the fire affected area. She was a contact person so people could phone to ask for assistance with anything from cleaning up to counselling.</p> <p>When people became aware that Kelly was organising meals at the Woodside church, the complex became a hub for the community. A steady stream of families were coming in to get frozen and non-perishable food. It also became a place to talk and listen to others.</p> <p>Two freezers were donated as food now needed to be frozen.</p> <p>Kelly recognition was listed in a article in the local paper the Courier, and also the Lutheran Church of Australia leaflet.</p> <p>She also joined Meals for fire affected families on Facebook, so there was easier access for the families to communicate with her.</p>	<a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2F24040901.PDF&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=77abdb9257f25bc17fec757445075495f9af4d8fd6c76661efd95a5f41c1659a">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2F24040901.PDF&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=77abdb9257f25bc17fec757445075495f9af4d8fd6c76661efd95a5f41c1659a</a>	Civic
Linda Keen	<p>Assisted community during and after Cudlee Creek Fires by setting up and running a Adelaide Hills Garden Revival putting a shout out to anyone want to grow garden plants and calling for donations with overwhelming responses. Even with COVID 19 a garden open day was held in June for plant and donation collection for people whose properties were burnt in the fires and other donations such as deciduitrees, mulch, roses and fertilisers have also been distributed during this time while promoting the work of other groups to ensure all affected receive the maximum support and assistance available.</p> <p>Over 100 families have received assistance not only with there gardens but investing in the future in a positive and meaningful way, giving hope and reassurance to people dealing with a very traumatic and life changing disaster.</p> <p>Recognised through the courier and other local papers and the recovery centre.</p>		Civic
Margarete Ehrhardt	<p>Margarete is an active member of the Houghton, Inglewood &amp; Hermitage Soldiers Memorial Park Inc management committee.</p> <p>Margarete is the primary co-coordinator of the successful Houghton Spring Fair. The spring fair has been running for 4 years and growing each year. Despite COVID in 2020 Margarete took the lead and successfully navigated the COVID management requirements of large public gatherings pulling the community together in a time of need.</p> <p>Through Margarete's Real-estate business she is also a supporter of CFS, Salvation Army, Guide Dogs SA and the Cancer Council SA.</p> <p>Margarete's contribution to the district is way over and above the requirements of a committee member and deserves to be recognised for the positive impact she has on the community.</p>		Civic
Matt Hawkins	<p>Matt came forward straight after the December bushfires, Firstly he organised The Lobetal Community Garden Bushfire support at the Lobethal Beirhouse and booked and catered for 40 musicians to perform for free and unite the community and rescue the Beirhaus from Closure. Alistair Turnbull said of Matt, It was the first event in the area and gave us our biggest day in 10 years of business. Thanks to Matt we raised over \$10.000 and donated over half to the C. F. S. and recovered from the loss of the Bushfires and the closure of the Lobethal Lights and Parade and saved our business. But Matt wasn't done. So many musicians came forward to support Matt's vision that he was able to then host Hillstock. He contacted Lot 100 at Nairne and with their support he gathered over 40 musicians again from the great bands that performed on the Day. The Masters Of Apprentices came out to give Matt 100% of their support and with that, they held an event for 2000 people. Raising over \$10.000.00 of much-needed funds for the C F S. But Matt still had more to do. He contacted The Victor Harbor Hotel and over a two-day event, Matt put together 45 musicians in bands and as solo acts and went to work to raise funds for the devastated people of Kangaroo Island. The Hotel proudly supported Matt and was able to send \$9000.00 To Kangaroo Island to help the Island recovery. By the end of the three events through the vision and commitment, Matt and the musicians Raised \$60'000 for the beleaguered communities. Then Covid struck and although Matt was still trying to present more events, sadly then came lockdown.</p> <p>Matt took it upon himself to contact every person involved and to not only organize the stage and sound he put himself and his years of experience as a musician to valuable use and manned the sound desk for these events. He was the stage manager, dog's body and support person that gave all his love to ensure that everyone involved was connected with and assisted. The local people praised Matt for his effort but in the quiet way that he put everyone first, he declined any praise and always gave applause to all the wonderful musicians that assisted.</p> <p>Matt has been entirely humble and outside of a few personal congratulations, he has sought no recognition for his effort. He has been heard to say, I did nothing that anyone else wouldn't have done.</p>		Community Event of the Year
Metod 'Ted' Setnikar	<p>Has contributed his services and support (catering, hospitality, driving and life skills, experiences and skills) to Adelaide Hills communities for 45 years. He has volunteered at local events and organisations including the Scouts SA, local schools and the Mt Lofty Districts Historical Society, garden tours, and exhibitions. Ted's traumatic pathway from cruel beginnings in Slovenia to a peaceful community engagement in the Adelaide Hills and South Australia, empathy and generosity towards those in need, including migrants and those affected by poverty, prejudice and circumstances have benefited from his support.</p> <p>His support has been given to: The Hut, Aldgate, The Hutt Street Centre, Adelaide, AHC Bus service, Festival of Ideas, SA Government Council for Ageing, HIV policy development, gay men's health program, AIDS Council of SA, Age Care Conferences, Ageing in Foreign Lands, Table Conversations with groups at risk held at his own home, donation of the proceeds of his autobiography "The Lacemaker's Son" (2014) to the Hutt Street Centre (\$25,000 so far). Communities in the AHC and SA have so benefited from his extraordinary generosity.</p>	Letters in support of nomination available at IC20/21104	Civic

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Sebastian Ascott	<p>Sebastian created the idea of Bushfire Kids Connect with his mum after his home was hit by the uncontrolled Cudlee Creek fires on 20th December 2019. Sebastian's home was saved by the CFS, but his neighbours lost their home.</p> <p>Bushfire Kids Connect purpose is to hold events (in person and online) to create connectedness between children in our Bushfire impacted regions. This is key in building resilience across communities following a disaster, for children this is created through fun experience and positive memories.</p> <p>Through his group, Sebastian has helped children of the Cudlee Creek Bushfire Region meet one another through their shared experience. He has brought smiles to the faces of these children who has endured so much.</p> <p>Sebastian has helped to plan a number of events in the Adelaide Hills for our Bushfire Kids Connect Children impacted by the fires;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cartoon drawing workshop – for expression of emotions, feelings &amp; fun</li> <li>• Pillow Case Project – Red Cross led to assist children in the event of a future fire evacuation to pack their special belongings quickly in a 'pillow case'</li> <li>• BMX Coaching – outdoor event held at Wood Trails in Woodside to bring the children of the community together through sport</li> <li>• Christmas decoration making – his school classmates delivered hand made Christmas gifts to the BKC children, many of whom lost their Christmas tree and special decorations 5 days before Christmas last year.</li> </ul> <p>The biggest event was arranging 70 families to attend the Christmas Pageant, These children lost their homes or were significantly impacted only 5 days prior to Christmas last year, so it was so important to create positive memories and fun around this celebration.</p> <p>Sebastian will be leading the Bushfire Kids Connect children's reference group in deciding what exciting events they want to do in 2021. This community initiative will be child led and driven.</p> <p>Redcross is championing the 'Bushfire Kids Connect online project' and are working with Sebastian to pilot the program across Australia, with aim to take it Australia-wide. eg. Children impacted by other fires in AU connecting to children of the Adelaide Hills Region through shared disaster experience.</p> <p>Sebastian loves the idea of meeting kids having shared a similar experience, reaching out to one another, like a digital pen pal in a world of modern technology.</p> <p>No, his contribution has not been recognised elsewhere.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2FAdelaide-Hills-Herald.png&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=f1a9eef5f09196e05c295f65b8cf7395dc97f4237a2c91d05d1635a08b6ddc">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2FAdelaide-Hills-Herald.png&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=f1a9eef5f09196e05c295f65b8cf7395dc97f4237a2c91d05d1635a08b6ddc</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2FSunday-Mail.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=bba206e6ac22fe34fbcd742966af36abf4a0946d51ef544ceb8758f569285b0f">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2FSunday-Mail.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=bba206e6ac22fe34fbcd742966af36abf4a0946d51ef544ceb8758f569285b0f</a></p>	Young Citizen of the Year
Stephanie Bettison	<p>Stephanie is a very active supporter of the Mylor History Group. In recent years she has researched and produced a large montage (3m by 1m) depicting the history of the Mylor Oval. The oval has been a focal point of many varied activities of the Mylor community since 1905 (see reduced copy of montage attached). The montage is on prominent display in the Mylor Oval Clubrooms.</p> <p>In 2017 Stephanie was part of an editorial team for a book written about the history of the Mylor Football Team. This book was publicly launched at a function at the Mylor Oval Clubrooms. Over the last two years Stephanie has researched and now written the history of the Mylor Primary School over the last 25 years. This book, which will be published soon, complements an earlier history book written by Adelaide Hills historian, Jan Polkinghorne, about the School's first 100 years up to 1994. The front cover of the book and contents page is attached.</p> <p>The work which Stephanie has done is an important contribution to the Mylor History Group's collection on the history of this Hill's village. Her work ensures that this historical information is captured and readily available to the broader community for generations to come.</p> <p>The montage is on public display and is viewed by many of the visitors to the Mylor Oval Clubrooms. Stephanie's efforts are recognised on the montage.</p> <p>The school history book will be publicly launched and sold through the Mylor History Group. Stephanie is recognised as the author of the book.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2Fbook-cover.pdf&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=0d82cc7dfca63197090e1f4de9cf2ca068c3529fa91aa5e94b24715fbb033f04">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2Fbook-cover.pdf&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=0d82cc7dfca63197090e1f4de9cf2ca068c3529fa91aa5e94b24715fbb033f04</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2Fmylormontage-800x167.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=841aa4a9f4b67de510f6a3e61c534ad9c478e36a89736a657dc908e93dfaa814">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2Fmylormontage-800x167.jpg&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=841aa4a9f4b67de510f6a3e61c534ad9c478e36a89736a657dc908e93dfaa814</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2FContents-MPS-history.docx&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=997fe24858b2e8d463eb77a496663b487e67ce3bcd63216629c93c97618853f4">https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/index.php?gf-download=2020%2F11%2FContents-MPS-history.docx&amp;form-id=1&amp;field-id=12&amp;hash=997fe24858b2e8d463eb77a496663b487e67ce3bcd63216629c93c97618853f4</a></p>	Civic
Tremaine Kerber	<p>Tremaine has been involved in the Football and Cricket Community over many years.</p> <p>He runs a business in the Main Street of Woodside and recently took on the role of President of the Woodside Commerce Association.</p> <p>Tremaine is active in promoting the Commerce Association, along with carrying out the erection of bud lighting on all businesses in the Main Street, which is hoped will be completed by Christmas this year.</p> <p>He has encouraged new businesses to be involved in the Group, and took on the Tour Down Under organisation for the start in this years Tour Down Under.</p> <p>Tremaine's home and family were impacted by the recent Cudlee Creek Bushfire. He and friends fought to save many homes on the outskirts of Woodside</p> <p>Tremaine is very passionate about the town of Woodside and promoting the area. He and the Commerce Association are keen to help the Love Woodside Group in their endeavours to improve the town as well as promote the Amy Gillett Bikeway and the Woody Trails Bike Park.</p> <p>His involvement in promoting the Swap Meet to raise funds to put on a Christmas Pageant every year, are to be commended.</p> <p>Through the Bushfires and Covid-19, many businesses have been impacted in the area and our local Pageant has been cancelled. However, new Street decorations are being constructed and an alternative visit of Santa to the children is being planned. It will be a year (on 20th Dec) since the Bushfires, and he wants to still carry on with celebrating Christmas, but with a difference in this community.</p> <p>The nominee has not been recognized elsewhere as far as I am aware.</p>		Civic

**3. Citizen of the Year 2021 recommendations – 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 Council's decision(s) in this matter in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of office, Council, having considered Agenda Item 18.1 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 2021, with the exception of appropriate release of information to media outlets to enhance coverage of the awards.**

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