

ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 14 December 2021
CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM

Item: 18.2

Responsible Officer: David Waters
Director Community Capacity
Community Capacity

Subject: Citizen of the Year 2022 Recommendations

For: Decision

1. Citizen of the Year 2022 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 Community Capacity, David Waters
- Director Corporate Services, Terry Crackett
- Acting Director Development & Regulatory Services, Melissa Bright
- Director Infrastructure & Operations, Peter Bice
- 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 18.2: (Citizen of the Year 2022 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 2022 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 2022 Citizen of the Year Award on Graham Jones and Jess Jones of Bradbury.**
 - 3. That Council confer the 2022 Young Citizen of the Year Award on Chantelle Wuttke of Aldgate.**
 - 4. That Council confer the 2022 Community Event of the Year Award on the 2021 Lobethal Gardening Festival.**
 - 5. That Civic Awards (10) be presented to:**
 - a. Chris Badenoch of Uraidla**
 - b. Elizabeth (Libby) Barber of Gumeracha**
 - c. Michelle Kenley of Cudlee Creek**
 - d. Neil Schillabeer of Oakbank**
 - e. Phillis (Peg) Chartres and Brian (Bill) Chartres of Lobethal**
 - f. Tania McGregor of Crafers**
 - g. Thomas Schillabeer of Aldgate**
 - h. Mikayla Schwarz of Lobethal**
 - i. Felicity Young of Houghton**
 - j. SA Country Women’s Association Woodside Branch**
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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

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 270/17 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 to promote the nomination period to their networks. Nominations for the 2022 Awards closed on Wednesday 24 November 2021.

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

David Waters – Director Community Capacity (Convenor)
Karli Hull – Community Development Officer – Community Centres
Stacey Dutton – Sport and Recreation Officer
Josh Spier – Community and Social Planning Officer

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

Jess and Graham Jones of Bradbury were nominated for the extraordinary and selfless support they gave to their fellow community members impacted by the January 2021 Cherry Gardens Fire. Despite also being directly impacted by the fire, their property quickly became a staging point for community support (such as donations for animal feed) and the couple soon became a source of advice and assistance for their community.

In particular, Graham arranged and assisted with numerous property clean-ups, acted as a go-between with government agencies on behalf of impacted residents and helped with grant applications. Jess became a source of valuable help and information in respect to mental health, animal welfare, trees and waste removal and provided input into agency responses.

They have been widely recognised, albeit informally, by members of their community and are often referred to in discussions with agencies as key community supporters.

The panel considered Jess and Graham's efforts to be extraordinary and inspirational and therefore felt them to be most worthy of the nominees for this year's Citizen of the Year.

The ADCSA guidelines for Citizen of the Year Awards state:

Groups of people, organisations or couples will not normally be eligible for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year, though in exceptional cases the selection panels reserve the right to consider such nominations.

The panel felt that this was an exceptional case warranting the award to both Graham and Jess as it was apparent that it was a genuine combined effort and that neither could have achieved what they did without the support of the other.

Young Citizen of the Year

Chantelle Wuttke, 18, of Aldgate, was nominated primarily for work she has done in her school environment (Hills Christian Community School), however it was apparent to the panel that the impact has had a far broader reach.

Chantelle has "single-handedly improved a school culture" largely through initiating and organising a number of wellbeing week activities and a school wellbeing expo with guest speakers and inclusive activities. The panel has heard that people in the broader community have been referring to her work at the school as an example and are applying it to initiatives within their own groups and networks.

Chantelle has also been extensively involved in volunteer work outside of the school, including as a leader on children's camps and fundraising for charity.

The panel felt that Chantelle is an inspirational role model for other young people and would be an excellent Young Citizen of the Year.

Community Event of the Year

The Lobethal Gardening Festival was a community initiated event born out of recovery activities following the Cudlee Creek Bushfire. Under the umbrella of the Lobethal Community Association, the event brought together residents, local businesses, schools and even aged care homes to showcase 11 local gardens, each with something different to offer visitors, with a focus on the wellbeing benefits of gardening.

Several hundred people attended this inaugural festival, which incorporated a formal Welcome to Country ceremony, garden club stalls, a Landscapes SA staff, Council stall, CFS education unit stall, a STEAM challenge for children and prominent guest speakers.

The panel considered this event to be an exemplar of communities leading and supporting their own recovery by activating their existing strengths to embrace new opportunities. The Lobethal Community Association is hoping to make this an annual event given this year's success.

Civic Awards

Ten 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 outstanding contributions to achieving outcomes for their communities over a period of time, going above and beyond the expectations of normal community volunteering and the example they provide for others.

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) Recommended Recipients for Citizen of the Year Awards 2022

Appendix 1

*Recommended Recipients for Citizen of the Year Awards
2022*

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Nominee name	Reason for nomination, as stated by nominator(s)	Panel recommendation
Graeme and Jess Jones	<p>Graeme and Jess Jones have been heavily involved in the clean up following the Bradbury fire in January 2021.</p> <p>Their help to the local community has been extraordinary and eleven months after the fire that help continues.</p> <p>This fire was not declared under the State Emergency Act and the community needed to step in to help. Graeme and Jess have put in an enormous amount of time and effort to help their neighbours in the surrounding area.</p> <p>Both Graeme and Jess's contributions have been widely recognised and appreciated by the local community. To my knowledge this has not been formally recognised.</p> <p>This is a husband and wife nomination. This has been an extraordinary team effort.</p> <p>While Graeme has been involved in numerous physical tasks involved in the aftermath of the fire, Jess has played a pivotal role in communicating with neighbours and supporting both them and her family through this ordeal. Graeme's health has been impacted by the prolonged effort.</p> <p>For Graeme one aspect has been to arrange the delivery and the filling of large skip bins with metal roofing, fencing and other metal destroyed by the fire. This is arduous work and Graeme has worked to fill them on eight separate occasions. He has used his own machinery at considerable cost, helped with grant applications, acted as a go between with the Hills Fleurieu Landscape Board and oversights the safe removal of asbestos from these damaged buildings.</p> <p>Jess Jones has been a source of valuable help and information on what to do after a fire with respect to mental health (especially the impact on children), animal welfare, trees and rubbish removal, weed control, truck traffic on the road during clean-up operations and the coordination of agency responses.</p>	Citizen of the Year
Chantelle Wuttke (18yrs)	<p>Chantelle has been extensively involved with volunteer work, having been a leader on a number of children's camps over the years. She is an active member of her faith community and earlier in the year she organised a very successful fundraiser at Margaery's Orchard to raise funds for a children's charity that she is involved with.</p> <p>Chantelle demonstrated impressive skills in her organisation of the Hills Christian Community School Wellbeing Week. She initiated a number of activities across the school such as a Wellbeing Expo, guest speakers from Headspace, a whole-school 'RU OK' day including staff members sharing their story to students and our first ever ELC-12 'Colour Run'.</p> <p>All of these activities were to bring the school community together, which was a real need given that we have only become one campus at the start of 2021. The written communication, as well as face to face/verbal where possible, to staff members on both campuses, school Management, community contacts including external suppliers, as well as to students of all ages was clear, professional and timely.</p> <p>During the whole-school Colour Run event, she was interviewed by a newspaper journalist, and clearly and appropriately communicated about the excitement the event was generating in helping forge cross-campus connections. As part of the promotion of her community events, she developed a series of professional and eye-catching posters which clearly communicated the important information, as well as a fun video in which our Principal was covered in coloured powder!</p> <p>Chantelle, on a number of occasions this year, demonstrated excellence in public speaking through a number of speeches in front of her school over the year, including a Primary assembly where she promoted her wellbeing events.</p> <p>All of the events Chantelle organised this year had a clear goal supported by an underlying passion, for improving student wellbeing through improving connections between students across the two newly-neighbouring campuses. It is not often that I can say that a student has single-handedly improved a school culture, and built connections between two previously separate campuses, but Chantelle has been able to achieve more as a single student / school captain (along with support people she elicited and helped develop) than anyone had thought possible. During the school's first year of co-location, it took a student like Chantelle to help build these bridges. She is a mature and responsible young woman who demonstrates empathy and care for her peers of all ages. She interacts naturally and effectively with the Primary students, as well as students across the secondary school and her educators. She organised a number of</p>	Young Citizen of the Year

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	<p>lunchtime activities involving our senior students who ran games and mindful colouring activities with our primary students. She also mentored a student in year 4 who needed additional support in developing her emotional literacy.</p>	
<p>Lobethal Gardening Festival (Georgie Pope, Liz Mattock, Kristina Vonow, Lynton Vonow)</p>	<p>Lobethal Community Association organized and hosted its inaugural Lobethal Gardening Festival on 31 October 21. The sub-committee for the Lobethal Gardening Festival was Georgia Pope (Chair), Liz Mattock, Kristina Vonow, Lynton Vonow. It involved a Welcome to Country, a smoking ceremony, multiple gardening clubs' stalls, the Adelaide Hills Council stall, Landscapes SA stall, the CFS' Education unit, seven private home gardens and four public gardens open all at once for anyone to visit, a STEAM challenge for primary school students, and guest speakers Evette Sunset at the Pocket Forest, and Sophie Thomson at the town hall, as well as collaboration with Rotary and multiple small businesses. The event was established for the following reasons: - to promote well-being for gardeners (particularly since the Cudlee Creek bushfire) in our local area by providing them with an opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences with others who visit their garden - to promote a pathway to well-being for those who visit by igniting a love for gardening - to provide an acknowledgement that gardens don't have to be big, or even be our own, to have an impact on our well-being and be worthy of sharing with others - to provide an opportunity for communication and connection around a shared love for gardening - to educate the local and wider community regarding the well-being benefits of gardening - to showcase the businesses and community groups in Lobethal who have, and continue to, contributed to the well-being of the Lobethal community.</p> <p>Georgia Pope was an incredibly energetic and accomplished driver of this event. The event focussed on: - positivity and recovery since bushfires and during Covid - supporting local businesses for meals and breaks - bringing a different group of people to the town. Many come for the 'Lights' but we wanted to create something outside of that to focus on wellbeing that would attract a different audience. We had over 250 people attend. - was inclusive of local business, Lobethal CFS, Lobethal schools (private and public), and the retirement village.</p> <p>From Pat Pearson, resident of Lobethal What an absolute joy it was to attend the outstanding community gardens event held recently in Lobethal. As an avid, but non-professional gardener myself, to witness the huge diversity of gardens on display clearly reflected the hard work and thought that had been put in by the volunteer organisers. There was something for everyone, from growing vegetables, flowers or making a retirement village a flowering beautiful place to live. I spoke to some of the residents who commented about how much joy the event brought them in showing off their gardens. I visit lots of the ABC Open Gardens and this event was right up there with the best! For a volunteer community group to organize 11 gardens in one day, with the massive amount of time and energy this takes, at a minimal cost, truly deserves this award, and definitely adds to Lobethal's already strong, colourful and vibrant reputation.</p>	<p>Community Event of the Year</p>
<p>Bill and Peg Chartres</p>	<p>Bill & Peg Chartres have been long time supporters and participants of the Lights of Lobethal Christmas festival From serving on the committee to being committed to putting on an iconic display in their own garden continuously thru the 2019 Bushfire and COVID restrictions to light up the lives of locals and visitors alike. Their display and generosity highlights the true meaning of Christmas</p>	<p>Civic Award</p>
<p>Peg (Phyllis Irene) Chartres</p>	<p>Peg has been the mainstay of a Christmas Lights Display at 5 Christmas Lane (formally 5 Ridge Road) since moving to Lobethal after the Ash Wednesday Bushfires in 1983. Since the mid 1990's she has had to nearly all the planning and setting up on her own due to my work injury which resulted in several spinal operations including four spinal fusions. She is now my fulltime career. Her lights display is famous throughout Australia and overseas. Details of her efforts in presenting the Lights Display can be seen at: https://www.christmaslane.info/</p>	<p>As above</p>

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	<p>Besides her effort in presenting the Christmas Lane Lights Display Peg served on the Lights of Lobethal Committee for several years, is a member of, and a volunteer for, the Friends of Lobethal Bushland Park, and supports other local organisations. Her Lights Display has raised over \$25,000 for many charities and organisations.</p> <p>Peg is a very reserved person and most of her efforts are not publicized, so her extraordinary contribution to the community has not received any other public recognition.</p>	
Chris Badenoch	<p>Chris is one of many quiet Uraidla community citizens. Born and Primary Schooled in Uraidla, Chris has been an active sportsman, playing football and tennis for Uraidla. Chris has been an office bearer for 11+ years in the Uraidla Tennis club and is the current President. Chris is also a long standing Trustee of the Uraidla and Districts Soldiers Memorial Park committee and has been President for the past 8 years.</p> <p>Under Chris's Park Presidency, he has realigned and beautified the Park entrance and Soldiers Memorial area. He has instigated the annual Anzac Day ceremony, which has been embraced by the local Community. Chris is also a longstanding Member and Arts Convenor for the annual Uraidla & Summertown Show where his talent as an artist is also celebrated. Chris is also a Management Committee member of the Show and spends his free time, of which there is little, mowing and maintaining the Showgrounds. Chris is a very quiet man, who just puts in for his Community, following in the footsteps of his family. Without such volunteers as Chris, we would not be the active, proud Community we are.</p>	Civic Award
Elizabeth Barber	<p>Elizabeth (Libby) has lived in Gumeracha for approximately 15 years and prior to this in Birdwood.</p> <p>Libby worked as a Registered Nurse at the Gumeracha Hospital for many years but it is her work in the community that sets her apart from others. Libby has been involved in community groups for many years but it is her work in the Gumeracha Main Street Project group that has shown her commitment to the community.</p> <p>Libby runs the highly successful Gumeracha 5th Sunday Market that has grown from 30 stalls to over 90 stalls in the past 3 years. Her love of people and kindness is spoken of by stall holders and committee members.</p> <p>Libby also is instrumental in the recent Gumeracha main street upgrades, including negotiating with council and successfully having stobie poles removed and underground electricity installed, new street lighting, landscaping to our main street and in the new year road resurfacing.</p> <p>Libby is also one of the 'Gumeracha Garden Fairies' who look after wine barrels of flowers/plants that line our streets and quietly helps to 'beautify' the town. Libby is the person in town who you go to to get things done. She is always prepared to get up early for markets and events, put in long hours and be available to meet and chat to anyone who is willing to talk about Gumeracha and improving the lives of those who live here.</p> <p>Most locals in Gumeracha know or know of Libby. She always champions for Gumeracha, it's local businesses and has been involved in speaking to local government and council about many concerns regarding our town.</p>	Civic Award
Felicity Young	<p>Felicity wears many hats in our local community and more broadly in her girls swimming activities down the hill.</p> <p>Felicity has been an active member of the local CWA Houghton Branch for over 5 Years.</p> <p>Felicity has also been a member of the Houghton Inglewood and Hermitage Memorial Park committee for over 5 years. She is the current Chairperson of the committee.</p> <p>Felicity has been one of the main drivers and organisers behind the successful Houghton Spring Fair. Felicity's leadership has been inspirational and stands as a modal in the community for others to follow.</p> <p>The 2021 Houghton Spring Fair saw over 2500 members of the community attended a fun family day that brought the community together off the back of a second year of Covid restricted living.</p> <p>Stall holders are now going on a waiting list as the event has reached capacity in 2021.</p> <p>The 2020 spring fair was one of the first community events after the State came out of lockdown and restriction with over 2000 people attending in that year. This event is run solely on community volunteers and is developing significant resilience, both in community leaders and broader community members. In a time of need, the HIHMP committee is making the hard decision to push ahead with this important community event despite the difficulty and hard work</p>	Civic Award

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	<p>required to bring together such a big COVID safe community event. Felicity is also actively involved in community engagement and fundraising with the Local CWA Houghton Branch</p>	
Michelle Andrea Kenley	<p>Michelle has made a very positive contribution to the small Cudlee Creek community. Since the loss of her husband to leukemia and being impacted by the Sampson Flat Bushfire, Michelle has filled the void: -Secretary Cudlee Creek Tennis Club 2016-present. Secured grants of \$66k to resurface courts; provided leadership and encouragement in recruiting players, particularly juniors. -Cudlee Creek Memorial Hall Committee. Organized fund raising events (sausage sizzles, quiz nights, raffles etc.) to ensure successful applications for grants to replace hall roof. -Torrens Valley Tennis Association- Executive Committee member - Secured other Active Club and Recreation and Sports Grants \$6-for equipment and approved amenities.</p> <p>Volunteer- Positive Ageing Centre, Woodside Member-Fox Creek Redevelopment Community Reference Group 2020 to present Member-Adelaide Hills Community Resilience Network (formerly the Cudlee Creek Bushfire Community Recovery Reference Group) 2020 to present. Worked closely with Alex Zimmermann to ensure that the needs of the community were being acknowledged. Established "Your Hall Your Hub" to bring people together. Adelaide Hills Relay for life Volunteer Event Leadership Team 2019 to present. -Successfully lobbied AHC for a bus shelter opposite the CC Tavern (\$10k)and footpath on Redden Drive near Wildlife Park (\$40k) As a member of the Mid Torrens Catchment Group, works actively to upgrade the Cudlee Creek Conservation Park</p>	Civic Award
Mikayla Schwarz (nominated for Young COTY)	<p>This year, Mikayla has been a prominent member of the Adelaide Hills Council Youth Leadership group, and as such has been involved in the organisation of a number of youth events and programs in the district.</p> <p>Outside of her work as an Environmental Consultant and her participation in the Youth Leadership Program, she is also an active member of the Lobethal Living Nativity committee, and is on the newly reformed Lights of Lobethal committee. She is also a youth ambassador on the Lobethal 175th foundation committee. Contributions beyond Lobethal also include conservation volunteering efforts in the Adelaide Hills and Murray-Mallee</p>	Civic Award
Neil Hubert Shillabeer	<p>Outstanding contribution to various Community and Sporting bodies within the district over many years.</p> <p>Strong leadership, actively helping less fortunate community members. Membership of and Executive positions held in various organisations. Many hours of voluntary work within these bodies. Recipient of a citizenship award in another Council jurisdiction in 2011</p>	Civic Award
SACWA Woodside Branch	<p>Started in 1946 in the Institute Woodside, the Woodside CWA has been a continual presence within the township and continues to quietly beaver away within the community raising funds through its active monthly op-shop not only for local community projects but for Emergency Funds administered by SACWA State Office in Adelaide. Woodside CWA also provide funds for "baby parcels" which go out to socially-deprived mothers with new babies - these are administered by our State Office (see picture). We also donate \$700 to the Dorothy Dolling Fund administered by State Office to provide funds for a local rural student identified by Woodside Branch (recent recipient of funds lives in Balhannah). Offers open house at meetings and handicraft.</p> <p>A continual presence within Woodside, the Woodside CWA holds a regular monthly op-shop which is more about community spirit and keeping an open house within the local community albeit for only one morning a month as well as supplying "new-to-you" clothes, books and bric-brac. This year, the members of the Woodside CWA have assisted projects for Love Woodside and also the Lions Hearing Dogs at Verdun where an afternoon tea for the Hearing Dogs raised \$1,400 in 2 hours - even in a Covid year! The branch also supported the recent opening of the toilet block at the Institute by providing refreshments. The Woodside CWA through its President Mo Johnson continues to raise awareness of local issues and is happy to support many local groups and their projects. Post-bushfire, the Woodside CWA has maintained a solid calm presence within the community and through its membership and community events, continues to offer reassurance through stability to local residents, some of which seek out the CWA because of its reliability and especially these last two years when many older residents have been afraid of the virus. Our membership has many older ladies (one 95) and meetings have been helpful to them to reassure them of SA Health information. All our members are double-vaccinated and were happy to do so upon information received during our meetings. Our handicraft</p>	Civic Award

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	<p>meetings once a month are open to the community.</p> <p>Dan Cregan has always supported the SACWA Woodside Branch as has Josh Teague. Both have been appreciative of the work done by the Country Women's Association. We have been fortunate to receive a community Strengthening Community Wellbeing After Bushfire grant this year which followed on from the Cudlee Creek bushfire where three of our members lost property. The grant funds were used to purchase a projector/printer/screen/laptop/speaker and PA - all for use within the community.</p>	
Tania McGregor	<p>Hundreds of hours of voluntary work over several decades for the Adelaide Hills Communities involve:- Library Services, shelving and packing books and assisting staff projects; Voluntary teaching at Crafers Primary school including cooking and food service training; Creating and managing a Welcome Knitting Club and craft group for the development of skills and technique and a sense of service to others particularly in welcoming new students into the School Community; Extending this Project as a contribution to an Exhibition designed to explore and highlight the History of Teddy Bears created by the Mt Lofty Districts Historical Society Inc.in. 2018. Most recently the commemorative project initiated by the Coventry Library brought several groups together through knitting dozens of red poppies in remembrance of World War 1. These poppies have been used annually by the Mt Lofty Districts Historical Society in commemorative displays for Anzac and Remembrance Days. These poppies were woven into a ceremonial wreath at the Stirling subbranch of the Returned and Services' League Centenary and One celebrations in October 2021.</p> <p>Tania McGregor is without doubt an exemplary citizen and constructive and creative member of the Adelaide Hills Communities. As a small child she migrated to Australia with her parents who were 'White Russian' refugees escaping the rigours of the Communist regime. Tallies family left all of their family members and communities behind. For Tania the importance of community became a reality when she married into the McGregor family — among the earliest European settlers in the Crafers District.</p> <p>Like many women, Tania has been a quiet achiever for whom nurturing her family as a wife, mother and grand-mother has her major focus. When opportunities emerged she was able to contribute her skills to the students of the Crafers Primary School on a voluntary basis. As a trained primary school teacher she developed an extended program of cooking and food science and then into the craft world where her skills were highly developed. Her post-graduate training in kinesiology expanded her understanding of the important links which dexterity and movement promoted within the brain. Her patience and understanding of the needs and abilities of young children had been well honed with her family.</p> <p>Tania's community work extended and still continues within the Coventry Library where she is a familiar friendly and responsive on the Library volunteer program. Shelving and packing books and contributing to Library activities.</p> <p>Her expertise in craft work and particularly knitting is contributed to the groups of knitters who meet weekly under the 'Craftemooon' banner bringing a warm collegiality to the community life within the Coventry Library premises. At these meetings she oversees the development of skills, recreates patterns, encourages beginners, maintains a warm and friendly involvement complete with cakes and nibbles for afternoon tea.</p> <p>During the Covid 19 shutdowns Tania invited the members to her own home so that their activities and support could continue. "Crafternoon" has now returned to their special place within the Library.</p> <p>In 2014-2018 the group, under Tania's guidance responded to the Library's commissioning of a collection of hand-knitted red poppies which could be used for ceremonial purposes during the WWI Centenary commemorations. These poppies have been used for Anzac and Remembrance display ever since. They have recently been woven into a wreath which was presented by the Stirling sub-branch for their own Centenary celebration in October 2021.</p> <p>As President of the Mt Lofty Districts Historical Society Inc. I am honored to nominate Tania McGregor for an Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award.</p>	Civic Award
Thomas Shillabeer	<p>Thomas has been a dedicated volunteer at The Hut Community Centre for over 7 years but has been associated with The Hut for a lot longer!</p> <p>Thomas is a core volunteer of our organisation. Our staff and volunteers teams rely on him to support the smooth running of our Centre and all of its programs and services. Although he is often in the background doing IT support or administration tasks, it is very much noticed when he is not attending the centre.</p> <p>Recently Thomas had some health concerns which meant he was unable to carry out his usual role at The Hut. He still visited almost daily and even while recovering he was offering to provide any support he was able to manage.</p> <p>Being a volunteer at The Hut has become a significant part of his life and we value his contribution enormously to our Community Centre and its community.</p> <p>Thomas is a very kind, generous person with a good sense of humour. He brings these qualities to the communities he is engaged with as well as his enthusiasm to be a part of something bigger. Not only does he dedicate a significant portion of his week at The Hut, Thomas also volunteers in a range of large</p>	Civic Award

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	<p>community events, in a charity store and in a museum.</p> <p>Thomas performs a diverse range of roles in our centre including supporting our food pantry service, troubleshooting IT issues for staff and volunteers, as a helper on the community bus, driving seniors to medical appointments, assisting with community centre events and promotion and updating website content. He is always happy to chat to clients and community members who enter the centre and they feel comfortable talking to him about what is going on in their own lives.</p> <p>Thomas has been recognised elsewhere for his volunteering contributions as a part of following events and organisations over an extended period of time; The Bend Motorsport, Hills Car Rally Events, Train museum in Port Adelaide, Tour Down Under.</p> <p>He is a committed volunteer with a wide range of skills that he is always willing to share with the community.</p>	
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3. Citizen of the Year Awards 2022 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 18.2 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* 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 2022, with the exception of the appropriate release of information to award recipients and their close family and friends, nominators and 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.