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Director Corporate and Community Services	24 July 2001
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OBJECTIVE

To recognise and award individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the Renmark, Paringa and Lyrup communities at an Australia Day Awards celebration.

POLICY

The Australia Day Awards are provided by the Australia Day Council of South Australia and are administered by Local Government throughout the State on behalf of the Australia Day Council of South Australia.

Renmark Paringa Council (the Council) are a member of the Australia Day Council of South Australia and will allocate awards in accordance with the criteria stipulated by the Australia Day Council.

Categories

Each year, awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award

The most outstanding citizen in the Renmark Paringa community

- Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year Award

The most outstanding young citizen in the Renmark Paringa community

- Australia Day Community Event of the Year Award

The person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year in the Renmark Paringa community

- Award for Active Citizenship (optional)

A person or group delivering outstanding work for an event or cause during the past year in the Renmark Paringa community



Eligibility Criteria

The following eligibility criteria applies:

- The person or group must either live in the Renmark Paringa Council area or, if residing out of the area, the services they provide are for the Renmark Paringa community.
- Nominees must be Australian citizens (except for Award for Active Citizenship).
- Awards will not be granted posthumously.
- Nominees must be at least 16 years of age in the year of the award presentation
- Nominees for the Young Citizen of the Year Award must be 30 years of age or less on 26 January in the year of the award presentation.
- Sitting State and Federal politicians, current vice-regal officers and current elected members of Council are not eligible .
- Retired politicians, elected members and vice-regal officers will be considered for work undertaken in addition to their official duties.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.
- Groups of people, organisations or couple will not normally be eligible for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year, though in exceptional cases the selection panels reserve the right to consider such nominations.
- Both individuals and organisations should be considered for the Community Event of the Year as this recognises the organising body or committee responsible for the event.
- Absolutely NO weight is given to the number of times a person or organisation is nominated.
- Previous recipients of the award categories may receive the award in the future, however the work that this person or organisation made in receiving the original award may not be considered.
- Council's may choose to re-submit nominations that do not receive an award for future consideration in subsequent years of the program.
- All nominations must be on the approved nomination form.

Selection Criteria

Consideration is given to the following criteria for each award category:

Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year:

- Significant contribution to the community
- An inspirational role model for the community
- The scope of impact the individuals contribution has on the community

Community Event of the Year

- The quality of work for the event
- The scope of impact the work has on the local government area
- The events contribution to the community



Award for Active Citizenship

- The person or group has demonstrated leadership in and for the community
- The person or groups involvement in the community
- The scope of impact the person or groups work has on the community

Nomination Period

The nomination period will coincide with the nomination campaign run by the Australia Day Council of South Australia. Typically, this nomination period will take place from approximately October to November each year. Nominations will be invited from the community and advertised through Council's available platforms including local media, social media and on the website.

All nominations will be accepted and processed through the Australia Day Council of South Australia website.

Decision Making Process

Administration will provide an assessment and recommendations to the Grants, Sponsorship and Awards Committee in November or December. Assessment and recommendations will be made in accordance with the eligibility and selection criteria outlined in this Policy.

The Grants, Sponsorship and Awards Committee has delegated authority to make final decisions regarding award recipients within the parameters of this Policy.

In the absence of any suitable nominations from the community, the Grants, Sponsorship and Awards Committee may make their own nominations based on local knowledge and experience.

The successful nominees will receive written confirmation of their award and must confirm acceptance of their award.

Celebration

The Australia Day Awards will be presented on Australia Day (26 January) each year at a celebration organised by the Council. Citizenship ceremonies may also be held at this celebration.

The Australia Day Award Celebration will be held on the morning of 26 January at Jarrett Memorial Gardens, Renmark. However, date, location and time may be subject to change upon decision by the Council.

The role of the Australia Day Council of South Australia will be acknowledged at this celebration.

The award recipients will have their name recorded on the Honour Board displayed at the Council Civic Centre.



Budget

The celebration will have a set budget each year to cover costs of catering, equipment, administration, promotion, award gifts and any other applicable support.

DELEGATION

That pursuant to section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer authority to administer Council's Policies. Refer to Council's Delegations Register for sub delegation if granted.