

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 17 December 2019
CONFIDENTIAL AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

Item: 19.1
Originating Officer: Ebony Priest, Communications Officer
Responsible Director: David Waters, Director Community Capacity
Subject: Citizen of the Year Awards 2020
For: Decision

1. Citizen of the Year Award 2020 – 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:

- CEO, Andrew Aitken
- Director Infrastructure & Operations, Peter Bice
- Director Development & Regulatory Services, Marc Salver
- Director Corporate Services, Terry Crackett
- Director Community Capacity, David Waters
- Acting Executive Manager Governance & Performance, Steve Watson
- Minute Secretary, Pam Williams

be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.1: (Citizen of the Year Award 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 Award 2020 – 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

1. That the report be received and noted.
2. That Council confer the 2020 Citizen of the Year Award on Rick Drury of Inglewood.
3. That Council confer the 2020 Young Citizen of the Year Award on Bradley Rohrlach.
4. That Council confer the 2020 Community Event of the Year Award on Pome Fest by the Apple and Pear Growers Association of South Australia Inc.
5. That Civic Awards (11) be presented to:
 - a. Jeff Ayres of Lower Hermitage
 - b. Rob Possingham of Montacute
 - c. Liz Possingham of Montacute
 - d. Lesley Ewing of Mylor
 - e. Phil Robinson of Woodside
 - f. Mellissa Bradley of Uraidla
 - g. James Parkin of Summertown
 - h. John Warner of Kersbrook
 - i. Pamella Warner of Kersbrook
 - j. Susanne Koen of Mylor
 - k. Tom Prosser of Woodside

1. GOVERNANCE

➤ Strategic Management Plan/Council Policy

Goal 2 Strategy	Activities and opportunities to connect We recognise diversity in the community is one of our greatest strengths and we will support and promote opportunities for social inclusion.
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The annual awards presented on Australia Day are an opportunity for Council to recognise and celebrate members of the Adelaide Hills community who contribute to its success and inclusiveness.

➤ Legal Implications

Not applicable

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

The recognition of community achievements through the Australia Day 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 (3E)	Low

The residual 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.

➤ **Environmental Implications**

Not applicable.

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted with Council Committee, Regional Subsidiary, Advisory Group, the Administration and Community**

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.

Council Committees: Not Applicable

Advisory Groups: Not Applicable

Administration: Director Community Capacity
Sport and Recreation Officer
Economic Development Officer

Community Development Officer – Community Centres

Community: While the community is not consulted on the recipients of the award 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 a resolution of 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 through advertisements placed in the local press, on the Council's website, in Council's libraries and Community Centres, and through Council's e-newsletter and social media platforms. The Australia Day Council of South Australia also promoted the scheme state-wide. Nominations for the 2020 Awards closed on Sunday 24 November 2019 after a one-week extension. An extension to the nomination period was implemented due to a lower-than-usual intake of nominations.

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
Stacey Dutton – Sport and Recreation Officer
Melissa Bright – Economic Development 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

Rick Drury was considered the most worthy among the 13 nominees for Citizen of the Year. Rick has over 40 years' voluntary service with the CFS, rising to Group Officer. He is a strong and effective advocate for resources in his region.

As a local pear grower, Rick has been known to support others with reduced price or donations of fruit, including donations to Operation Flinders, which helps at-risk young people. He has recently supported drought relief operations, donating pears and delivering them for stock feed.

He is a long time contributor to a range of groups including the Paracombe Cricket Club and is considered to be a well-respected leader in his community.

Young Citizen of the Year

Bradley Rohrlach has been an initiator and long-time contributor to technology programs for young people in the Adelaide Hills district. The panel considered him well worthy of the award.

Community Event of the Year

Three events were nominated for Community Event of the Year, with the selection panel determining that Pome Fest by the Apple and Pear Growers Association of South Australia demonstrated the best outcomes against the selection criteria.

Pome Fest was initiated by local apple and pear growers following the second consecutive year of severe hail damage to local crops. The intent of the festival was to showcase innovations in the industry, celebrate the resilience of the sector and promote what can be done with hail damaged fruit. The event involved a combination of orchard and packing shed tours across the region, a showcase market at Lobethal (attended by over 800 people) and an industry get together. Pome Fest was considered to be a unique and innovative event, well worthy of recognition.

It should be noted that one nominee was not considered for the award in line with ADCSA guidelines as it has previously (and recently) won the same award, with no significant changes to the event format or objectives since that time.

Civic Awards

Ten people are recommended to receive Civic Awards. These include a number of people who were nominated for Citizen of the Year.

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

- Individual recipients 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.

The major awards will be presented by the Mayor at Council's Australia Day Event, as well as being acknowledged at each of the community events around the district, which the recipients may also attend. The custom is for Civic Awards to be presented by a Council Member at Australia Day community events around the district in accordance with the recipient's preferred location.

Recipients of the two 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 2020

Appendix 1

Recommendations for Citizen of the Year Awards 2020

2020 Awards Panel Recommendations

Nominee Name	Reason for nomination (as stated by nominator)	Other notes / past recognition (as stated by nominator)	Panel Recommendation
Rick Drury	<p>Rick has 42 years of service with the SA Country Fire Service and is a Member of the Paracombe CFS Brigade.</p> <p>He served actively with the Paracombe Brigade for 24 years , holding the rank of Lieutenant for 8 years. Rick became involved at Gumeracha CFS Group Level, being elected to the position of Gumeracha Deputy Group Officer for the next 11 years and then was elected into the position as Gumeracha Group Officer which he currently holds and has held for the past 7 years. As part of Incident Management teams he has run incidents locally as well as interstate.</p> <p>Rick is a Life Member of the SA Country Fire Service - received for 20 years of active service and is also a Life Member of the Paracombe CFS Brigade. He has also been awarded the National Services Medal for 15 years of active and diligent service with an Emergency Services Agency.</p> <p>He is a qualified CFS Fire Investigator and has been for 15 years.</p> <p>As Group Officer Rick gives significant support/guidance to CFS Captains , thanks volunteers for the hours they put in on the ground and works to ensure the volunteers he looks after have what they need to do the job.</p> <p>A successful local business owner , with his wife and son, he employs local workers throughout the year plus pickers. Through this business as a pear grower at Inglewood/Paracombe he supports others with donating, or reducing price, of second pears. Recently at his cost he drove his truck to deliver truck load of pears to Truro for livestock feed. Also donating fruit (pears) to the Operation Flinders organisation which strives to help teenagers and other young ones who have issues in life.</p> <p>Played and contributed time to Paracombe Cricket Club.</p> <p>Leader in community , looking for the positive and a supporter of conflict reflection.</p> <p>Through CFS, he has taken on the role of Deputy and Group Officer for Gumeracha Group CFS, supporting the Captains and volunteers that report to him, lobbying for resources (fire trucks, cameras on trucks, heat sensing equipment, etc) for the region to improve the service that is available to our community, and to improve what volunteers work with.</p> <p>He has donated, or reduced the price of second pears, supporting others including enable those on the land to feed their stock in times of drought.</p>	No former recognition that I'm aware of	Citizen of the Year
Bradley Rohrlach	<p>Bradley was the originator of our XitH gaming events back in 2007. He was in year 9 or 10 at the time.</p> <p>The XitH LAN parties have provided an important social focus for video gamers in the Hills - generally reclusive and introverted young people, for whom these events provide a social opportunity to connect with likeminded peers.</p> <p>With support from AHC Youth Development, Bradley has managed to keep these events running every school holiday for the past 12 years where other community LANs have floundered. In 2020 their 50th event will be coming up.</p> <p>Bradley has also been a member of the Adelaide Hills Council YAC for a period of 5 years and has more recently joined the Adelaide Hills Council Virtual Reality group – a group of volunteers that manages and coordinates the community use of Council's VR gear.</p> <p>As one of the first people to volunteer for this program he has been instrumental in getting it up and running, and is a driving force for the further development of this program.</p> <p>Bradley also volunteers his time to run Dungeons & Dragons sessions in the community – both as a DM (Dungeon Master) for AHC school holiday activities, but also on a regular basis for sessions held at Xcite, Mt Barker.</p> <p>Over the years Bradley has had an important contribution to shaping many activities for young people in the community.</p>		Young Citizen of the Year
Pome Fest 2019	<p>Farming communities constantly live with the threat of natural disasters. Droughts, floods and storms are a part of Australia's landscape and managing these events is a feature of Australian agriculture. In 2017 and 2018 the Adelaide Hills experienced two consecutive years of hail-damage to the region's apple and pear crops, causing understandable concern and distress in the apple and pear growing community.</p> <p>Within this context and following several discussions with affected growers and the community, the concept of Pome Fest was created. Led by the Apple and Pear Grower's Association (APGA) and held on Friday 31 May and Saturday 1 June 2019, the inaugural Pome Fest offered an opportunity to support the industry affected by the hailstorm events in a practical yet strategic way.</p> <p>Agritourism or food tourism is quickly becoming an important and growing sector of the Australian economy. Food and beverage experiences are being increasingly sought after as consumers desire to better understand where their food comes from, learn how it is produced and enjoy produce where it is produced.</p> <p>Holding an event has long been seen as a practical and fun way to showcase and promote an industry, product and region. The concept of an apple and pear festival is not new one with a long history of similar events at Lenswood dating back to 1963. The Pome Fest initiative aimed to modernise and revitalise the past success of similar events by focussing on presenting an innovative, productive and resilient industry that is an important and valued part of the Adelaide Hills region.</p> <p>For the pome fruit industry it was an opportunity to collaborate, generate new ideas and celebrate and recognise the wealth of experience, information and product they have to offer to the broader community.</p> <p>Nearly 1,000 visitors enjoyed the range of activities on offer including: orchard and packhouse tours, pruning and grafting workshops, cooking demonstrations, children's activities, cider masterclass and sale of fresh produce and pome fruit products.</p>	Pome Fest 2019 has no other formal recognition	Community Event of the Year

Nominee Name	Reason for nomination (as stated by nominator)	Other notes / past recognition (as stated by nominator)	Panel Recommendation
Jeff Ayres	<p>Jeff has spent many years educating the residents of the Inglewood, Lower Hermitage and Upper Hermitage area on Bushfire preparedness and engaging the Community to be Bushfire ready to protect their homes, properties and livestock.</p> <p>Jeff has organized Community fire Safe Meetings throughout the district. Jeff with wife Andy have also held Australia Day breakfasts at their home for many years, inviting the whole neighbourhood to attend.</p>	<p>CFS as Community Engagement Officer Red Cross volunteer</p>	Not a previous recipient
Rob and Liz Possingham	<p>Rob and Liz have lived at Montacute for all their married life and have recently retired from cherry growing. Rob was born in the district as the son of an orchardist and market gardener. Together they have given generously and above and beyond to the Montacute Community. The Montacute Progress Association wants to recognise their contributions as a couple who have made a real and valuable difference to the Montacute Community. Rob and Liz are unassuming members of the community whose friendly, welcoming and warm manner makes everyone feel valued. Because of this many new people to the district have quickly been accepted as they made Montacute their home. As one of our local cherry growers the Possies, as they are affectionately known, have employed local people as pickers giving young people an opportunity. They have always been one of the go to suppliers of cherries for our local community and Rob's knowledge and skill with gardening has often been called on by people new to the district and looking to establish gardens or manage orchards on their own properties. As market gardeners and orchardists Rob and Liz were always generous in providing cauliflowers, lettuces, cherries or other seasonal produce for the community dinners or fundraising events. With property adjacent to the Montacute Common the Possies bore and water was often used for community events on the Common, in particular the annual giant water slide at Australia Day picnics. No job is too small and Rob and Liz have always been there to pick up equipment on the back of their ute or truck, help with installing a new pump, get the new keys made or any maintenance work on the Montacute Institute as well as a multitude of other jobs around the district. Liz is great community observer and quiet helper and can be relied on to be there for others whether a neighbour who is unwell or another community member with relentless demands on their time as they care for elderly parents. As one community member said "Liz the best neighbour ever! Liz would ring and offer to clean the house, turn up with meals or a cooked chook and visit often take me to some special shops. And off course Liz would never take money" Together Rob and Liz are our local treasures and Montacute is a better place because of them both!</p>	<p>Rob and Liz have always been active contributors to the Montacute CFS. Rob has been in the service for 57 years (1 Sept 1962) and Liz has been in the CFS for 41 years. As the Brigade Captain for 14 years from 2005 to 2019, Rob has steered the group through times of low membership always contributing to the Montacute Progress Association Newsletter to keep the community updated on CFS activities (see attachment of 2015 Newsletter). Through his leadership the Montacute Brigade has more recently encouraged many young people in the community to join, resulting in one of the biggest number of cadets in any brigade in the East Torrens Group. Before changes to catering for CFS volunteers during a fire event, Liz was always a main cook and the go to person for organising the much needed supply of sandwiches and food for the fire fighters. During a hot summer one could be sure she had extra bread and fillings in her freezer ready to use in the event of a fire. Liz has also been the main organiser of the CFS Children's Christmas party which is held every year. In the last few years it is Liz who has ensured that women and children from a nearby Women Refuge are invited and able to attend an event in safety, receive a gift from Santa and enjoy the games and dinner with local Montacute children and families.</p>	Neither a previous recipient
Lesley Ewing	<p>Lesley has only been in Mylor for 12 years but has contributed greatly to the community. Her latest and major contribution has been as treasurer and coordinator of the project to rebuild and redevelop the Mylor CFS Op Shop, on the same property as the heritage listed Mylor Uniting Church. The project has also involved the rebuilding of the kitchen and toilets attached to the back of the church. The much improved and spacious new buildings will be developed as an additional community centre for Mylor, in which we have no doubt Lesley will be a key player. She has already taken a leadership role in starting up and managing the very successful Riversong Choir and the Mylor Art Group. They have both been meeting in the church rooms, together with several other groups, but they will now all have a much better venue in the large community meeting room at one end of the new Op Shop building.</p> <p>Lesley has worked so hard over the past 2 years on the building project, involving much negotiating with the AHC Council, the Uniting Church Synod and Mylor community groups. She has organised two recent very successful concerts to raise money for a budget stretched well beyond the original "Fund Your Neighbourhood" grant, as well as several other earlier events including a "Neighbour Day" BBQ with the CFS.</p> <p>During her time in Mylor she has been a volunteer in organising and running many of the community events and functions that occur in this busy village, including the four "Wine and Roses" events some years ago, and the recent Mylor community "Bake Off" for both adults and children. She has also served on the committee of the Mylor Citizens Friendship Club.</p> <p>In summary Lesley is an exceptionally active member of the Mylor community, most recently exemplified by the great and commendable effort she has put into the Uniting Church/CFS Op Shop building project. Without her enthusiasm and persistent organisational, financial management and negotiating skills the project may well not have happened. She is thoroughly committed to her community and would be a very deserving recipient of at least an Australia Day Civic Award.</p>	No past recognition that we're aware of.	Civic Award
Phil Robinson	<p>Phil is a quiet achiever who works behind the scenes to improve the Hills Community. His hard work has seen him light the Woodside ovals and establish clubrooms for the Woodside Warriors Soccer Club. He is a life member of that club, he is also treasurer of the Woodside Recreation Grounds for many years. Phil has a lets get it done attitude who works tirelessly to improve community facilities. he has recently helped replace sprinklers on both ovals at Woodside and has upgraded bore irrigation and drainage. Not bad for a bloke that doesnt like sport !! He wants to improve community facilities</p>	Life member of Woodside Warriors Soccer	Civic Award

Nominee Name	Reason for nomination (as stated by nominator)	Other notes / past recognition (as stated by nominator)	Panel Recommendation
Mell Bradley, James Parkin, Ben Hopkins	<p>Mell, James and Ben have acted as a trio for the last six years to found Imagine Uraidla. They have initiated a program of community restoration that has revitalised Uraidla and its surrounding communities. They have been conscientious in working collaboratively with one another to achieve their aims and it is for this reason that we make a joint nomination for them. We are nominating them this year as at the recent Imagine Uraidla AGM they each stepped down from the leadership positions that they had been holding. It is a tribute to their community development skills that this meeting was attended by about 40 people and that there was a strong core of those people willing and able to take responsibility for continuing Imagine Uraidla and its work in the community. Mell, James and Ben have made a significant contribution to the community through a grass roots community campaign that they initiated and fostered to bring business back to their town and to empower the local community. This has seen the sleepy villages of Uraidla and Summertown transform into a food and wine hub of the Adelaide Hills and with it, a rise in community spirit. Just over six years ago, after a succession of business closures, the local hotel poured its last drink on 15 August 2012. Sadly the community realised that they were losing much more than local businesses. They were losing the potential of a thriving town for future generations. In 2013 the picturesque village of Uraidla in the Adelaide Hills was close to becoming a ghost town. With the exception of Saturday afternoon bowls home games, you could walk the main street and not bump into another soul. Known for its cherries, berries and vegetable produce together with a strong sporting tradition, Uraidla, a town that once considered itself self-sufficient, sustaining an IGA supermarket, butcher, two hairdressers and a petrol station, was feeling the impact of longer city trading hours and a changing demographic. This state of affairs was lamented by people but conversations ended with a helpless shrug. Being 30 minutes from the centre of Adelaide it felt inevitable that life would orient in that direction and young people would need to move away from Uraidla. Mell, James and Ben observed the change but were not happy to accept it. First they discussed the situation amongst themselves, then they started talking to their friends and connections within the community (and they each had many connections through the School and other involvements). They started to use the expression Imagine Uraidla – often as a question about what might be. Drawing inspiration from the UK Pub is the Hub movement, in March 2014 they took a chance and called a community meeting. They each insisted on their closest friends coming along just so the Football Club room would not be completely empty. But they need not have feared. They had read the mood of the town correctly and more than 220 people from Uraidla and surrounding hills settlements took up their invitation and crammed into the Uraidla Football clubrooms to share their views on the future of their town. An amazing response given, Uraidla itself only has a population of 460 people. This meeting legitimated Imagine Uraidla and drew others into the organising core. It articulated the hopes and goals of many people but a pathway and process for moving forward had to be developed and Mell, James and Ben took the leadership of this, whilst maintaining constant conversation with people about how to move forward. They recruited assistance to establish a website and an email newsletter that informed people about what was happening locally and connected people to one another. “Don’t you get the Imagine Uraidla newsletter?” became the refrain.</p> <p>One key strength of their active citizenship was their strength based approach to the enhancement of community life. They developed their contact list and drew on it to support activities that would grow community connectedness. There are many examples, small and large, but one memorable example was encouraging and supporting the fundraising for the CFS through the Long White Table Dinner. Hundreds of people sharing a meal together in the Show grounds was evidence of the changing sense of community life in this district. Another key institution that was languishing as a result of community change was the Uraidla and Summertown Show. Initially they enhanced the Sustainability Fair that ran within the Show but then, seeing that the Show personnel needed more support they developed the concept of Imagineers and worked with the Show to recruit and manage a new group of volunteers. They supported the revitalisation of Anzac Day services at the Show grounds and the Anzac centenary commemoration—linking local children to this commemoration and the community history. Mell, James and Ben developed their ability to seize opportunities that presented. One example of this is their work to partner with Council to take advantage of the Tour Down Under and eventually (despite some very difficult weather conditions one year) winning the Best Dressed Town award. The resources provided by this prize allowed them to continue to develop the e-newsletter. Over the last six years Mell, James and Ben have worked tirelessly for their community. This has involved action – planting trees, negotiating resources, being on hand to support community events, fundraising to support the work of Imagine Uraidla and being there for the cleaning up whether or not they had any responsibility for the event. However their unique form of active citizenship is their commitment to real communication. This has involved hour upon hour of talking and listening. There have been endless meetings, follow up forums and early morning coffees. It has involved reflection, experimentation and further reflection as they worked to find the role for Imagine Uraidla that would build community without disempowering other expressions of community. Mell, James and Ben are very special citizens in their commitment to working with one another and with anyone else in the local community who wants to contribute to enhance community life.</p>	<p>Imagine Uraidla has been recognised for its work in the community. Recently they have won the Best Regional Main Street Award and earlier in the year won best dressed South Australian town as part of the Tour Down Under.</p> <p>The three individuals and their collaborative work has not formally been recognised elsewhere. (Staff note: Ben Hopkins has previously received a Civic Award for his contribution to Imagine Uraidla)</p>	Civic Award (for Mellissa Bradley and James Parkin. Ben Hopkins has previously received a Civic Award)
John and Pamela Warner	<p>John Warner has lived in the Kersbrook area all of his life. He operated a small business prior to moving to his farm_ in the early 1970's, he joined the Emergency Fire Services (EFS) as it was then known (now the CFS) and continues to be an active member. He has held many leadership positions including Brigade Captain and President for 16 years. He participated in Strike teams battling fires throughout the State, including the Sampson Flat fire. All up, he has contributed over 45 years of active service to the CFS. In addition to the above, he has committed an enormous amount of time and resources to the management of the Kersbrook War Memorial Park, including Management Committee membership and President from 2011 until 2018. Currently, he is the Vice President, but also Acting President during the unexpected absence of the President. In those roles, he coordinates the volunteers who manage the facilities and grounds. He has been able to swell the number of volunteers to ten (10). With wife Pam, he took responsibility for organizing the erection of War Memorial gates at the entrance to the Park which were officially opened on Remembrance Day 2019.</p> <p>Pam has lived in Kersbrook since the 1970's and her community service commenced with Pam delivering meals to aged residents of Kersbrook. In 1986, Pam joined the Cudlee Creek (later known as the Cudlee Creek/Kersbrook Auxiliary) for the Adelaide ChiWrens Hospital. She held Management positions of Vice President and President for several years. In 1991, she became President of the Kersbrook CFS Ladies Auxiliary which assisted in fund raising and feeding the CFS crews in the bushfire season. Later, around 1998, she was approached to take up the position of Secretary of the Management Committee and the Finance Committee of the War Memorial Park, a role she accepted and held for 15 years. As Secretary to the Fund raising Committee, she organized many fund raisers including BBQ's, catering for social events and even musical stage shows. She initiated the local Opp. Shop which operates from the Kersbrook Hall and continues to volunteer her services and coordinates other volunteers. Pam was actively involved in the establishment of new facilities at the relocated War Memorial Park and continues to serve on the Management Committee. John and Pam, together as a Team, work tirelessly to improve community life in Kersbrook. They would be worthy recipients of the Citizen of the Year Award</p>		Civic Award

Nominee Name	Reason for nomination (as stated by nominator)	Other notes / past recognition (as stated by nominator)	Panel Recommendation
Susanne Koen	<p>Susanne has shown outstanding community leadership in her community of Mylor and the Adelaide Hills in general following the 2016 SA Storms, Floods and Blackouts and the 2015 Sampson Flat Bushfires. She has established and led the Resilient Communities Adelaide Hills group to help to prepare the community to be more resilient in the face of natural disasters. A link to their website with further information is here: http://resilientcommunitiesadelaidehills.org and I have uploaded the About page from this site that gives a history of the group and Susanne's leadership.</p> <p>Susanne saw a need for the community to be more prepared in the wake of the natural disaster events mentioned above and also a lack of understanding of authorities of the needs and circumstances of her community of Mylor and the wider Adelaide Hills. She stood up and organised a community meeting at Mylor Hall that was strongly attended by community members and leaders from which came the Resilient Communities Adelaide Hills group. Since then she has taken a strong role leading this group participating in a reference group of SA Power Networks and successfully advocating for Mylor Oval to be made a Bushfire Last Resort Refuge. She has also written a report on Resilience in the Hills and a submission to a Senate committee on the NBN. This all occurred while she was facing personal tragedy and health issues.</p>	No former recognition that I'm aware of	Civic Award
Tom Prosser	<p>Tom is a member of the Love Woodside Group and the Woody Trails BMX Track. He has spent many hours helping re-create the Jumps and the area on Station Road Woodside. Many hours of volunteer work, mentoring young riders and doing coaching sessions at the recent Stirling Jam, and MC at the Woody Trails Jam</p> <p>The passion Tom has for the Bike Track, young people and the Environment, is amazing. His input into planting and creating a great space, along with Shaun Clarke (a recipient last year), is appreciated, not only by the young people, but we are getting so many great comments on how the area is improving and more and more young people and parents are using the facility.</p>	<p>We have many riders and parents from out of the S244 area who use this facility and have many favourable comments. Even people from overseas have helped at this track and have ridden the facility.</p> <p>Woody Trails is becoming the place to ride, thanks to these wonderful young people. Tom is currently studying a Degree at University to become a Park Ranger, and is also currently employed by Belair National Park, where he continues his passion for the environment and wildlife.</p>	Civic Award

3. Citizen of the Year Award recommendations 2020 – 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, including provision of information on an embargoed basis to the media and to award winners and their nominators, Council, having considered Agenda Item 19.1 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 2020.

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.