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11.8 Australia Day Awards 2024

Executive Assistant, Caroline Moeller's Report

Purpose of Report

To consider nominations for the 2024 Australia Day Awards.

Strategic Plan Link

Focus Area 1.1.1 Our Community is our strength

Background

Each year Council selects Award recipients from nominations received from the Community. In previous years the decision on the Award winners have been kept confidential in order to enable the winners to be announced at Council's Australia Day event.

Discussion

Citizen of the Year Awards 2024 was launched on Monday 18 September 2023 on the Council Website and through the Campbelltown Catchup Newsletter. A memo was sent on 18 September 2023 to all Elected Members advising that the 2024 Australia Day Awards were open.

Council sent emails to Schools, Service Clubs, Sporting Clubs, local organisations and businesses within the Council area, posted on the Council website and social media platforms and had nomination forms available online as editable PDFs and hard copies in the Council Office, Library and The ARC. Previous winners, nominees and nominators were also contacted and encouraged to nominate individuals for the Awards.

Over the ensuing two months Council promoted the Awards through its website, across various social media channels and accounts, in the Campbelltown Catchup Newsletter, CHSP Newsletter, Council Banners, fliers and reminders from Mayor Whittaker at Council Meetings.

This year Council received 18 Nominations, eight nominations for Citizen of the Year, three nominations for Young Citizen of the Year and seven nominations for Senior Citizen of the Year.

All nominations have been assessed against the eligibility criteria (attached) and advise that the following nominees are ineligible:

- **Cyprie Kilozo** has been nominated for Young Citizen of the Year however in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria is not eligible for the Young Citizen of the Year Award as he is not an Australian Citizen.
- **Cooper Plummer** was an automatic entry as the NAIDOC Winner for Young Citizen of the Year however in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria is not eligible for the Young Citizen of the Year Award as he is currently 14 years old and will not be 15 years old as at 26 January 2024.

The nomination forms were changed after a CEO Briefing Session on Monday 10 May 2021 whereby it was decided to change the section regarding nominators presenting their nomination from compulsory to optional. This year 10 nominators agreed to voluntarily attend the workshop to provide the Elected Members with additional verbal information regarding their nominee.

Social Implications

The Awards process enables Council and the Community to acknowledge the significant contribution that some residents and ratepayers make each year to the Community.

Environmental / Climate Change Implications

There are no environmental / climate change implications in relation to this report.

Asset Management Implications

There are no asset management implications in relation to this report.

Governance / Risk Management

Should Council wish to ensure that the Award winners are kept confidential until being formally announced on Australia Day, Council should invoke the provisions of *Section 90 (2) and 90 (3) (o) of the Local Government Act 1999.*

Community Engagement

Council wrote to Schools, Service Clubs, Sporting Clubs, local organisations and businesses within the Council area, posted on the Council website and social media platforms as well as nomination forms available in the Council Office, The ARC and the Library.

Previous winners, nominees and nominators were also contacted and encouraged to nominate.

Economic Development Implications

There are no economic development implications in relation to this report.

Financial Implications

Awards are funded within the existing recurrent budget.

Recommendation

That the:

1. **Citizen of the Year be awarded to ……..**
2. **Young Citizen of the Year be awarded to ……**
3. **Senior Citizen of the Year be awarded to ……**

2024 Australia Day Awards Nominations – Eligibility Criteria

Nominee	One Category Nominated?	Two Nominators?	Australian Citizen?	Has a picture been provided?	Previous Recipient of an Award	Nominated by a family Member?	Submission received after the closing date?	Resident?	Within date range for YCOTY?	Within date range for SCOTY?
Wayne Atkins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		
Thea Matto	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		
Stella Waugh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		
Phung Nguyen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		
Kayla Petrovansky	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No		
Denise Aistrope	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No		
Gerry Butler	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		
Margaret Bakker	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		
Rishi Adhikari	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		
Cyprie Kilozo	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Cooper Plummer	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NAIDOC	No	No	Yes	No	
Trevor Symonds	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		Yes
Domenico Zollo	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		Yes
Virginia Cordera	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		Yes
Ivanka Jovanovich	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		Yes
John Schubert	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		Yes
Geoffrey Thomas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		Yes
Andras Tuske	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes		Yes

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2024 Nominations
Category – Citizen of the Year

Wayne Atkins

Nominee Name	Wayne Atkins
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Wayne Atkins is a legend to our community for his service, in particular, through the Athelstone CFS. This year he was recognized for 50 years CFS volunteer service - the significant majority of which has been in our community through the Athelstone brigade. The volume and quality of his service is singular - both in terms of his direct support as a volunteer through 50 summers, and also his work in training younger and newer members of the brigade in the particular skills that are necessary to serve our community.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Our local area has, from time to time, relied upon CFS brigades and crews to keep us safe. As recently as last summer we had fires burning out of control in Montacute. The 2019/20 bushfires reached as close as Cudlee Creek. Cherryville and Sampson Flat fires threatened local houses. In 2009 fire in Wadmore Park burnt near the back yards of houses in Athelstone. Go back further through the last fifty years, and contemplate that Wayne played a key role in fighting, suppressing and controlling all of those fires, and many more beyond around our state and our nation.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	In addition to all the factors in the previous response, it should be noted that Wayne has undertaken high levels of training beyond basic firefighting, including haz-mat, chemicals and dealing with other major events. He works hard to support other members of the brigade in their training to ensure that our local CFS is one of the most highly prepared brigades in the state.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Everyone living in our local community has benefited from the work of the CFS in protecting our properties and community, and Wayne's service through that has been exemplary.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	N/A

Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Commendations and Service recognition within CFS. Recognition of service by local MP through Morialta Community Award 2023.
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	The Hon John Gardner MP Member for Morialta 163 St Bernards Road ROSTREVOR SA 5073
2nd Nominator	Mr Scott Kennedy [redacted]
Attending Workshop	Not confirmed

Thea Matto

Nominee Name	Thea Matto
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Thea has brought together a group of more than 60 seniors in our local community to join together in social activity and physical recreation through dance. Attendance at the 'Moving to Music' group has grown from half a dozen when it began four years ago to more than 60 now. Attendees, from a wide range of cultural backgrounds, have a reason to weekly get out of their houses and come together in activity that enriches their lives and supports their health. Thea devotes her time voluntarily to support these residents, who are not required to be capable dancers in order to get an enormous amount out of the program. They get to try new things, learn some moves and stay healthy.

How has this person contributed to the local Community?	The attendees at the dance sessions are all local. It is held at the St Francis of Assisi Hall, which now fills every Tuesday with the sounds and sights of 'Moving to Music'. Testimony from dozens of attendees, none of whom ever leave the program once they start attending, has been that it has changed their lives and improved their wellbeing.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	As above, the entire program has been a selfless gift of Thea's to the community, and it has enhanced the wellbeing and health and social activity of dozens of local residents who might otherwise be in a vulnerable circumstance.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Attendees at the program - all elderly local residents - and their families who appreciate the improvements to their life.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	N/A
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	2023 Morialta Community Award winner
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	The Hon John Gardner MP Member for Morialta 163 St Bernards Road ROSTREVOR SA 5073
2nd Nominator	Siony Gardiner [redacted]
Attending Workshop	Yes

Stella Waugh

Nominee Name	Stella Waugh
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Stella's volunteer work has made a significant impact on the school at St Ignatius College, one of the largest schools in the Campbelltown area. She sets an example of volunteering that is inspiring to other families, and a role model for students. Her work assists in the important work St Ignatius does in our broader community.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Stella's involvement in the St Ignatius College community has had a lasting impact on the school and, through that, the broader community. Her ongoing support of the College's Advancement function, attending all Senior School Tours, welcoming new parents and supporting staff, are hugely important for the school. She is now also Deputy Chair of the St Ignatius College Foundation Board.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Her work at St Ignatius College commenced through being a parent at school, but has continued after graduation. She has always gone above and beyond to support staff, students and other volunteers.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Students, staff, and parents at St Ignatius College.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	N/A
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	2023 Morialta Community Award
Photo included?	

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1st Nominator	The Hon John Gardner MP Member for Morialta 163 St Bernards Road ROSTREVOR SA 5073
2nd Nominator	Barbara Watkins Or Anne-Marie Burgess Principal St Ignatius College 2 Manresa Court ATHELSTONE SA 5076
Attending Workshop	No

Phung Van Nguyen

Nominee Name	Phung Nguyen
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Having come to South Australia as a refugee in the aftermath of the Vietnam War, along with his family, Mr Phung has contributed mightily to our state over more than four decades: as a teacher (and SACE moderator), as a leader in the Vietnamese community, and as a volunteer teacher in the Vietnamese community school. He has always led young Vietnamese people to appreciate and understand their language and culture, while appreciating and celebrating the wonderful opportunity available to them by being Australians too. His leadership and example have been very important in the development of South Australia's Vietnamese community which contributes so much to South Australia's multicultural success story. Living in Newton, Mr Phung would have been a worthy nominee for this award at any stage in the last thirty years but with his recent retirement from public school teaching, this is a good year to recognise his achievements.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Many Vietnamese South Australian families have had multiple generations taught language and culture by Mr Phung, and while the numbers in the Campbelltown area are not as large as some other communities, there is still a solid contingent and those families are still an important part of our local multicultural mosaic that makes our area so special.

Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Since arriving in Australia, Mr Phung has always appreciated the wonderful opportunity this country has given him and his family, and at every turn he has sought to repay that opportunity by giving to the broader community. This has included leading, mentoring and teaching hundreds if not thousands of students and young people in the Vietnamese community (over four decades), but it is particularly important to note how seriously this community takes its opportunities to share food, culture and heritage with the broader community. Mr Phung has played a big role in this.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Vietnamese community members, and South Australians who enjoy interacting with our Vietnamese community (which in my experience is most of them!)
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Refugee from South Vietnam who came to Australia on a boat like so many others and had to work hard to connect with his family.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Many recognitions from within the Vietnamese Community. 40 years service recognition from Department for Education SA. 2023 Morialta Community Award
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	The Hon John Gardner MP Member for Morialta 163 St Bernards Road ROSTREVOR SA 5073
2nd Nominator	Cr Quin Tran Member, SA Multicultural Commission [redacted]
Attending Workshop	No

Kayla Petrovansky

Nominee Name	Kayla Petrovansky
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	Unknown however is currently 33 years old
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Incredible volunteer - collaborative and selfless.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Charles Campbell College Governing Council member Chair - Parents & Friends Community 2021-present Breakfast Club (2021 onwards), Second-hand uniform shop (2022 onwards) Organiser and driving force behind the 2023 (and 2024) Campbell Fair. Klemzig Kindergarten Governing Council (2018 - 2021) Walk with Wings Events Coordinator (2018 - current) Valley View Kindergarten - Governing Council 2023
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Engages and encourages other to become involved. Building connections between parents and community organisations. Providing breakfast to young people 3 mornings per week (primary) and secondary). Organising second-hand uniforms for sale and support for students in need.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Parents and students at Charles Campbell College and il nido and other community organisations.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Kayla has a young family and is studying full-time to become a primary school teacher ... all while undertaking her huge volunteer commitments.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Not that I am aware of.
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Kevin O'Neil C/o - Charles Campbell College 3 Campbell Road

	PARADISE SA 5075
2nd Nominator	Kerryn Cousins C/o - Charles Campbell College 3 Campbell Road PARADISE SA 5075
Attending Workshop	Yes

Denise Aistrope

Nominee Name	Denise Aistrope
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	We believe that Denise should be awarded the Citizen of the Year Award for bringing Speed Friending to the Campbelltown Council area. Speed Friending is a free social event for people 18 years and older who are on the autism spectrum or who experience social difficulties. Autism is a prevalent disability in the Council area, also being the largest disability group in the NDIS. Council's Disability Access & Inclusion Plan 2020-2024 (DAIP) consultation showed that there is a gap for young people with a disability to engage in social opportunities that reflect what their peers are doing. This lead to a partnership with Denise, an experienced professional working with people on the autism spectrum and the creator of Speed Friending, the first of its kind in South Australia. In 2021, a pilot program of three Speed Friending events and one follow up 'Social Night' was held, providing attendees with the opportunity to meet new people and talk with one another through a facilitated process and in a supportive environment. As a result, 69 'matches' were made and in 2022 the Speed Friending Social Group was formed (led by local Speed Friending participants). In 2023 the focus has been on expanding Speed Friending to other local government areas.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	With the ABC TV show 'Love on the Spectrum' as inspiration and a local Campbelltown mum of an 18-year-old son on the spectrum who said, "Mum, I'd like a girlfriend," the seed was planted for a new social program. Denise accepted the invitation to partner with Council and hold the Speed Friending events in the Campbelltown Council area (which she did at no cost, in order to pilot the program), and with that, Speed Friending came to life. Denise formed a committee of people with lived experience of autism, ensuring that all events were shaped and informed appropriately. 180

	people attended the events, with 103 speed friending participants (plus another five who were too anxious to participate), 32 support people and 40 volunteers (including the Speed Friending Committee). Outcomes include 67 'matches', a Facebook group that participants formed to stay in touch and the Speed Friending Social Group that formed to provide ongoing opportunity to socialise and have "get-togethers." In this way, Denise helped to provide a response to a local need through bringing Speed Friending to the Campbelltown area.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Denise had a vision to host a social event for people 18 years and older who are on the autism spectrum, to help them make friends. This was the result of Denise's lived and professional experience. The outcomes of Speed Friending are the result of a thorough and planned process to overcome barriers of social anxiety, in order for participants to feel comfortable to attend. More than an event, Speed Friending acts as a vehicle to bring people on the spectrum together, make connections, build social skills and form friendships. With this vision, Speed Friending has led to other initiatives and future plans. These include a follow up 'Social Night' that was introduced after the first event and an ongoing social group, in order to provide the opportunity for participants to build upon the connections they made. These next steps take Speed Friending beyond a once-off social event and extends to a capacity building initiative that helps people on the spectrum (or who experience social difficulties) to develop social and communication skills.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	The benefits of Denise's contribution have extended far and wide, including to the 103 Speed Friending participants, the 32 support people, the Speed Friending Committee who were able to utilise their lived experience and participate, the additional volunteers who had the opportunity to contribute and participate, and the Local Government sector at large. An unexpected outcome was the connections between support people at the Speed Friending events. A 'hub' was created where support people could stay for the night, and particularly for the first event, majority of them were mums who sat together for the night and watched in wonder as their children connected and chatted (a female participant's mum didn't think her daughter was going to stay and was amazed to watch her connecting and participating in the speed friending process). In 2022, Speed Friending was a finalist in the LG Professionals SA Leadership Excellence Award in the category of 'Leadership in Community Services and Development.' In July 2023, Staff submitted the Speed Friending 2021 Pilot Project Summary Report to the Assistant Minister for Autism, Hon Emily Bourke MLC, whom Council's Community Development Officer

	(Social Inclusion) and Denise met with in August 2023. In October 2023, Denise presented to the LGAIN (Local Government Access & Inclusion Network) who recognised the benefit of bringing Speed Friending to local government. There is now strong demand from other councils and the autistic community to hold more events reaching more South Australians.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Denise is a provisional psychologist who specialises in working with autistic people of all ages. She is a published academic in autism diagnostic testing and has extensive experience as a behaviour practitioner. Denise is also mother to two autistic sons and is a passionate and longstanding advocate for the autistic community. Denise delivered the Speed Friending pilot in partnership with Campbelltown Council whilst also completing her study to become a provisional psychologist. While Denise and her team is committed to continuing these events, it has – to date – come at a high financial cost to Denise and her family, as well as the team of autistic volunteers who made a voluntary contribution.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Denise is a provisional psychologist who specialises in working with autistic people of all ages and a published academic in autism diagnostic testing and has extensive experience as a behaviour practitioner.
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Rachel McCaskill 172 Montacute Road ROSTREVOR SA 5073
2nd Nominator	Angela Carlesso [redacted]
Attending Workshop	Yes

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Gerry Butler

Nominee Name	Gerry Butler
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Gerry is very community minded and has served Campbelltown in many ways.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Gerry is the Chairman of the Butterfly Foundation of SA, the Newton Community Garden and the Gum Landare. Past Chair of the Landcare Association of SA. Foundation Member of National Landcare Association. Past Chair of the Campbelltown Players, Convenor of the Nantdwarina 25 year celebration. Project officer one tree per child.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	He is very active in the Community, particularly in the area of Landcare and making Campbelltown greener.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Everyone, by creating a cleaner and greener environment which will help against global warming. Also a special mention for his work for indigenous people.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	No answer provided.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Only life member of Landcare SA. Nominated for 'Pelzer' Award (An Environmental Award) also various Landcare awards. Volunteer at Campbelltown Meals on Wheels.
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Mark Ferguson [redacted]
2nd Nominator	Rosalie Ferguson [redacted]
Attending Workshop	Yes

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Dr Margaret Bakker

Nominee Name	Dr Margaret Bakker
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	Not Provided
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Margaret, a resident of Campbelltown for 35 years, displays all the qualities for the Senior Citizen of the Year Award. Margaret's positive attitude, her generous nature and love of life are infectious. She does not allow setbacks deter her from trying to achieve positive outcomes, whether it is for herself, her family, her friends or her beloved Italian Community. She has the highest moral and ethical characteristics which are displayed in her work, community service and her social pursuits. She is passionate about life, whether it be her science background, her music career or her law practice, and being a notary, and always see the good in people. She is fully conversant in Italian, German, French and Dutch, which makes her a great asset to Campbelltown's multicultural Community. Her sense of humour, coupled with compassion and caring for her clients, assists her in navigating some difficult matters. Margaret has attained the highest in her three fields of study. Margaret is still a practising barrister and is equally passionate about her music. For more than 30 years, Margaret has been the volunteer organist at the Church of the Annunciation, Montacute Road, Hectorville, where she rarely takes a break.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Margaret has an unconditional love for her Community and is keen to support it wherever possible. This has been evident over the past 35 years where she has maintained a conscientious, consistent approach to helping the Community wherever possible. She has contributed to the lives of many, including many within the Italian Community of Campbelltown, whether they are friends in need, some of whom are less fortunate, in difficult personal and financial situations or as her legal clients. Margaret has offered personal assistance, personal counselling, empathising with the loss of a loved one, giving free legal representation, and organising things for the elderly or infirm.

	Her contribution as a voluntary organisation at the Church of Annunciation, Montacute Road, Hectorville has been exemplary for 35 years. She has taken little time out from this role.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Margaret has contributed in a distinctive, voluntary way in help Italians in South Australia to resolve problems in an honorary capacity and in doing so she has made life better for many others. She has improved the outcomes for many Italians in the community who were less able to help themselves to resolve small and complex problems. She has devoted herself for more than 40 years to sustain a selfless, voluntary service, where she has shown innovation and creativity in surmounting problems and achieving lasting results. She has attended their homes, to comfort and support them in their grief and ensuring difficulties they faced. Her articulate and conscientious manner has helped them in making phone calls and writing letters to alert government departments to their changed circumstances. Her pro bono advice has been exemplary. Margaret has supported her husband in his role to ensure the establishment of the Marche Club, Paradise, being instrumental in the building of the premises and his 12 years of being president. The Club provides a social gathering place for members of the Italian Community. She also supported her husband's role as a Campbelltown Councillor for 10 years.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Margaret has contributed to the Community with being a wife of the Marche Club's president and him being a Councillor. On a more personal level, she has assisted many members of the Italian Community, many of whom have minimal education, having been migrants who have worked in factories, building and construction, farming and vineyards. This contribution has spanned 40 years. Many knew her from her long-standing role as the Musical Director and Organist of the Italian Mass at the Hectorville Church. This encouraged many Italians to confide and place their trust in her and communicate with her when they needed assistance, even before her admission to the Supreme Court of South Australia. Margaret has the persistence to pursue all available avenues in achieving justice and equity for Italian families and clients.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	One of the most challenging aspects of Margaret's career was the acceptance of her competence and capacity to make knowledgeable contributions by male dominant members of the legal profession. Margaret made many personal sacrifices in her careers. She declined invitations to man y social activities with

	friends and family because she had to perfect her repertoire for a forthcoming recital. She still sacrifices personal activities to complete research and draft submissions for clients, who are in complex litigation. She has exposure to extremely, adverse situations in litigation, including unacceptable behaviour by opposing counsel and litigations in court proceedings. After she received a death threat, which also included the judge, she had a 24-hour lockdown of her law practice. In the artistic world, she accompanies temperamental and narcissistic performers, who create adverse situations when they are required to revise any aspect of their performance. She has cajoled and re-assured many highly-strung performers before the performance. She surmounted difficulties by upholding integrity for the composers' musical scores and in her legal career by observing in this order, her duty to the rule of law, her role as an officer of the court and her duty to the client.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	• International Women's Day in 2023 Campbelltown City Council. • Lawyers Weekly Australian Law Awards finalist in August 2021 featured as the most innovative law practice in Australia. • Archbishop's Award for my Services (as Musical Director and Organist) to Parish Life within the Archdiocese for outstanding contribution to the life of the Church in the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide 2014. • Australian Academy of the Humanities Post-Doctoral Award for research on Italian Opera and Vocal Music at Harvard University and Musical Libraries in Venice, Naples, Milan, Florence and Rome 1990-1991. • Centro Didattico Scholarship for course on Advanced Italian Language and Literature Studies Adelaide 1986. • Italian Government Research Scholarship at the Conservatorio S. Pietro A Maiella in Naples and included 3 months Italian Language Studies at the University of Perugia 1985. • Commonwealth Postgraduate Research Award for Ph.D, Studies in Musicology, Adelaide University and the University of Western Australia 1978.

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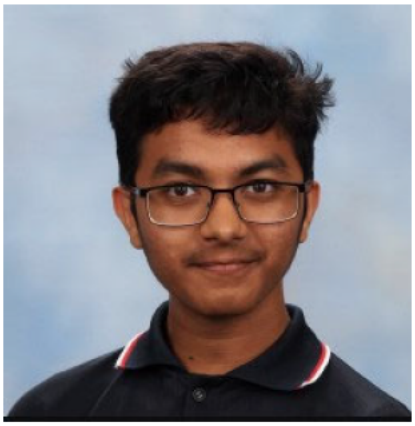
	• Fulbright Scholarship Australian-American Educational Foundation for postgraduate Studies at Stanford University, California 1977. • Alexander von Humboldt sonder stipendium awarded for German language tuition at the Goethe Institute in Gottingen, West Germany 1977.
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Helen Bibbo [redacted]
2nd Nominator	Susan Pullens [redacted]
Attending Workshop	Yes

2024 Nominations
Category – Young Citizen of the Year

Rishi Adhikari

Nominee Name	Rishi Adhikari
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the YCOTY?	Extensive volunteer work for the youth of Campbelltown.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	A more youth focused event that showcases movies that have seen their origins from books and celebrated the diversity that we have in our local youth community. - Study Relief Packs (2019 - 2022) A pack of goodies to help you relax during the exam season. Anyone in the ages from 12 to 21 can access this promotion. -Youth Crew (2021 - 2022) Youth Crew was initiative pushed by me and my team at the Youth Advisory Council as building a community of volunteers who are able to use the resources of YAC to work on community projects they are most passionate about without having the overhead of working on projects that they might not be interested in. We have seen projects come through that have raised awareness of the mental health issues that we as young people face in a ever changing world and projects that are building solutions to make a more connected community. ... and others.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Engaging youth in productive pastimes, increasing awareness of Council services and supports and supporting students to remain at school.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Youth generally within Campbelltown, and members of the wider community who see young people as volunteers and as a groups supporting young people. Providing a voice to Council via the YAC.

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Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	I'm not sure, but in the past 12 months has been dealing with some issues (not defined)
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	He has probably been thanked by the Campbelltown Council for his work.
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Kevin O'Neil C/o - Charles Campbell College 3 Campbell Road PARADISE SA 5075
2nd Nominator	Andrew Glasson C/o - Charles Campbell College 3 Campbell Road PARADISE SA 5075
Attending Workshop	Yes

Cyprie Kilozo

Nominee Name	Cyprie Kilozo
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	As a new migrant to Australia, mastering English is essential for making friends, engaging in learning and participating wholly in society. It is not an easy task and many new migrants do not fully engage with life to the extent they could because of their lack of English. Cyprie understands the power of language, the opportunities it provides and the value of supporting those of who are striving to learn English.

How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Works in community, translating from Swahili to English at church, his support to community members as an interpreter and driver, supporting those who need it - as well as balancing his own learning and education.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Enabling members of his community to better access services and improve their lives in Australia.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Members of his church whose English language skills are not strong.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	He has moved to Australia and has a large extended family associated with Chrales Campbell College.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Not sure.
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Kevin O'Neil C/o - Charles Campbell College 3 Campbell Road PARADISE SA 5075
2nd Nominator	Andrew Glasson C/o - Charles Campbell College 3 Campbell Road PARADISE SA 5075
Attending Workshop	No

Cooper Plummer

Nominee Name	Cooper Plummer
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]- 14 as at 26 January 2024
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the YCOTY?	N/A
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Cooper is a South Australian Drag Racing Association Member, he contributes through promotion of the sport by racing, attending car shows, displaying car class, age group and specifications for community interest.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Since he began racing in April 2019, Cooper has been a role model for younger new participants in the sport to take up something new, this gives cooper a sense of purpose and motivation to connect with others, it's a meaningful experience and one he is very grateful for.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Cooper brings strong commitment and inner drive to his chosen sport, junior drag racing. Capabilities that transfer through to all areas of his life and development. He is a proud first nations young man, age 14 representing his family and culture on and off the national junior drag racing circuit. The success and dedication to his sport was shared with the Charles Campbell College community during NAIDOC week last year, when Cooper enthusiastically showcased his dragster to the school.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Cooper is a 14-year-old boy with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). ASD is a lifelong developmental disorder which impacts on an individual's skills across the lifespan. ASD is characterised by difficulties with social communication, social-emotional reciprocity, and building and maintaining relationships. People with ASD have repetitive patterns of behaviour, and often demonstrate sensory and motor difficulties. Large schools' settings can be overwhelming, on a daily basis Cooper fronts his anxiety triggers and the challenge to regulate his ADHD energy levels to engaged positively with his learning and his peers. This year Cooper has also been an active participant in the HOOPS 4 LIFE program, to improve his social skills and capacity.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	A recent win in the junior dragster bracket at the 'Easter Supercharged Shootout' event in Mildura. A great achievement. Cooper eliminated his category with an 8.071sec time over 1/8thmile. He is also due to collect the Central Australian Championship Certificate for

	achieving the highest points awarded to the 8–18-year age groups.
Photo included?	No
1st Nominator	Wilfred Edwards [redacted]
2nd Nominator	Paige Higgins [redacted]
Attending Workshop	No

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2024 Nominations
Category – Senior Citizen of the Year

Trevor Symonds

Nominee Name	Trevor Symonds
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	I am writing to enthusiastically support Trevor for the Senior Australian of the Year award. Trevor has made a significant and lasting impact on the local community of Campbelltown through his unwavering commitment to volunteering with the Lions Club of Rostrevor, and most recently with leading a merger to be the inaugural treasurer of the Lions Club of Athelstone-Rostrevor. Trevor embodies the spirit of Senior Australian of the Year, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to service and a profound impact on the local community. I wholeheartedly recommend him for this prestigious honour, as there is no one more deserving of this recognition than Trevor.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Trevor has been a member of the Lions Club of Rostrevor since 2008 when he arrived in Campbelltown. Trevor was previously living in Tintinara. Trevor has been the Treasurer for the club for many of those years, and if he's not been Treasurer, he has been the President. Trevor is very committed to supporting the local community through his volunteering in Lions.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Trevor is always committed and will put in the most effort in the club, and to raise money to fund local programs. He's the first at the BBQs, helping set up, ensuring we have the sausages, supplies, and everything needed to ensure the day goes smoothly. He will be the first to set up a cake drive at a shopping centre, and will organise everything from the cakes, to the chairs, to the tables.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	There are likely too many to mention. The most recent benefits include Charles Campbell College, where Trevor has been instrumental in organising the raising

	of money toward Operation Flinders, a program to improve the outcomes for teenagers in our Community. For the local community we've had significant involvement through tree planting, raising funds for various local sources, eg hearing dogs, DV shelters, extra-curricular events for students, etc.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Unfortunately Trevor lost his life partner, wife Colleen in 2021. With the presence of his family, who mostly also reside in the Campbelltown area, he has remained strong.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Apart from his service with the Lions Club, he has been awarded the Lion JD Richardson Honour Award for his service to Rostrevor, and is also a Lions International Melvin Jones Award recipient for his service to Tintinara. Trevor has also been a club president and treasurer of the Payneham Bowling Club and has recently started coaching a ladies team.
Photo included?	Yes
1st Nominator	Cameron Wyers [redacted]
2nd Nominator	Reginald Ayliffe [redacted]
Attending Workshop	Yes

Domenico Zollo

Nominee Name	Domenico Zollo
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	Domenico's contribution to our community has been profound - his leadership of the Montevergine Association (now in its 68th year - the majority of which Domenico has been President) - has seen local community members of Italian heritage able to continue to connect with culture and community over decades, and has introduced subsequent generations of Italian heritage and non-Italian heritage alike to the beautiful cultural celebrations of migrants from Southern Italy.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	His leadership of the Montevergine Festa, through coordination of a large team of volunteers, has seen this Festa remain South Australia's largest Italian religious festival for many years. Thousands of pilgrims come to Newton every year to share in the religious observances and community celebrations alike. It is one of the traditions that makes our community so special. It is hard to imagine the Festa's continued success over so many years without Domenico's personal dedicated service.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	See above
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Italian migrants, especially from the Campania region whose connection with heritage through celebration of the Madonna di Montevergine is so important to them. Children and grandchildren of Italian migrants who are facilitated in connecting with their heritage through the festa. The scores of volunteers whose service is fulfilling and helps realize this extraordinary event. The broader local community who benefit from the opportunity to participate in this beautiful cultural experience. (Not to mention the food.)
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	N/A
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Montevergine Festa won Community Event of the Year a number of years ago, when that was a category. I believe Domenico may also have been nominated for a

	Campbelltown Citizen of the Year Award (or Senior Citizen) previously but don't think he won. 2023 Morialta Community Award winner
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	The Hon John Gardner 163 St Bernards Road ROSTREVOR SA 5073
2nd Nominator	Mr James Stevens Federal Member for Sturt Level 1/85 The Parade NORWOOD SA 5067
Attending Workshop	No

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Virginia Cordera

Nominee Name	Virginia Cordera
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	Virginia's tireless voluntary contribution to our community, for more than 50 years now, through many hours per week in the kitchen at Campbelltown Soccer Club, has been critical in helping the Club to fulfil its potential in our community. The regularity and quality and volume of her service have been enormous - helping several generations of children and young men and women in our community to find both healthy activity and serious competition alike through local soccer.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Service to club through volunteering in the kitchen, through training, games and special functions alike, on a regular basis throughout the long season, every year for more than fifty years, adds up to something extraordinary. This helps the club to function, making meals for players and spectators alike, and for guests at functions held by the club.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Campbelltown Soccer Club is a critical institution to our local community. Hundreds of players and members - including many teams of children - are engaged every week through this sporting activity. It would not function without volunteers both on and off the field, and when it comes to off-field volunteers, Virginia's service is a role model. Such service helps make our community such an important one to live in, and she is exactly the sort of unsung hero who we should celebrate.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Players at Campbelltown Soccer Club (over 50 years) - from children to semi-professionals. Visitors to the club. Anyone who values the contribution the Club makes to our broader community. Anyone who visits the club and wants to eat a fantastic burger!
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	N/A
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Morialta Community Award 2023

Photo included?	
1st Nominator	The Hon John Gardner 163 St Bernards Road ROSTREVOR SA 5073
2nd Nominator	Don Leombruno [redacted]
Attending Workshop	Yes

Ivanka Jovanovich

Nominee Name	Ivanka Jovanovich
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	Ivanka is a tireless contributor to our community who endeavours every day to bring warmth and joy to at least one person - whether for a minute, an hour or more. She seeks opportunities to cook, drive, provide translation services or otherwise provide support to people in vulnerable circumstances every day through her extended networks of contacts throughout the community. Most significantly her leadership through Zonta of the team of volunteers creating hand-made comfort pillows for women recovering from breast cancer is an extraordinary effort that has offered comfort, love and personal understanding to thousands of South Australian women, in many cases at the most difficult times in their lives. After two decades of service Ivanka continues to lead her team of Zonta volunteers in regular working bees to meet the demands of women undertaking surgery at St Andrews Hospital.

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How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Ivanka's work in the local community specifically has been significant, in something of an ad hoc way. The project described below has served a broader group than just our local community, but certainly many women from our local community - likely in the hundreds over the years - have benefited from the work undertaken by Ivanka and her team of volunteers. Our local community can also be proud of their broader achievement.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Ivanka created the breast cancer pillow project, and over a number of years has recruited a number of volunteers to assist in the production of these hand-crafted specialty items. They are offered to all patients at St Andrews hospital who are undertaking surgical procedures for breast cancer. Their provision offers physical comfort and emotional support and love to women who are at an extremely vulnerable moment in their lives. The group produces hundreds of pillows each year and their work should be celebrated.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Survivors of breast cancer. Members of their families. Volunteers in the project who benefit from the sense of purpose in their task.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	N/A
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	2023 Morialta Community Award winner
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	The Hon John Gardner 163 St Bernards Road ROSTREVOR SA 5073
2nd Nominator	Dymphna Sprod Adelaide Zonta Club PO Box 3132 NORWOOD SA 5077
Attending Workshop	TBC

John Schubert

Nominee Name	John Schubert
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	John has given 46 years of service through the Rotary Club of Campbelltown and he continues to volunteer regularly - in fact he continues to volunteer every month at the Rotary Club's Shed Sale along with a range of other activities. He has also made a substantial contribution during his career as a Master Monumental Mason and given decades of service to the Lutheran Church.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	John's voluntary service to our community over nearly 50 years through the Campbelltown Rotary Club has been immense. He has supported pretty much every aspect of Rotary Service, and the impact that this club plays in our local community is well known. From raising money for worthy causes, investing in local community infrastructure, supporting Rotary Health and Mental Health, and in particular supporting the fundraising and community building activities of the Rotary Shed Sale and Campbelltown Rotary Outback Experience (CROE), John's impact has been long, lasting and deep.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	All of the activities described above have contributed to the constant development and improvement of our Community.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	People living in and around Campbelltown.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	N/A
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	• 2023 Morialta Community Award • Rotary Paul Harris Fellow.
Photo included?	

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1st Nominator	The Hon John Gardner 163 St Bernards Road ROSTREVOR SA 5073
2nd Nominator	Mr Damian Leach [redacted]
Attending Workshop	Yes

Geoffrey Thomas

Nominee Name	Geoffrey Thomas
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	Geoffrey Thomas is a valued member of Kiwanis Rostrevor-Campbelltown (current President), Payneham Probus (VP), Volunteer at Salvos North East Road, member of the Tranmere Bowling and Tennis Club, Life Member and former Treasurer of the Campbelltown Netball Club for 10 years. He has coordinated Tuesday Night Owl community bowls at the Tranmere Bowling Club. Geoff has raised funds for children of Cusco, Peru through collecting aluminium and metal the proceeds of which are used to clothe and provide schooling for these children. Geoff is a serving Justice of the Peace for many years.

How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Geoffrey Thomas has been convening and organising Quiz nights for numerous charities and NFP organisations since 1996 during which time over $600,000 has been raised to assist mainly children of the community. Geoff is extremely popular as a quiz master overseeing numerous nights through the Campbelltown area and beyond.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Through his many successful fundraising activities, Geoff has held quiz nights for Rotary Campbelltown, Kiwanis clubs, Lions Clubs, Burnside Inter Church Council, retirement villages, sporting and bowling clubs.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	The community as a whole but more particularly aiding children in many areas ie schooling, school equipment, those unfortunate with special needs, supporting sport participation, feeding and clothing children.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Geoff has been fortunate in his life with a loving caring family.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Life membership of organisations like Campbelltown Netball Club, Tranmere Bowling Club, long term member and board participant of Kiwanis Rostrevor-Campbelltown, Payneham Probus. Geoff has been reappointed as a Justice of the Peace for a further 10 years a position held for over 30 years. Geoff is well respected by community groups, always willing to assist.
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Jill Jarvis [redacted]
2nd Nominator	Chris Ward [redacted]
Attending Workshop	TBC

Andras Tuske

Nominee Name	Andras Tuske
Nominee Address	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	Andras Tuske a Hungarian refugee and long term resident in Paradise, has been the heart and soul of the classical guitar community in Adelaide. Not only is he a highly sought after music educator, he is also the founder of the South Australia Youth Guitar Ensemble (SAYGE), a not-for-profit organisation bringing young classical guitarists together by providing them with the opportunity to be a part of a guitar ensemble, building confidences and sharing their love of music through ensemble rehearsals and community performances. He founded SAYGE in 2001 and took 12 of his high school students from his music studio in Paradise to an International Guitar Festival in Darwin. Over 20 years later, SAYGE has now grown to around 60 members across 3 youth ensembles and 1 adult ensemble, with members aged from 6 to 77+, representing a diverse range of cultural backgrounds including members from the Cambodian, Chinese, Croatian, French, Indian, Iranian, Japanese, Polish and Syrian communities. With over 30 years of music teaching, he has influenced the lives of his students for the better. His success as a music educator can be seen through some of his notable alumni (refer to future questions for more detail) and his work with SAYGE has been acknowledged through awards such as 2023 SA Music Awards – Best Music Educator Finalist and the 2023 SA Community Achievements – Connecting Communities Semi-Finalist.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Andras Tuske has been a significant contributor to the classical guitar community in South Australia, especially for the youth, as both a music educator and as the Founder and Artistic Director of the South Australian Youth Guitar Ensemble (SAYGE). As a music educator, Andras has been teaching for over 30 years and most of his private students reside in the Campbelltown Council and neighbouring areas, including notable alumni ABC Classics Guitarist, Matt Withers and Bradley Kunda, MuseScore Product Owner.

	Throughout, Andras has developed students who are highly skilled with exemplary musicianship, resulting in many of them being prize winners at the Adelaide Eisteddfod and the Adelaide Guitar Festival competition; gaining music scholarships (including at Saint Ignatius' College in Athelstone); and securing leadership positions, such as school Music Captains. But he also dedicates just as much attention to neuro diverse students and/or those experiencing challenges in their lives as he does with his 'success stories' with his humorous but kind hearted approach to music education appealing to students in all walks of life. Andras has also participated in local community events such as the Campbelltown Council Talent Competition run in the late 1990's which was won by one of his students, Nicholas Carey and, through SAYGE the Campbelltown Council Christmas Pageant Christmas Carols at Thorndon Park as well as an Aged Care centre visit at LHI Glynde.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Through his dedication and love of music, Andras Tuske has been instrumental in bringing the classical guitar community together in Adelaide. Most school aged guitarists don't have as many opportunities as their orchestral counterparts - by creating SAYGE, Andras was able to fill this gap. By grouping students into one of three youth ensembles, based on age and playing ability, this enables them to form friendships with like-minded musicians. Andras later expanded SAYGE to include an Adult ensemble, to be inclusive of the entire guitar community, making SAYGE currently the only non profit in Australia open to classical guitarists of ALL ages, abilities and backgrounds. Through his artistic direction in SAYGE, Andras has also built strong relationships with other organisations to help promote the classical guitar, provide performance opportunities for classical guitarists and to sustain the music industry. These include: the Adelaide Guitar Festival, where he has been a guest tutor many times for the Guitar Winter School; with the Adelaide Eisteddfod, where not only does he have many students who are entrants and prize winners, but he has also represented SAYGE in the sponsorship of prizes; organising SAYGE concerts for the Adelaide Fringe and Umbrella Music Festival; participating at the Art Gallery of South Australia's children's programs; performing at aged care centres around Adelaide; and organising regional schools tours. For the Hungarian community, since his arrival in Australia, Andras and his family have performed many

	music concerts during key dates in the Hungarian calendar as well as fundraiser concerts to support others in the congregation experiencing hardship due to terminal illness.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	The classical guitar community, and in particular the youth, have benefitted the most from Andras' contribution to the performing arts industry. As a not-for-profit organisation, his work with SAYGE has been instrumental in bringing young classical guitarists together by providing them with the opportunity to be a part of a guitar ensemble, building confidences and sharing their love of music through ensemble rehearsals and community performances. In addition, the Hungarian community also benefits from Andras' generosity of bringing his joy of music, with performances by him and his family at any Hungarian events. He contributes to the Hungarian community in Adelaide, performing in many fundraising concerts. More than just a music educator, Andras is also a mentor for his students, often seen as a father figure, helping students gain and share their love of music and using music as an outlet whilst they may be navigating through personal loss, and other social and mental health challenges.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Andras left Hungary because the Communist regime in place at the time precluded him from studying music. When he first arrived in Australia as a Hungarian refugee with his 2 year old daughter, he was hardly able to speak any English and had little more than the clothes on his back and his guitar. Financially, busking on Rundle Mall was required to get food on the table for his daughter. Over time, Andras' English improved and so did his financial situation, being able to secure teaching roles in private schools such as Pembroke, Christian Brothers' College, St Andrew's and St Peter's College. In his role as Artistic Director for SAYGE, he also faced financial challenges, as grants applied for at the time to travel to Darwin for the International Guitar Festival were denied. As a result, SAYGE as a community completed as many fundraising activities as possible, including garage sales, sales of chocolate frogs fundraiser and sausage sizzles. His tenacity in overcoming all these challenges to achieve an end goal for his young guitar students constantly inspires and motivates them.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	• 2023 SA Music Awards - Best Music Educator Finalist

	• 2023 SA Community Achievement Awards - Connecting Communities Awards Semi Finalist
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Judith Oh [redacted]
2nd Nominator	Attila Szabo Honorary Consul of Hungary, South Australia Parkwood Avenue PARADISE SA 5075
Attending Workshop	Yes