Confidential Item

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

Confidential Item

For Council meeting to be held on

Tuesday 21 December 2021 at 7.00 pm

Refer Item 11.7

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11.7 Australia Day Awards 2022

Executive Services Officer, Caroline Moeller's Report

Purpose of Report

To consider nominations for the 2022 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 nominations and 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 2022 were launched on 1 October 2021 on the Council Website and through the Events and Activities News. A Memo dated 1 October 2021 advised Elected Members that the 2022 Australia Day Awards were open.

Council sent over 500 letters and emails on 24 September 2021 and 1 October 2021 to Schools, Service Clubs, Sporting Clubs, local organisations and businesses within the Council area, placed information in the Adelaide East Herald, the Council website and social media and had nomination forms available online as well 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 eNewsletter, CHSP Newsletter, Council Banners, fliers and reminders from Mayor Whittaker at Council Meetings.

This year Council received four Nominations in total, three nominations for Citizen of the Year and one nomination for Young Citizen of the Year. Unfortunately no nominations were received for Senior Citizen of the Year. One of the nominees is of eligible age for Senior Citizen, however the nominator was contacted to confirm which category she was nominating her nominee for and it was confirmed that she was only nominating her for Citizen of the Year regardless of her age.

Attached to this report is a copy of the summary of nominations and a synopsis of the Eligibility Criteria.

As Members would be aware, the nomination forms were changed after a CEO Briefing Session on Monday 10 May 2021 whereby Members decided to change the section regarding the workshop from compulsory to optional. In light of this change, all nominators were provided an opportunity to speak at a workshop, however all declined to speak further.

Social Implications

The Awards process enables Council and the Community to acknowledge the significant contribution to society 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) of the Local Government Act 1999.*

Community Engagement

Council wrote to Schools, Service Clubs, Sporting Clubs, local organisations and businesses within the Council area, placed information in the Adelaide East Herald, on the Council website, social media and had nomination forms available in the Council Office and Library.

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Economic Development Implications

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

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in relation to this report.

Recommendation

That the:

1. **Citizen of the Year be awarded to ……..**

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

2022 Australia Day Awards Nominations – Eligibility Criteria

Nominee	Shelley Scales	Elena Reitano	Deirdree 'Dee' Richardson	Ray-Keam Kells	Name	Name
A person can only be nominated in one category	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes – Automatic entry as NAIDOC winner		
A person must be nominated by at least two people	Yes	Yes	No – only one nominator was provided	Yes		
Nominees must be Australian Citizens	Yes	Yes		Yes		
Does the Nominator wish to be heard at a workshop in support of their Nominee	No - as she attended previously in 2019 in support of this nominee.	No – however would be more than happy for Members to get in contact with her with any questions.	No – due to anxiety issues does not feel that this would be something she could manage.			
Has a picture been provided	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		
Previous Recipient of the Award	No	No	No	No		
Nominated by a family Member	No	No	No	No		
Submission received after the closing date	Yes – 20 November 2021 due to an unexpected death in the family	No	No	No		
All residents of the Campbelltown City Council area are eligible for nomination and consideration will be given to non-residents who have made a significant contribution to the Campbelltown City Community	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

Nominee	Shelley Scales	Elena Reitano	Deirdree 'Dee' Richardson	Ray-Keam Kells	Name	Name
Young Citizen of the Year Award – To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen between the ages of 15 and 30 years of age on 26 January 2017 (or relevant year)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes		
Senior Citizen of the Year Award – To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen and over the age of 60 on 26 January 2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

2022 Nominations
Category – Citizen of the Year

Ms Shelley Scales

Nominee Name	Ms Shelley Scales
Nominee Address	9 Nobel Court HIGHBURY SA
Date of Birth	3/10/1979
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Shelley first came to Campbelltown Comets as a 9 year old netball player. In 1998 with only one netball team, it was imminent the netball section of the club would fold. Shelley, only 18 years old would not allow this to happen. With the help of her family and boyfriend Simon (now husband) she organised fliers and proceeded to do multiple letter box drops in the streets surrounding the club in an effort to save the flailing club. The residents of Campbelltown responded positively to the promotion and one team became two and the club kept growing each season. Twenty three years on, the club currently has 35 teams participating in both the Eastern Districts Netball Association (EDNA) and the South Australian District Netball Association (SADNA) with players ranging from 7 to 54 years old. Shelley has been an active member on the Campbelltown Comets Board for the past 23 consecutive years holding roles as President and Secretary. Due to family commitments with 4 children and their various activities, Shelley has just resigned from netball secretary but she is still sits on the Netball Committee, is Secretary of the Management Committee and is a committee member of The Eastern Districts Netball Association. Even though she is no longer secretary for netball, she is still helping out in the back-ground wherever possible.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	The club is a family oriented and welcoming club with players and their families from all socio-economic and culturally diverse backgrounds. Whilst most of the members of the club reside in the Campbelltown City Council area, there are quite a few who travel from around Adelaide and not only enjoy the community vibe the Club provides, but also frequent the local shopping precinct whilst in the area.

	Shelley's many hours dedicated to running the club has kept the club financially viable and therefore affordable to the players/families of Campbelltown. The Clubs involvement in the SADNA (Golden Grove) competition enables the Club to participate within the outer North Eastern suburbs, allowing for positive exposure/promotion of the Campbelltown Club. The club is well known and respected by the SADNA. Shelley quite often liaises with various members of the Campbelltown Council to ensure that the facility we lease at Emery Road is maintained well. Shelley also attends site to facilitate access by contractors etc for maintenance on a regular basis. Over the past couple of year various people at the club have moved on (canteen manager & cleaner) Shelley has again stepped up to fill the positions where needed to keep the club running.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Creating a place of inclusion & wellbeing for children, to come and be active & develop their netball and interpersonal skills. Our club also creates a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for players, families and other visitors to enjoy. The decisions made by the club always focus on what is best for the players and how they can become better people, not just better netballers. This is all driven by Shelley's passion for the club and the players.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Shelley is always concerned about making sure girls have the opportunity to be active and participate in a team sport and learn the life skills of being fit and healthy, whilst interacting and developing social skills along the way. Every person who walks through the door of our club rooms & steps foot onto our courts has benefitted/is benefitting from the countless hours Shelley has put into making sure everything is "just right" for their playing experience.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Shelley now has a young family herself (4 children ranging from 15 years down to 10 years). They have over the years spent many hours at the club with Shelley, or Shelley often needs to have the help of people to baby-sit/care for her own family or take them to their own sporting commitments whilst she deals with various aspects of running the club. Shelley and her husband also own a family business, but she manages to spend countless hours each week

	doing everything needed to keep the netball club running. For over 23 years from an 18 year old teenager, Shelley has been giving of her time to re-build and maintain the club from the ground up due to her undying passion for girls sport and netball, and her determination, patience and persistence never waivers to maintain such a wonderful culture and example to the youth in the area. Shelley has dedicated many hours to running the club doing things that people see, & doing all the things behind the scene which quite often go unrecognised. Shelley receives emails, text messages and phone calls at all hours of the day and night, to which she always replies promptly. It's not uncommon for her to send emails after midnight.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Shelley also held the position of Admin Officer for Eastern District Netball Association for 10 years and remains on the Committee.
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Ms Gail Wall 4 Ashleigh Avenue FELIXSTOW SA
2nd Nominator	Mr Bruno Eliseo 8 Donald Street CAMPBELLTOWN SA 5074

Ms Dierdre 'Dee' Richardson

Nominee Name	Ms Dierdre 'Dee' Richardson
Nominee Address	Unit 4/36 North Street HECTORVILLE SA 5073
Date of Birth	
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	An Unbelievable 24/7 (Caring Lady) who has spent her life as a most highly extremely effective/competent ie and qualified "Social Worker" 24/7 for the care & safety of ALL OTHERS. As a young lady, with a beautiful new born little boy "Daniel/Danny" her precious husband "went fishing" of the SA coast & devastatingly drowned. Dee THEN commenced her Academic & God Given Care for "ALL & EVERY OTHER"... (myself - being Elizabeth Pearson - if you need any further information).... please ask.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Above & Beyond 24/7.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Yes !!! Within Multiple Professional Communities...eg Social-Work; Police Work/Standing (Child Protection) etc etc etc.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Ms Elizabeth Pearson
2nd Nominator	
Does the Nominator wish to attend a workshop to provide further information.	No

Ms Elena Reitano

Nominee Name	Ms Elena 'Lena' Reitano
Nominee Address	14 Lorelle Avenue ATHELSTONE SA 5076
Date of Birth	4/2/1944
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Lena would be a worthy winner of the 2022 Campbelltown Senior Citizen of the Year Award as Secretary of the Campbelltown over 50's Fun Club. Lena has never been front of stage but actually is the steering person of this group with over 60 Members. She is the first to arrive every Wednesday morning and the last to leave. She is the one to organize everything from the welcoming group to the setting up of beverages. She encourages the accepting attitude at the group, including people from all walks of life and many different nationalities. She is the one to step in when there is a short number for making a group of card players or with board games. She is the one to make sure everyone has a place and feels welcome. Special events are organised like the Melbourne Cup at Mannum, Mother and Father's Day luncheons, Bus trips to the Cinema at Gawler and to places of interest. Lena is the steering person behind all these events. She is the last to drive away from the bus making sure everyone is going to get home safe. During the last two years she organized phone rounds to let folk know what was happening and with her guidance we were able to get back to the club as soon as we could safely do so. Good on you Lena.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	This Club gives many elderly (including my 93 year old mother) that wonderful social interaction essential as you age. Playing games with others helps to keep your mind active as well. Keeping up to date with all the gossip and happenings of the week is essential. The trip to Carrick Hill that Lena organised was enjoyed by all with a wonderful morning tea and tour of the home. This trip led to the sharing of so many memories. It is wonderful hearing stories from people's childhoods from all over the world. Some have seen war and conflict.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Many at the Club have lost their husbands or wives and even endured the passing of children and these become shared experiences. Some who have lost their partners

	see going back to Club as a real decision in stepping back into life again. Lena attends funerals of folk who have passed away and makes sure to let everyone know at the Club how things have gone. The bravery of seniors is often overlooked but not here.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	No response provided.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Lena has a busy life besides what she does at the club with a family of 5 children and 7 grandchildren. She walks every day as she battles with arthritis and this helps to keep her fit. A family luncheon every Sunday is prepared for 20 family members.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Lena is a member of University of the Third Age (U3A) where she studies history and participates in craft and chat sessions. Club members would be delighted to see Lena acknowledge for all her hard work on our behalf.
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Ms Jeanette Dallwitz 1293 Montacute Road CHERRYVILLE SA 5134
2nd Nominator	Ms Kathy Bell 1/36 Kerry Street ATHELSTONE SA 5076
Does the Nominator wish to attend a workshop to provide further information.	No

2022 Nominations
Category – Young Citizen of the Year

Ray-Keam Kells

Nominee Name	Mr Ray-Keam Kells
Nominee Address	67-91 Glen Stuart Road WOODFORDE SA 5072
Date of Birth	11/04/2003
Australian Citizen	Yes
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the YCOTY?	Ray-Keam is an incredibly dedicated, caring, insightful and hardworking young Aboriginal gentleman. He has worked hard on ensuring that the indigenous students feel safe an respected at Rostrevor college and in the wider community. His work recently at Rostrevor College for reconciliation week saw over 80 people from the college and the wider community attend an evening of cultural awareness and celebration. Ray-Keam MC'ed the event. as well as organised the attendance of key note speaker Uncle Moogy. The event was well received and was an incredible success.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Ray-Keam is currently the head prefect of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Rostrevor College. He is committed to the support and well-being of all ATSI students that attend Rostrevor. He plays an integral role in assisting new ATSI students and boarders in adjusting to life at Rostrevor college and plays a vital role in representing and ensuring the continuation of their individual cultures. For reconciliation week, Ray-Keam organised and MC'ed a reconciliation dinner for all of the boarders as well as the executive team at Rostrevor. He also organised for respected Kaurna Elder Uncle Moogy to key note the event, exposing the wider Rostrevor community to the knowledge and experiences of a respected Aboriginal elder.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Ray-Keam constantly strives to make connections not just with the ATSI boys at the college but also works hard on forging strong and respectful relationships with the non-indigenous students at the college. He has been vital in ensuring that Aboriginal voices are heard at the college and that their culture is both respected and preserved. Building strong and respectful relationship at

	the college served to improve the well being and cultural consciousness of all that work and study at Rostrevor College.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	The Rostrevor College community has benefitted immensely from the hard work and dedication that Ray-Keam has shown in his time at Rostrevor College. In particular, he is a member of the student leadership team in the boarding house and has contributed to the well being for all those that reside in Duggan house. He has also been integral in forming meaningful and respectful relationships between the Indigenous and non-indigenous students at Rostrevor College. Ray-Keam's work has contributed to a culture at Rostrevor that both celebrates and respects the cultural knowledge and experiences of the college' ATSI students.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Ray-Keam has been a boarder a boarder at Rostrevor College since the start of 2020. Ray-Keam is from Alice Springs, which means that he has to spend a significant amount of time away from his family and his community. As with many Aboriginal students, Ray-Keam spends a significant portion away from his country and his ancestors, which has been difficult for him. Ray-Keam has overcome these adversities by being dedicated to creating and sustaining a new 'family' at Rostrevor College.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	At his school in Alice Springs, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, he won the Aboriginal academic achievement award four years in a row. He was also nominated and voted by his peers at Rostrevor College to be the head prefect of all ATSI students.
Photo included?	
1st Nominator	Mr Daniel Torode 4/9 O G Road KLEMZIG SA
2nd Nominator	Mr Michael Vickery

	67-91 Glen Stuart Road ROSTREVOR SA 5073