

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 18.1

TO: Council on 18 December 2018

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SUBJECT: Confidential Report - Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards 2019

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The annual City of Prospect - Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards program provides the opportunity for local residents to nominate those who have made a significant contribution for the benefit of our communities.

The three categories are:

- Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Community Event of the Year Award

These awards are provided by the Australia Day Council of South Australia and administered by Council's throughout the state on their behalf.

In choosing the recipients of the Australia Day Citizen of the Year awards, consideration is given to the nominee's achievements in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contributions to the community. A summary of the nominations received are provided as **Attachments 1-5**.

Awards were previously presented from the main stage at the Tourrific Prospect Street Party; however, for 2019 they will be presented at the Citizenship Ceremony on the evening of Monday 21 January 2019.

The nominations were assessed in accordance with the eligibility criteria set by the Australia Day Council of SA, ready for further consideration by Council. Staff undertook the assessment with assistance from three councillors who responded to a recent invitation to meet and discuss each of the nominations against the established assessment criteria.

Keeping the names of the award recipients confidential up until the time of the award presentation at the Citizenship Ceremony will heighten the sense of occasion and enjoyment gained by the successful recipients.

2. RECOMMENDATION

(1) Order pursuant to section 90(3)(a)

Under the provisions of Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, an order be made that the public with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, Cate Hart; Director Corporate Services, Ginny Moon; Director Infrastructure and Environment, Simon Bradley; Director Community and Planning, Nathan Cunningham; Acting Director Business and Innovation, Daniel Adams; Manager Governance and Administration, Jo-Ann Tanti and the Minute Secretary, Jasmyn Page be excluded from attendance at the meeting of the Council in order to consider in confidence Agenda Item 18.1 titled "Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards 2019".

The Council is satisfied that it is necessary that the public be excluded to enable the Council to consider the report at the meeting:

- on the grounds provided by Section 90(3)(a) of the Act, information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of the nominees, in that details of their personal attributes and merits of the nominations may be discussed; and
- the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of details regarding the merits of the nominations may be prematurely released before the successful award recipients have been announced outside the official ceremony that recognises their contribution to the City at the Citizenship Ceremony on the evening of Monday 21 January 2019.

Recommendations

- (2) City of Prospect Citizen of the Year 2019 is awarded to David Kilner.
- (3) City of Prospect Young Citizen of the Year 2019 is awarded to Darcy Maney.
- (4) City of Prospect Community Event of the Year 2019 is awarded to the Fourth Annual Great Adelaide Ukulele Picnic.
- (5) Order Pursuant to Section 91(7)

That in accordance with Section 91(7) and Section 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* and on the grounds that Item 18.1 for the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 December 2018 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, this meeting of Council, orders that the report titled "Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards 2019",

attachments and the minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter be retained in confidence (other than for the purpose of implementing the Council decision) and not available for public inspection until all award nominees have been notified and the successful award recipients have been announced at the official ceremony on 21 January 2019.

3. RELEVANCE TO CORE STRATEGIES / POLICY

- Council's Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards have a clear connection to Council's Strategic Plan to 2020, acknowledging and celebrating social connectivity within the City, recognising and awarding individuals and organisations who lead and / or make tangible and noteworthy contributions to our communities.

Strategic Plan to 2020 Theme 1 – People "Know, empower, celebrate, educate and activate our community"

Strategy 1.1	Know our community	<p>The annual Citizen of the Year Awards builds upon the theme of:</p> <p>'know, empower, celebrate, educate and activate our community'.</p> <p>Opportunities for local organisations / individuals to work with council and for council to provide recognition of community participation to increase social connectivity.</p> <p>'active living for every age, every stage' supports and encourages community involvement and nomination to recognise community leadership.</p> <p>'celebrate our diverse and creative community'. Supports and encourages community events that reflect our diverse and creative community.</p>
Strategy 1.2	Environmentally active, sustainably focused	
Strategy 1.3	Active living for every age, every stage	
Strategy 1.4	Celebrate our diverse and creative community	

Intelligent Community Indicators

1. Broadband	Infrastructure is the foundation of economic competitiveness	<p>The most relevant Indicators for this initiative is Number 6.</p> <p>Advocacy – The awards</p>
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2. Knowledge Workforce	A labour force that creates economic value through its knowledge, skills and ability to use information effectively	recognise and encourage residents who make a significant contribution to the local Prospect community.
3. Innovation	Intelligent Communities pursue innovation through a relationship between business, government and institutions (i.e. universities).	
4. Digital Equality	Allowing everyone access to broadband technologies and skills to use them	
5. Sustainability	Economic growth while reducing the environmental impact of that growth	
6. Advocacy	Engaging leaders and citizens, businesses and institutions, in identifying opportunities to champion positive change.	

4. REGIONAL IMPACT

The contributions made by David Kilner to capture and record local history also contributes to the recording of history for the benefit of the region and the State.

The Fourth Annual Great Adelaide Ukulele Picnic, while hosted within City of Prospect and attended by many local residents, the event is also well attended by those from adjoining suburbs and the wider region.

Each Council administers its own annual awards on behalf of the Australia Day Council.

5. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

To promote the program and encourage local residents to nominate recipients for an award, large promotional signage was placed on the corner of Fitzroy Terrace and Prospect Road in mid-September and in front of the Thomas Street Centre with a display set up inside the Library. The awards were also promoted with information available at this year's Prospect Spring Fair.

Nomination forms and associated information were provided to local residents by:

- Mail out to one hundred and twenty-six (126) local clubs and not-for-profit organisations in mid-September 2019.

- Email to one hundred and two (102) local clubs and not-for-profit organisations
- Email to the Principal of twelve (12) local high schools.
- Advertising and availability from Council's Customer Service counter, Prospect Library and from Council's website.
- Advertised in the City North Messenger Press on 10 October 2018.
- Advertising in the Prospect Magazine and through Council's Social Media channels.
- Promotion and nominations forms available at the information stall at the Prospect Spring Fair on 27 October 2018.
- Nominations closed on 16 November 2018.

Three (3) councillors, Kristina Barnett, Allen Harris and Steven Rypp, met with relevant staff on Wednesday 12 December 2018 to discuss the detail of each nomination received and the assessment undertaken by staff against the relevant criteria. These discussions have informed recommendations for this report.

6. DISCUSSION

The three Australia Day Citizen of the Year awards are:

1. Citizen of the Year Award - To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen on January 26, of the year of the award.
2. Young Citizen of the Year Award - To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen under 30 years of age on January 26, of the year of the Award.
3. Community Event of the Year Award - This is presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year.

The selection criteria for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year is:

- Significant contribution to the community
- An inspirational role model for the Australian community
- The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area.

The selection criteria for Community Event of the Year is;

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

Five (5) eligible nominations were received for the Citizen of the Year Award.

Two (2) nominations were received for the Young Citizen of the Year Award.

One (1) eligible nomination was received for Community Event of the Year Award.

An individual need only be nominated once to be considered to receive an award. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.

Nominations were assessed according to their contribution to the community, impact on the local area and being an inspirational role model. A summary of the nominations is provided in **Attachments 1-5**.

As noted above, relevant staff, together with a small group of Council Members met on Wednesday 12 December 2018 to discuss the received nominations with staff and to assist with recommendations to Council.

For Citizen of the Year, David Kilner is recommended based on his role as convenor of the Prospect Local History Group since its inception in 2005 and as a strong advocate for the preservation and promotion of history in the Prospect area.

For Young Citizen of the Year, Darcy Maney is recommended because of her voluntary contributions to Council's events program both practically on the day as well as during the planning stages.

For Community Event of the Year, the Great Ukulele Picnic is recommended because of its family friendly focus that attracts large numbers of both local Prospect residents and those from adjoining suburbs and the wider region. This well-run event also raises funds for a range of charities.

Keeping the names of the award recipients confidential up until the time of the award presentation at the Citizenship Ceremony will heighten the sense of occasion and enjoyment gained by the successful recipients.

Financial and Resource Implications

Other than administrative and publicity costs there is a minimal requirement for the expenditure of Council funds, with these costs included within Council's annual recurrent budget. Presentation of the Awards will occur at the Citizenship Ceremony on the evening of Monday 21 January 2019.

7. CONCLUDING STATEMENTS

Our residents continue to utilise the opportunity provided by the Prospect Citizen of the Year Awards program to nominate those who make significant contributions for the benefit of our communities.

There were a number of quality candidates to receive both the Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year awards, with a discussion group comprised of relevant council staff and councillors deliberating for some time before finally agreeing upon the recommendations made to Council.

Although the 'Great Ukulele Picnic' event was the only nomination received, the option to not confer the award for this year was given close consideration. Instead, it is with confidence that the event is recommended to receive the award because of the broad benefit provided to our community; capturing the sometimes-quirky appeal of Prospect this well-run event was attended and enjoyed by many of our residents while also raising money for various charities.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments 1-5: Summary of the Nominations

City of Prospect Australia Day Awards - Citizen of the Year Awards 2019

Assessment Table and Recipient Recommendations

Consideration has been given to the nominee's achievements and ongoing contribution to the community according to the criteria provided by the SA Australia Day Council.

The selection criteria for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year are:

<p>Significant contribution to the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution in the relevant field (how has the nominee or event 'put back' into their field to benefit others) • Nature and length of activity or service • Achievements as an individual or as part of a group or organisation • Previous awards and recognition 	<p>The scope of impact the individual's contribution to City of Prospect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to development of regional community and/or economy • Future goals and likely impact • Voluntary work beyond paid employment 	<p>An inspirational role model for the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal, academic and professional achievements • Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity • Degree of difficulty of the achievement and sacrifices made • Availability and commitment to promote community pride and active citizenship throughout the year of the recipient's appointment
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The following scale 1 to 5 was used to assess the degree to which nominations fulfilled the above criteria.

Assessment Table

1 = Positive contribution to the community → 5 = Significant influence and positive impact and contribution to the community.

1	Name of Individual	Category	Contribution to the Community					Scope of impact on City of Prospect					Inspirational Role Model					Total	Recommendation provided by Nominator		
			1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5				
	David Kilner	Citizen of the Year				X							X						X	14	David has been the Convenor of the Prospect Local History Group since its inception in 2005. Since then he has been a strong advocate for the preservation of history in the Prospect area and has promoted community interest in this history. He has led and encouraged the group in its research and subsequent publishing of over 20 publications. He maintained a database of images of demolished homes in Prospect for several years, coordinated the photographing of all the buildings on Prospect and Main North Road (equates to four books) and has tirelessly promoted the preservation of the Air Raid Shelter. He chairs its monthly meetings, assists with the group's stall at the Prospect Fair & Tourrific events, delivers talks on Prospect's history, researches enquiries from near and abroad and is currently working on producing a new history of Prospect for the sesquicentenary of the proclamation of Prospect.

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2	Rosemarie Hanauer	Citizen of the Year		X						X					X					7	Rosemarie commenced as a volunteer in 2014 and volunteers up to 3 days per week in the Prospect Toy Library. Rosemarie's nomination is supported by community testimonials as being a friendly, cheerful, welcoming and amiable volunteer. Her enthusiasm and delight in helping others is palpable. Rosemarie makes the toy library a welcome space for everyone and is pleasing to see Rosemarie work with borrowers from CALD especially newly arrived families and caregivers. She explains the membership system and the toys in a respectful, cheerful and animated way. The families leave the library after borrowing toys looking happy and excited.
3	Andy Aniello Ruggiero	Citizen of the Year		X					X								X			8	Andy Ruggiero has been a great champion of families in our Prospect community for decades. He has established his business as a supporter of main street activities, always with grace and generosity. More than that, however, he has always endeavoured to employ young casuals from the local area. There are so many successful working adults who have had their start and initial training in work life under Andy's respectful and careful tutelage. Unlike many other businesses, fundraising committees from local schools, clubs and NFP organisations have always relied on Andy's Foodland for donations, raffle prizes and support. Older customers are always helped beyond the usual expectations – the management style is to care for and appreciate all their customers. The atmosphere at the supermarket is informed by Andy himself – so it is honest, harmonious and polite. Andy Ruggiero has been nominated because he has been a model operator of a small business in our "village" community and also because his honesty and humanity has informed his operations. So much more than a local business owner, Andy Ruggiero is described as being a truly outstanding citizen.
4	Jenny Smith	Citizen of the Year		X					X					X						6	Jenny has been a generous contributor for many years to the Prospect Community Garden. Jenny has been described as having tremendous interpersonal skills which has brought so many others together through her happy, welcoming and supportive personality. Jenny has a passion for the environment and cannot walk down a street of Prospect without picking up rubbish. Jenny is a shining example of the best of people in Prospect, so loved and respected by those around her.

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5	Jenny Rossiter	Citizen of the Year				X					X						X	13	Jenny is the founder and President of the University of the Third Age (U3A) Prospect. U3A has gone from the idea of a few people twelve months ago, to programs that have enhanced the lives of 150 + residents who attend various activities. Having U3A situated at the Prospect RSL has put life back into the hall on Wilcox Avenue. The hall itself has received a makeover due to the efforts of Jenny securing funding and assistance for air conditioning, internet and a much-needed paint job. Jenny, in conjunction with the U3A committee has, developed, promoted and campaigned for this local service. She has worked tirelessly over the past 12 months to source a variety of programs to meet the needs of the participants, often working 5 days a week ensuring that members needs and those of the wider community are being met by daily email updates, administering the website and Facebook page. Jenny is always on the lookout for further ways to promote the group.
6	Timothy Papps	Young Citizen of the Year			X					X						X		9	Tim commenced in the Library as a work experience student with Prescott College in 2017 and has continued on after this as a registered volunteer with City of Prospect. Only 18 years of age, Tim volunteers in the library after school on a weekly basis and in between classes to assist staff with shelving and other library tasks. As a student at Prescott College, Tim is a strong academic achiever and a positive mentor to fellow students, often offering support without hesitation. He contributes regularly to school events and is a volunteer in the school band. He has taught himself the bass guitar to a higher standard and is a regular volunteer in the weekend programs and Friday night services. Tim has been described as a quiet and well-mannered young person, and a great role model for other young people who may choose to be more involved in their community.

Attachment 3

	Name of Individual	Category	Contribution to the Community					Scope of impact on City of Prospect					Inspirational Role Model					Total	Recommendation provided by Nominator	
			1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5			
7	Darcy Maney	Young Citizen of the Year		X						X								X	10	Darcy is only 22 years old and is a vibrant and dynamic individual who brings skills, integrity and a bright personality to her volunteer role in the City of Prospect Events Team. Darcy is a key player in ensuring staff receive a high level of support required for the fast paced and highly demanding events in our council area, and we are privileged that she is one of our highly skilled volunteers at Prospect. Darcy has volunteered for various events for the City of Prospect in various roles and has an outstanding volunteering reputation well beyond our council. This shows Darcy's dedication to her work, her passion for volunteering and highlights a unique and selfless drive, enthusiastically giving her time and expertise as an event assistant. She assists the team with pre-event administration, stage management and has stepped up and covered area managers shifts as well as her own. Darcy is excellent at thinking on her feet, responding politely to staff and public as well as showing great initiative for problem solving. Darcy worked extremely long hours before, during and after the Prospect Spring Fair (almost the same hours as the events team!) and did so with upmost enthusiasm and of course a smile on her face. Darcy contributes on a volunteer level at a range of other community events such as WOMAD, Cystic Fibrosis Ball, Sanitarium Weet-bix Kids Triathlon, Royal Adelaide Show, Feast Festival, Miss Universe SA, Heirloom Festival, Maranantha Health Gala Ball, And many more! She has a Bachelor Business (Tourism and Events Management). The nomination for Darcy for Young Citizen of the Year 2019 follows years of event volunteering and dedicated community work both within our council and outside, and if awarded, would acknowledge a young dynamic professional that is driven, humble and incredibly community spirited!

Community Event of the Year Nominations :

	Name of Organisation	Category	Quality of the Event					Scope of impact the event has on City of Prospect					Events Contribution to the community					Total	Recommendation provided by Nominator
			1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		
1	The fourth Annual Great Adelaide Ukulele Picnic	Community Event of the Year				X					X					X		12	The Great Adelaide Ukulele Picnic is now an established annual event which has found its new home in Prospect's St Helens Park. Held in December it unites the growing South Australian ukulele community for over 400 participants. This family-friendly free event saw people arrive with picnic baskets, rugs, chairs, ukuleles, picnics and songbooks and they enjoy a fun-filled day. There is always a charitable focus with an opportunity to make a donation to charity as these events have raised over \$2,000 towards Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation and CanTeen, as well as supporting the Ukes in Libraries program which resulted in ukulele kits being given to both the Prospect and Walkerville libraries. \$500 was raised for Movember Foundation. The event also generates strong interest with the media, and attracted lead up articles in key Adelaide publications. This has wider benefits for Prospect's community in the arts and music sectors, and as a welcoming, creative and passionate area to live, work and visit.

Recipient Recommendations:

- (1) City of Prospect Citizen of the Year 2019 is awarded to David Kilner
- (2) City of Prospect Young Citizen of the Year 2019 is awarded to Darcy Maney
- (3) City of Prospect Community Event of the Year 2019 is awarded to the fourth Annual Great Adelaide Ukulele Picnic

Further Recommendations:

Nominees who did not receive an Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award are automatically nominated to receive a City of Prospect Award as part of the National Volunteer Week celebrations.