

Citizen of the Year Awards

ITEM 18.2.1 10/12/2019
Council

Program Contact:

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Approving Officer:

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2018/04164

Confidential - s 90(3) (a) unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Adelaide Citizen of the Year Awards form part of the Lord Mayor'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 (3) 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 2020 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 2020, 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. 2020 Citizen of the Year to Gabrielle Kelly;
 - 1.2. 2020 Young Citizen of the Year to Sreymom Lund; and
 - 1.3. 2020 Community Event of the Year to Australia Day Council of SA, Kumangka, Mukapainga, Tampinga; Together, Remember, Recognise.
2. In accordance with Section 91(7) & (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 (SA) and because Item 18.2.1 [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) (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 31 December 2026
 - 2.2. the confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2020
 - 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 2016-2020 Strategic Plan	The recognition of community achievements directly delivers Council's Strategic Plan 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 Council's Standing Orders – Civic Recognition Guidelines
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	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.
19/20 Budget Allocation	The cost of these awards is budgeted through the Civics General Operating Budget
Proposed 20/21 Budget Allocation	The cost of these awards is budgeted through the Civics General Operating Budget
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Ongoing
19/20 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

GROUND S AND BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONFIDENCE

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

This Item is confidential as it contains information of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)

The disclosure of information in this report could reasonably provide information concerning the personal affairs of the nominees.

DISCUSSION

1. The City of Adelaide Citizen of the Year Awards form part of the Lord Mayor's Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony on 26 January each year and are held in conjunction with the Australia Day Council.
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3. The Council heavily promoted the Awards during a six (6) week nomination period. This included external communication utilising social media, Council's website, Australia Day Council promotions, posters/leaflets distributed to libraries and community centres. Internal communications such as CoA Daily, direct emails were also used. This provides 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 rigorous 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 Tuesday 10 December 2019, to consider the nominations for each category which included seven (7) for Citizen of the Year, two (2) for Young Citizen of the Year and two (2) for the Community Event of the year.
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 [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#) and [Link 3](#).
 - 10.1. In addition to these details, the Civic Recognition Working Group asked for further details behind Gabrielle Kelly's work in her local community. The following information has been supplied:
 - 10.1.1. Gabrielle is a dedicated community member in the south west of the city, in particular her local street, Claxton Street. She has been instrumental in many neighbour day events the street has previously held that have been very popular with not only the local Claxton Street residents but also residents from the neighbouring streets. She was also one of the Claxton Street residents who worked alongside Council to improve the overall amenity and safety of the street and this collaboration successfully delivered a street and wall mural, planter boxes, trees and road protuberances, which all still stand today.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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Moved by Councillor Simms,

Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Hyde) –

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Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried