

Citizen of the Year Awards

ITEM 12.1.3 14/12/2021
Council

Strategic Alignment - Dynamic City Culture

2021/01668

Confidential - s 90(3) (o) proposed award recipient

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Adelaide Citizen of the Year Awards form part of Council's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony on 26 January each year 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. There are three awards each year, including Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year (aged 16-30 years) and Community Event of the Year (person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year).

Each year the Council provides an opportunity for members of the community to nominate worthy recipients. Each of these nominees is presented to the Civic Recognition Working Group for consideration and this Group makes a recommendation to Council for consideration.

This report provides the recommendations of the Civic Recognition Working Group for the 2022 City of Adelaide: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

Consideration in confidence is sought because the award winners for each category are confidential until the 26 January 2022, where the winners will be publicly announced at a Citizenship Ceremony hosted by the Lord Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the recommendations of the Civic Recognition working group in awarding:
 - 1.1. 2022 Citizen of the Year to Keith Conlon
 - 1.2. 2022 Young Citizen of the Year to Alex Bruhn
 - 1.3. 2022 Community Event of the Year to the Vegan Festival Adelaide
2. Notes that in accordance with Section 91(7) & (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* and on the grounds that Item 12.1.3 [Citizen of the Year Awards] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 10 December 2019 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (o) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of 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 2021 Citizen of the Year Awards Ceremony.
 - 2.2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in 31 December 2022.
 - 2.3. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Dynamic City Culture The recognition of community achievements directly delivers Council's Strategic Plan in particular support for community diversity, cultural expression, experiences and participations.
Policy	The awarding of Citizen of the Year is covered by the Civic Recognition Guideline
Consultation	Council's Civic Recognition Working Group has been consulted and provided recommendations for Council's consideration.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	There are a range of opportunities to promote the work of the Council and recipients of the awards, through this process.
21/22 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Not as a result of this report
21/22 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

GROUNDINGS AND BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONFIDENCE

Grounds

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

- (o) information relating to a proposed award recipient before the presentation of the award.

Basis

This Item is confidential as it contains information relating to recommended award recipients prior to the presentation of the awards at the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony scheduled for 26 January 2021.

DISCUSSION

1. The City of Adelaide Citizen of the Year Awards form part of the Council's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony on 26 January each year and are held in conjunction with the Australia Day Council.
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. There are three Awards 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 Council heavily promoted the Awards during a five-week nomination period from Friday 15 October to Sunday 15 November 2021. This included external communication utilising social media, the City of Adelaide website, Australia Day Council promotions, posters/leaflets distributed to libraries and community centres, footpath decals. Internal communications such as The Next Edition, email signatures and direct emails were also used. This provided considerable opportunity for Members, the community and staff to nominate worthy recipients.
4. Nominations were processed by the Office of the Lord Mayor, which included character reference checks and achievement verification, as well as an assessment of the impact of the achievement on the community.
5. The Civic Recognition Working Group met on Monday 22 November 2021, to consider the nominations for each category.
6. The Civic Recognition Working Group identified successful nominees from those deemed eligible, 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 as follows:
- 10.1. Link 1 view [here](#) – Citizen of the Year – Keith Conlon
 - 10.2. Link 2 view [here](#) – Young Citizen of the Year – Alex Bruhn
 - 10.3. Link 3 view [here](#) – Community Event of the Year – The Adelaide Vegan Festival

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 –Recommended Citizen of the Year Award recipient

Link 2 – Recommended Young Citizen of the Year Award recipient

Link 3 –Recommended Community Event of the Year Award recipient

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

- END OF REPORT -

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Moved by Councillor Moran,
Seconded by Councillor Mackie –

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Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried