

# 2019 Citizen of the Year Awards

ITEM 6.1.1 15/01/2019  
COUNCIL

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Approving Officer:  
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Adelaide Citizen of the Year Awards form part of the Lord Mayor's Citizenship Ceremony held on 26 January each year, or as close as is practicable to that date, and are held in conjunction with the Australia Day Council.

The Awards are presented to local citizens and groups who have made noteworthy contributions to the City of Adelaide during the past year or who have given outstanding service over many years. Three (3) awards are presented each year, including Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year (aged 16-30 years) and Community Event of the Year (being the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year).

Each year the City of Adelaide provides an opportunity for members of the community to nominate worthy recipients, and, in addition, also receives nominations through the Australia Day Council. Each of these nominees is presented to the Civic Recognition Working Group to formulate a recommendation to Council for consideration.

As nominations for the Civic Recognition Working Group are to be considered by Council in relation to another report to Council on 15 January 2019, this report provides the recommendations of the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer for the 2019 City of Adelaide Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

## RECOMMENDATION:

### THAT COUNCIL:

1. Approves the recommendations of the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer in awarding:
  - 1.1. A joint award for the 2018 Citizen of the Year to *Mike Chalmers* and *Tim Seymour-Smith*;
  - 1.2. The 2018 Young Citizen of the Year award to *Amber Cronin*; and
  - 1.3. The 2018 Community Event of the Year to the *Walk a Mile in My Boots* Event by Hutt Street Centre.
2. In accordance with Section 91(7) & (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and on the grounds that Item 6.1.1 [2019 Citizen of the Year Awards] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 15 January 2019 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council, do order that:
  - 2.1. the resolution, the report, the discussion and any other associated information submitted to this meeting and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until after the 2019 Citizen of the Year Awards Ceremony.

## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS:

City of Adelaide 2016-2020 Strategic Plan	The recognition of community achievements directly delivers the <i>City of Adelaide 2016-2020 Strategic Plan</i> vision of Adelaide as a welcoming and dynamic city full of rich and diverse experiences.
Policy	The awarding of Citizen of the Year is covered by the <i>City of Adelaide Standing Orders Part 28.0 – Civic Recognition</i> .
Consultation	The Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer have been consulted and made the recommendations in this report for Council's consideration.
Resource	Not as a result of this report.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	The Administration has undertaken a range of due diligence activities on those being considered for these awards.
Opportunities	There are a range of opportunities to promote the work of the Council and recipients of the awards, through this process.
18/19 Budget Allocation	The cost of these awards is budgeted through the General Operating Budget.
Proposed 19/20 Budget Allocation	The cost of these awards is budgeted through the General Operating Budget.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Ongoing.
18/19 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report.
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report.
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report.

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### **Grounds:**

Section 90(3) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA)

- (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead);

### **Basis:**

The Item contains information of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead). Disclosure of the information in this report is considered inappropriate if released to the public prior to the official awarding of the City of Adelaide Citizen of the Year Awards on 25 January 2019. Once the Awards have been issued the intent is to lift the Order in its entirety.

## DISCUSSION

1. The City of Adelaide Citizen of the Year Awards form part of the Lord Mayor's Citizenship Ceremony either on 26 January each year, or as close as is practicable to that date, and are held by Council in conjunction with the Australia Day Council. This year the event is planned to take place on 25 January 2019.
2. The Awards are presented to local citizens and groups who have made noteworthy contributions to the City of Adelaide during the past year or who have given outstanding services over many years. Three (3) Awards are provided each year, including:
  - 2.1. Citizen of the Year
  - 2.2. Young Citizen of the Year (aged 16-30 years)
  - 2.3. Community Event of the Year (person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year)
3. The City of Adelaide promoted the Awards by external communication using social media, the City of Adelaide website, Australia Day Council promotions, and distribution through libraries and community centres. Internal communications such as CoA Daily and direct emails were also used. This provided the opportunity for Council Members, the community and employees to nominate worthy recipients.
4. Nominations were considered by the Civics Team, who conducted character reference checks and verified achievements referenced in nominations, as well as assessing the community impact of the nominees' achievements.
5. The Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer met on Wednesday 19 December 2018 to consider the nominations for each category which included five (5) nominations for Citizen of the Year, one (1) for Young Citizen of the Year and three (3) for the Community Event of the year.
6. Successful nominees were identified from those deemed eligible, by undertaking a comparison of relative achievement against the Australia Day Council's selection criteria. Each of the proposed award recipients clearly satisfied the criteria in their area and were judged to be the best in their category.
7. The selection criteria for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year are:
  - 7.1. Significant contribution to the community
  - 7.2. An inspirational role model for the Australian community
  - 7.3. The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area
8. The selection criteria for Community Event of the Year are:
  - 8.1. The quality of the event
  - 8.2. The scope of impact the event has on the local government area
  - 8.3. The event's contribution to the community
9. In addition, the City of Adelaide applies the following local criteria:
  - 9.1. Whether the nominee is a resident or has a substantial connection with the City of Adelaide

9.2. Whether the nominee's achievement(s) align with Council's strategic priorities

10. Details of the recommended award recipients are outlined in **Attachments A, B and C**.

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## ATTACHMENTS

**Attachment A** – Recommended Citizen of the Year Award recipient

**Attachment B** - Recommended Young Citizen of the Year Award recipient

**Attachment C** - Recommended Community Event of the Year Award recipient

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- END OF REPORT -

## **MIKE CHALMERS AND TIM SEYMOUR-SMITH**

### **Summary**

While nominations for Mike and Tim were received individually, they have been grouped (and it is recommended that they be treated as a 'joint nomination'), because each nomination relates to their work together as co-founders of Café Outside the Square, located in Whitmore Square. Their charitable endeavours include facilitating delivery of on-site workplace training to vulnerable community members, supporting the St Vincent De Paul Society Men's Crisis Centre (using the "pay it forward" model) and providing leasing of the building for charitable purposes. The café is enjoyed by the local community and has participated in local events (mostly with further community/charitable linkages), including the Whitmore Square Outdoor Cinema and other cooperative events with Unity Housing and Baptists Care SA.

### **Criteria and Eligibility**

#### ***Whether the nominee has a substantial connection with the City of Adelaide***

Mike and Tim opened Café Outside the Square in November 2017. Their "pay it forward" model is used to help those less fortunate in the community. The St Vincent De Paul Society owns the site where the café operates, and every night serves meals to people experiencing homelessness within the community.

#### ***Whether the nominee's achievement(s) align with Councils strategic priorities***

Café Outside the Square provides a focal point for the south-west community in the City. Their work with community members, vulnerable persons and local charities directly aligns with Council's objectives in the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan, particularly within the Liveable Theme. Mike and Tim, through their café, support the wellbeing and resilience of our community, furthering the following Strategic Plan objectives: 'Develop and celebrate strong and resilient City communities that are welcoming and encourage people of all ages, cultures and means to participate in City life, including through volunteer opportunities'; 'Work with the community and other stakeholders through a range of initiatives to activate key areas to enable people to use the City safely...'; and 'Support social entrepreneurs to develop business models that have a positive impact on the City's wellbeing and resilience'.

#### ***The scope of impact the individual has on the local government area***

Through their business, Mike and Tim have had a big impact upon the lives of many people within the Adelaide community who are vulnerable to and experiencing homelessness in the local area. Their service facilitates the provision of meals to the homeless community as well as the opportunity for those community members to receive on-site training in a café / bar environment, and ultimately to improve their quality of life.

#### ***Significant contribution to the community***

From their business, Mike and Tim serve regular café goers in the south-west corner of the City of Adelaide. The Café Outside the Square uses its "pay it forward" model to help those in the community who are vulnerable or experiencing homelessness. Under this model, for every customer who purchases a meal, a meal is then donated to a member of the community who is experiencing homelessness. The service and ability to provide on-site training to vulnerable community members plays a significant role in helping those who experiencing homelessness to improve their self-confidence and turn their lives around.

#### ***An inspirational role model for the community***

Mike and Tim give back to their local community. They have recognised that their business operates in a part of the City of Adelaide that has an increased need for services for vulnerable people, and demonstrating strong social justice values, they provide these services to those most in need. They have worked within the local community, with private businesses and people, local charities and the Council to create a better neighbourhood for all.

## Young Citizen Of The Year

### AMBER CRONIN

#### Summary

In 2013 Amber Cronin co-founded The Mill, which is a unique creative incubator, providing arts programming for over 50 resident artists as well as technical groups. The Mill houses bespoke show-makers, art exhibitions, a photography studio, and the headquarters of Adelaide fashion and jewellery label, Naomi Murrell. Amber is a passionate and socially engaged advocate for the arts who works in the community as well as through the 'arts in health' framework. Amber has won awards and grants, and participated in many residencies, exhibitions and productions. Recently she took part in the 2018 Arts South Australia Delegation to the 2018 National Association for the Visual Arts: Future/Forward Conference in Canberra; and was a finalist for the Arkaba Youthscape Special Project, Royal SA Society of Arts, 2018.

#### Criteria and Eligibility

##### **Whether the nominee has a substantial connection with the City of Adelaide**

Amber's entrepreneurial and creative talents led her to co-found The Mill in 2013. This co-working environment has attracted hundreds of individuals to increase their business capabilities, artistic skills and creative connections in the City. Amber is involved with numerous other businesses and boards based in the City, demonstrating her strong commitment to Adelaide and our arts and creative industries.

##### **Whether the nominee's achievement(s) align with the Council's strategic priorities**

Amber's work with The Mill and arts and creative industries aligns directly with the Smart and Creative themes of the *City of Adelaide 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*. Her entrepreneurial spirit in starting a local co-working space supports the Smart theme of increased employment in the City, a stronger economy, and innovation and entrepreneurial start-ups. A number of individual artists and others who started out in The Mill have moved on to open their own businesses. The Mill and the people who are supported through the co-working space are predominantly from the arts and creative industries, furthering the City's reputation for creativity, building on the foundation for delivery of the Creative theme of the Strategic Plan.

##### **Significant contribution to the community**

In her role as co-director of The Mill, Amber has gained a broad knowledge of arts practice. She has developed innovative programs and events, reclaiming The Mill's physical space, and furthered the company's public programs, not for profit arm, as well as development opportunities for artists. This has been achieved while co-managing the arts space and curating the gallery program. Amber has developed a successful business model, and since the Mill transitioned to a fully managed, financially sustainable operation in 2018, she retains a position on the Management Board. She has become a respected voice not only locally but nationally and internationally in the Arts Community, and Amber regularly consults with local and other spheres of government.

##### **An inspirational role model for the Australian Community**

Amber has become a respected voice in the State's and nation's Arts Community. She has won numerous awards and grants for her work.

##### **The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area**

Through 'The Mill', Amber has created a space that houses diverse members of the Arts Community including bespoke show-makers, art exhibitors, photographers, and Adelaide fashion and jewellery maker, Naomi Murrell. She is an advocate for the Arts and a respected voice within the community, who consults with all spheres of government, and the co-working environment of the Mill has inspired other organisations to replicate this model.

## Community Event Of The Year

### WALK A MILE IN MY BOOTS

#### Summary

The Hutt St Centre's 'Walk a Mile in My Boots' event provides South Australians with the opportunity to step out and show their support for people experiencing homelessness during National Homelessness Prevention Week. For the event's 10th Anniversary in 2018, nearly 13,000 people walked a mile across Adelaide and McLaren Vale and at 'Walk a Mile in My Boots At My School' events, in a tremendous show of support for Hutt Street Centre and people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage. Approximately \$258,000 was raised through the 2018 event. As a result of South Australians' support for the Walk a Mile in My Boots event over the last 10 years, the Hutt Street Centre has been able to keep its doors open to provide essential and professional services in order to enable people experiencing homelessness to rebuild their lives.

#### Criteria and Eligibility

##### **Whether the nominee has a substantial connection with the City of Adelaide**

The Hutt St Centre is located within the City of Adelaide. Nearly 13,000 people across Adelaide, McLaren Vale and other areas (through school-based events) participated in the Walk a Mile in My Boots 10th anniversary event in 2018.

##### **Whether the nominee's achievement(s) align with Councils strategic priorities**

The event raises money for the Hutt St Centre, an organisation dedicated to providing essential and professional services to enable people experiencing homelessness to rebuild their lives. Supporting community members and working with vulnerable persons directly aligns with Council's liveable Theme objectives in the *City of Adelaide 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*, including: 'Develop and celebrate strong and resilient City communities that are welcoming and encourage people of all ages, cultures and means to participate in City life, including through volunteer opportunities'; and 'Work with the State Government, community leaders and community organisations to support vulnerable members of the community'.

##### **The Quality of the Event**

In 2018 nearly 13,000 people walked a mile across Adelaide, McLaren Vale and at other school-based events in a tremendous show of support for Hutt St Centre. \$258,000 was raised, which exceeded by \$33,000 the fundraising goals originally targeted by the event.

##### **The scope of impact the event has on the local government area**

There are nearly 6,000 people experiencing homelessness in South Australia each year. The funds raised at this event go towards the Hutt St Centre to enable the centre to keep open its doors in order to provide essential and professional services to people experiencing homelessness.

##### **The event's contribution to the community**

The Walk a Mile in My Boots event makes a strong, ongoing contribution to the community. On its 10th anniversary, with the support of nearly 13,000 people, the event raised \$258,000 for the Hutt Street Centre. As a result of this support and the funds raised, the Hutt St Centre has been able to keep its doors open to provide essential and professional services in order to enable people experiencing homelessness to rebuild their lives. The event will be returning in 2019.



**5. Item 6.1.1 – 2019 Citizen of the Year Awards [2016/03691] [C]**

THAT COUNCIL:

- Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

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