CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

Confidential Item

For Council meeting to be held on

Tuesday 17 December 2024 at 7.00 pm

Refer Item 11.14

Confidential Item

11.14 Australia Day Awards 2025

Executive Assistant, Caroline Moeller's Report

Purpose of Report

To consider nominations for the 2025 Australia Day Awards.

Strategic Plan Link

Focus Area 1.2.1 Work with Community to build capacity and promote participation in meaningful activities

Focus Area 1.2.4 Support community connections and wellbeing

Previous Resolutions

Nil.

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 2025 was launched on Tuesday 1 October 2024 on the Council Website and through the Campbelltown Catchup Newsletter. Furthermore, a memo was sent on 1 October 2024 to all Elected Members advising that the 2025 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 nomination forms were made available to complete online with hard copies also available 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 6 weeks Council promoted the Awards through its website, across various social media channels and accounts, in the Campbelltown Catchup Newsletter, CHSP Newsletter, Council Banners and fliers.

This year Council received 19 Nominations, 10 nominations for Citizen of the Year, two nominations for Young Citizen of the Year (although the automatic nomination of the NAIDOC winner is no longer eligible due to the change in age criteria), six nominations for Senior Citizen of the Year and one nomination under both categories of Citizen and Senior Citizen. One nomination for Senior Citizen of the Year is for a husband and wife submission as a joint entry.

All nominations have been assessed against the eligibility criteria. I would like to advise Elected Members that this year the eligibility criteria for Young Citizen has been changed by the Australia Day Council which has increased the minimum age from 15 to 16 years old to be eligible. This year's NAIDOC winner is only 15 years old and therefore will not be eligible for consideration. Staff were proposing that this year's NAIDOC winner be included in next year's nominations as they will meet the age criteria next year.

Furthermore, in future years when considering the NAIDOC winner, Staff will only include them in the nominations for Young Citizen of the Year if they are eligible, utilising the criteria set by the Australia Day Council.

However, on 11 December 2024, Staff were notified that Ms So would like her nomination withdrawn from the Young Citizen of the Year. In line with this advice, Staff advised that her nomination would be withdrawn.

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) (a) (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 being available online and in hard copy at 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 ……**

2025 Nominations
Category – Citizen of the Year

Paul Haylock

Nominee Name:	Paul Haylock
Nominee Suburb:	Paradise
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Paul has been a member of the Rotary Club of Morialta for many years and has contributed to the community at many events. Most significantly he came up with the idea of the duck race at Thorndon Park on Australia Day, which over the last two years has established itself as a major event in our local community, enriching the lives of local residents, and raising significant funds for charity.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	As above, the duck race was Paul's idea. More than that, he has organised everything from the ducks, sponsors, council liaising, volunteer team, and marketing.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	The duck race is an example of someone having a vision for a community event that would bring generations together. He has then done the work to see that vision come to reality, and over the last two years, hundreds and hundreds of people have come together to enjoy this experience.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Local community, especially children. Rotary charities. Thorndon Park's experience on Australia Day has also been enhanced as a result.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	He has created a major event from blue sky
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Morialta Community Award 2024

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Don Leombruno

Nominee Name:	Don Leombruno
Nominee Suburb:	Rostrevor
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Don has been President of the Campbelltown Soccer Club for almost all of the last fifteen years. It has been a time of growth for the club, and great success, with numbers of players increasing, and NPL Championships. These have caused great celebrations in our community and encouraged many more local young people into sport. Participation in juniors has increased, and women's teams have been introduced and grown under Don's leadership.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	The success of the Club, and consequent increased opportunities and inspiration for young people in our area to get involved with soccer, has been driven by Don's leadership. He's certainly not been the only person to make an impact through the club, but he has been the spearhead behind the Club's growth and success.

Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Young kids playing sport and inspired to do so; women and girls given new opportunities to participate at club level soccer; activity and engagement with the community: all of these result from the work Don has been doing leading the Soccer Club.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Members of the Club (numbering in their hundreds), their families, and supporters. Parents of current and future players.
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 2024
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Phillip Izzo

Nominee Name:	Phillip Izzo
Nominee Suburb:	Athelstone
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Phillip is the Vice Treasurer of the Holy Mary of Montevergine Festa Association, the largest Italian festa in South Australia, based here in Newton. Every year thousands of Italian South Australians celebrate their heritage (and enrich and enliven our local area) through

	this celebration, and its success is entirely based upon its volunteers. Phillip's increased contribution and involvement represents a generational shift in the volunteer base for the Festa, which Phillip is leading, and which is vital to the ongoing sustainability and success of the Festa.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Phillip's volunteer work for the Montevergine Festa has been enormous in recent years, especially given the ageing profile of many of the long term volunteers. The Festa's existence in our local area plays an important role in the maintenance of cultural connection for our local Italian community.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Phillip's hard work and commitment to the Festa in recent years is helping ensure a new generation of Italian Australians in our area maintain their connection to their heritage.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	The thousands of participants from our local area, and from the broader South Australian community (and not just of Italian heritage) who participate in the Holy Mary of Montevergine Festa celebrations.
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 2024
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Victoria Gagliardi (Vickie)

Nominee Name:	Victoria Gagliardi (Vickie)
Nominee Suburb:	Athelstone
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	For several years Vickie has volunteered on the Athelstone Kindergym committee, and last year she took on the Presidency. For any kindergym, these roles are tremendously important and the value of committed volunteers cannot be understated. Unlike schools, or clubs aimed at older children, the connection that families form with a kindergym is usually shorter in duration as the children are prone to 'ageing out' of their involvement - however the need for such volunteer work is no less than those groups that serve older children. More than that, Vickie has gone 'above and beyond' as President, helping the Kindergym thrive for our local community, including working to find the kindergym a new home, critically needed after the long-serving facility at Campbelltown Soccer Club became unavailable due to building deterioration and replacement.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Through service to the Kindergym, enabling it to continue its viability, and indeed finding it a home to secure future growth opportunities, Vickie has ensured that local families are able to continue to access this amazing facility. As a mother of 3 and a school teacher, Vickie is a one-of-a-kind treasure who is always thinking of others. The endless hours she dedicates to the Kindergym, helping raise funds and run the organisation helps ensure that the Kindergym remains an affordable opportunity for young children in our community.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Kindergyms help children learn to socialise as well as develop their gross motor skills. Children that engage with kindergyms are less likely to start formal education with developmental vulnerabilities. They also help parents and families engage in community and meet other new parents. Athelstone Kindergym does all of this at an exemplary standard and Vickie's contribution cannot be understated.

Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Local families: young children and their parents.
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 2024
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Lisa Innis

Nominee Name:	Lisa Innis
Nominee Suburb:	Athelstone
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Lisa Innis has been teaching the young people of our area to dance - and more - for thirty years, with Innis Dance Studio celebrating its thirtieth year in 2024. It is a Campbelltown Institution, and the thousands of children and young people who come through the Studio over three decades have learned so much more than dance. Poise, discipline, gross motor skills, fitness, confidence and presentation are all attributes that are brought to the fore in Miss Lisa's classes. That former students are now regularly bringing their own children to the studio is a testament to the impact that this opportunity has had on them, and the positive memories they have of their time at Innis. Many former students are also now working (or have worked) as teachers at the studio too.

How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Lisa Innis, through her work at Innis Dance Studio over thirty years, has created a local artistic institution that is well known and appreciated in our area, and respected throughout the dance community around South Australia. There would be thousands of children and young people from our area who have benefited from the opportunity to develop confidence, social skills as well as the physical fitness, rhythm and dance skills that have come from participation. The studio has also seen many of its dancers achieve significant competitive success at state and national level in various styles of dance.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	The many young people who have been through Innis have benefited significantly from this opportunity, and consequently it has had a large positive impact on our local culture and society.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	The young people who have participated (well over a thousand over the years, probably multiple thousands), their families, and also probably the local businesses (Tony and Marks and the cafes and other shops nearby) who gain the benefit of custom from the very many families who are always around while their kids are dancing. It's not just a social impact - it's also a positive economic impact too!
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 2024
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Karsan Hutchinson

Nominee Name:	Karsan Hutchinson
Nominee Suburb:	Rostrevor
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Karsan Hutchinson deserves to be awarded Citizen of the Year for his commitment to empowering his students through education and community engagement. He has given the children invaluable learning opportunities and experiences guiding them toward becoming compassionate, informed citizens who contribute positively to society. Karsan fosters a sense of community, values experiential learning, and prioritises student engagement. His work embodies a holistic approach, blending academic growth with community connection to prepare students for a meaningful, well-rounded educational experience. He has ensured that these experiences have not only benefited the students in their personal growth, but also the local Campbelltown Community.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Karsan has strengthened connections between Thorndon Park Primary School and the broader Campbelltown community through excursions, environmental initiatives, and intergenerational programs. His collaborations with the Campbelltown City Council, Resthaven Aged Care, and Conservation Volunteers Australia have provided students with real-world experiences in community involvement and environmental stewardship. He engaged the kids and their families to join in a planting program at Thorndon Park Reserve on National Tree Planting Day and restored local habitats on our school grounds by securing 250 seedlings that the children spent the day planting through the Nature Blocks Junior Program. While the visits to Resthaven Aged Care brought the children together with some of our older Campbelltown citizens to form friendships through conversations, music and art. The experience was transformative in building character, instilling humility, and strengthening their commitment to community service.

Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	With a focus on creating citizenship and leadership in his class, Karsen organised 11 excursions and experiences for the students. All excursions were free of charge, removing financial barriers and making these experiences accessible to all students. Some of these experiences were a tour of the Campbelltown Library to learn about local youth resources, a guided walk through Karrawirri Parri Reconciliation Walk to learn about the Kaurna peoples connection to our local community, a guided tour of parliament house with John Gardener MP to gain an understanding of the workings of government and civic duty, visits to Resthaven Aged Care in Paradise to foster empathy, build character and gain perspective of the older generations in our community. Leadership was developed through individual visits from Mayor Jill Whittaker, John Gardener and the Adelaide United Women's soccer team who spoke to the students about teamwork and personal growth. With these experiences and learnings he has bestowed upon his students, he has played a large part in fostering a lifelong commitment to active, responsible community involvement for Campbelltown's future.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Karsan's students have benefited most from his contributions. They gain essential life skills, such as responsible citizenship, environmental awareness, and cultural empathy, making them more prepared to contribute positively to Campbelltown's future. The broader community also benefits, as Karsan nurtures a generation of young people ready to lead and serve responsibly.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Adopted from a Sri Lankan Salvation Army Home orphanage in 1980, Karsan came to Australia to join a loving family with older two children and another adopted sister, also from Sri Lanka. He moved to the country in the Murraylands on a stone a citrus orchard. Despite this supportive family environment, he encountered racism at school, which added complexity to an already challenging adjustment. Growing up, his experiences of adversity gave him a profound understanding of hardship and the importance of empathy. These early experiences shaped Karsan's deep commitment to creating a strong sense of belonging within his classroom, recognising it as fundamental to a student's ability to thrive. His approach to teaching reflects this dedication, fostering a welcoming environment that values each student's unique background. This commitment to inclusivity extends beyond the classroom, as he actively contributes to the wider community, guided by his own journey towards acceptance. Even as an adult, Karsan has continued to face instances of racism, yet these challenges have only strengthened his resolve to lead by example, creating spaces where every individual feels seen, valued, and respected.

Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	He served as Chairperson of his daughters' childcare centre for three years, supporting quality early learning environments. As a South Australia Council member of the Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA), he actively promotes high-quality literacy education across the state. His involvement extends to Magill Little Athletics over the last four years, where he encourages youth development through sport. With 16 years at UniSA as his former employer, Karsan has cultivated strong ties, linking students to research and learning opportunities, including excursions to the Centre for Sleep Research, MOD, and the Samsung SmartSchool. These experiences expose students to real-world research and technology, enhancing their academic and community engagement. In 2023, Karsan's innovative literacy approach was recognised with the Educators SA Innovative Literacy Teacher Award, and he was a nominee for the 2019 Public Education Awards.
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Alexandra Manifold

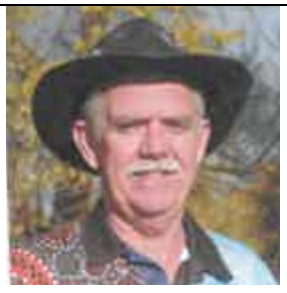
Nominee Name:	Alexandra Manifold
Nominee Suburb:	Magill
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No

Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Alexandra Manifold has held a voluntary position on the Athelstone School Governing Council (GC) since 2018. Alex has served as the Treasurer in 2020 and been the coordinator of the Parents and Friends Committee. As Chair of GC in both 2023 and 2024, Alex has helped ensure the effective and compliant operations of Governing Council; and brings so much passion and enthusiasm to this role. She plays a pivotal role in ensuring community voice is represented, and strives to contribute to the creation of a healthy and positive atmosphere at school. She exemplifies our values of respect, integrity, excellence and responsibility. Alex takes her role on GC seriously; she acts with professionalism and integrity at all times With her skills and love of coking, Alex was involved in establishing a Kitchen Garden at Athelstone School. This resource enabled children to learn how to plant, grow and care for vegetables and native foods. This enabled greater learning around nutrition and healthy eating. Alex also set up the Athelstone School Community Cooking with families group, creating healthy recipes for families who may be in isolation or busy working families who need ideas to cook family meals.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Alex is always available as a contact point for parents and community members. She responds to queries and concerns via email and in face-to-face meetings. She helps ensure information flows to parents through her regular column in the school newsletter. Alex makes herself available to parents and staff as a conduit of information and opinions. She is an open and effective communicator. Alex was instrumental in setting up a Parent's Facebook group and moderates this group to ensure it is a healthy, positive and friendly way for parents connect and keep up to date about happenings at the school. Alex actively contributes to whole school events, attending as many as possible and playing a fundamental role in organising logistical aspects. Alex has planned and led fundraising days for elections, and planned and helped execute the end of year school celebrations. She has used her knowledge of food handling and safety to ensure the school delivers compliant events with and for the wider community. Alex is always the first one to arrive at events and the last to leave. She has missed watching her own children in concerts and sports because she is so busy serving others.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Alex is always involved in welcoming new parents to the community, and has organised and catered for many Acquaintance Nights.

	She chairs the regular GC meetings efficiently and effectively. Alex approaches issues and conflict in a fair and reasonable way, always with an emphasis on kindness. Alex has persevered when things get tough and there are difficult decisions to be made. She donated homemade BBQ spice packs, fudge and hand scrub for children to purchase at fundraising Mother's and Fathers' Day stalls. She set up a book sales program which raises funds for resources for the school library. She has arranged fundraising drives for local charities including a winter appeal for NECAP. Alex helps us care for the local environment and is involved in projects to connect with nature. Alex's work also extends beyond the school community. She was instrumental in organising the school's Little Library, in collaboration with the local Rotary Club. She has actioned many improvement projects. She has used her networks to provide opportunities for the school to support local businesses wherever possible. Alex has been a powerful advocate of student wellbeing, aiming to improve the lives of students through support of social and emotional learning programs.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	The student, parent and staff of Athelstone School have all benefitted from Alex's commitment. Her work with Parents and Friends helped create greater connections between the school and parent community. By improving food options at events, she has encouraged parents to stay and participate and turn out and volunteering has been higher at events like Sports Day or the end of year concert. She has been involved in the strategic review of polices which inform school practice. Alex employs a thoughtful and insightful perspective when setting and pursuing directions for our school. She considers a range of outcomes and takes into account the impact of these decisions. Alex has also had input into grant applications and school improvement projects. She is highly engaged in school decision making processes in line with her voluntary position as Chair. She ensures the school is compliant through the approval of school closures, management of the constitution and annual reporting. She is visionary for the future of the school; always coming up with new ways of engaging and communicating with stakeholders and researching opportunities for growth and change. She has been a big supporter of (healthy body image and GEM (Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness) programs.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	In 2023, Alex became the Chair of the Athelstone GC. Over the last two years, she has spent an extraordinary number of hours involved in the recruitment of a short

	term contract principal and then a new principal (commencing 2025). Through this activity, Alex has worked with school and Education Department staff to provide a parent voice in the selection of a principal. Alex participated in Department recruitment training specifically for this voluntary role and attended multiple meetings and interviews. She took this responsibility very seriously and always advocated for the community with her deep understanding of parent and student goals and attitudes. She is incredibly generous with her time. Alex has fit all of this in while managing a business and caring for her young family.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Alex has visited many classes to run cooking sessions with students, which has brought joy and new experiences to the children. Through cooking together the children have also been able to share cultural experiences and learning, which helps us celebrate diversity at the school. Alex puts the Athelstone School community first. She places a high value on the work of our school and is driven to achieve the very best outcomes for our students above all else. Alex is instrumental in recognising the efforts and achievements of others and making sure that these are communicated to the wider school community and celebrated. She is a connector of people and ideas who makes things happen.
Photo included?	

Ivan-Tiwu Copley

Nominee Name:	Ivan-Tiwu Copley
Nominee Suburb:	Athelstone
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Ivan has dedicated his life to indigenous reconciliation. He has done many welcomes to country and smoking ceremonies. He has served on the Reconciliation Committee, Chairperson of the Turkindi Network of SA. He was chairperson of the Lord Mayor and City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee. He established the aboriginal funeral fund which assists family members to travel to funerals. He has been described as a 'bridge for all peoples'.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	In many ways he has educated many people about Kaurna history. He has led tours showing native foods. He has done many welcomes to country and smoking ceremonies in the Campbelltown area.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	By making people aware of the Kaurna culture and traditions
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Me, The Campbelltown Council, Service Clubs, Schools and many civilians
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Certainly racial prejudice. When he was a child he was denied Australian Citizenship.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	OAM, Lord Mayor's NAIDOC Award, 2009 SA Australian of the Year, 2005 Premiers Award for Community Service. He is also a Justice of the Peace. He has been a judge at the Campbelltown Art Show.
Photo included?	

Charlotte Reimer

Nominee Name:	Charlotte Reimer
Nominee Suburb:	Magill
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Charlotte exemplifies commitment to community, sustainability, and environmental advocacy. 1) Business Acumen in Sustainability - In 2017, Charlotte founded Earthyma Products, driven by her commitment to creating environmentally sustainable products. She crafts eco-friendly cleaning, skincare, and wellness items, along with reusable produce bags, all made in her home studio, which she built in 2021 to further reduce environmental impact. Charlotte offers product refills, encouraging waste reduction and sustainable consumption. Through her social media and website, she actively promotes sustainable practices, inspiring her community to adopt eco-friendly habits and support responsibly produced goods. 2) Advocacy for Magill UniSA Redevelopment - Charlotte has played a pivotal role in the community's involvement in the UniSA redevelopment consultation process. Through her group, "Magill Matters," with 500+ members, she keeps residents informed and engaged, showing her dedication to both community well-being and environmental responsibility. 3) Community Involvement - Charlotte is a dedicated member and supporter of the UniSA Soccer Club, contributing products to support fundraising efforts. Her business, Earthyma, will also sponsor the club this upcoming season, fostering community engagement. As a board member of the Women's Community Centre, Stepney, she volunteers, fundraises, and donates products, benefiting the centre. Charlotte's commitment to local causes and sustainable practices makes her an exceptional candidate.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Charlotte actively contributes to the local community by promoting environmental sustainability and amplifying local voices on important issues. Through her business,

	Earthyma, she regularly donates product bundles to support fundraising and charitable events. She also prioritises sourcing local ingredients and packaging for her business whenever possible. Additionally, Charlotte has: a) Established a Facebook page, “Magill Matters,” which keeps community members informed and engaged with issues related to the UniSA Magill site redevelopment. b) Organised community meetings, enabling residents to discuss concerns and have a say in the consultation process. c) Attended mayoral coffee chats to enhance her understanding, sharing this knowledge with the community. d) Presented a deputation to Campbelltown Council, advocating for environmentally responsible and innovative considerations in the UniSA redevelopment. e) Spoken at a public meeting with around 200 attendees, including Minister Nick Champion, to represent community concerns effectively. Her initiatives empower the local community and foster a commitment to environmental stewardship.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Charlotte is committed to sustainable and ethical practices in all her work, striving to make a positive impact on both the local environment and her community. She actively raises awareness and encourages community involvement regarding the proposed UniSA Magill site redevelopment, advocating for responsible environmental development. Through her business, Earthyma, Charlotte demonstrates this commitment by creating eco-conscious skincare, wellness products, and reusable items. She also offers discounted refill options for many of her products, encouraging customers to reduce waste and support a more sustainable lifestyle. Additionally, Charlotte promotes sustainable habits and practices through her platforms, gently sharing how to encourage environmentally responsible choices. Charlotte also supports her father’s pesticide-free olive oil business, with harvesting the olives and incorporating his biodynamic Extra Virgin Santa Marta Olive Oil into some of her products, like balms and playdough, to ensure ethically sourced ingredients. Focused on health, green spaces, and community well-being, Charlotte’s work promotes environmental stewardship in the Campbelltown Council area.

	Balancing her business and community efforts, she continues to raise three young children with her husband, remaining committed to ethical, family-centred environmental practices.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Charlotte's contributions have provided significant benefits across the local community: a) Campbelltown Council residents have gained from her advocacy on the UniSA redevelopment, with public meetings drawing around 90 attendees at Nightingale Reserve and approximately 200 people at UniSA's Amy Wheaton building with Minister Nick Champion. Her "Magill Matters" platform has engaged over 500 residents, facilitating ongoing community participation, dialogue, and access to important updates. b) Local residents benefit from the sustainable, eco-friendly products Charlotte offers through her business, Earthyma. By promoting environmental responsibility and reducing single-use plastic, she supports healthier, more sustainable lifestyle options in the community. Charlotte also offers product refills, providing customers with a cost-saving option while further reducing waste and supporting a circular economy. c) Women and staff at the Women's Community Centre in Stepney appreciate Charlotte's dedication to supporting the centre through volunteer work, fundraising, and regular product donations. In addition, Charlotte collects donations for the centre through her website, with 100% of the funds going directly to the centre. Her contributions provide essential support to women who rely on the centre's services, creating a positive and lasting impact on their well-being and fostering a sense of community and care.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	When Charlotte moved to Magill 12 years ago, she was unexpectedly about to become a very young mum. She and her husband found a run-down home on a subdivided lot that had been sitting empty for over a year, needing extensive repairs and full of asbestos. They were working full time and poured every single spare moment of their time and energy into making it liveable, finishing with about a dollar to their names. It didn't matter, though— they felt so full of love and hope for the future. Today, the family live simply— the three children share a room, they thrift their clothes, rare holidays are at caravan parks and they budget carefully. For them, recreation is a family kick of the soccer ball on the UniSA oval or a walk around campus, which has become their sanctuary. Like many other families, they seek stability, community, and the preservation of the few open spaces left in the area to support both the community and the unique local wildlife.

Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Charlotte and her company Earthyma has been profiled in SA Women to Watch (Oct 3 2024). She has been inspired by women like fellow SA Woman to watch Adele Basheer, who was one of her teachers in high school nearly twenty years ago and 'by pioneers like Alexx Stuart of Low … Life. She has taught me how to eliminate toxins from everyday products, ensuring a healthier future for all'. Charlotte created her own website for her business and pours 'her heart and soul' into her business. In her own words: 'Being recognised as an SA Woman to watch by a community that means so much to me truly means the world'. She loves 'seeing a culture of support among women, where collaboration triumphs over competition. Witnessing women lifting each other and working together towards common goals is so special and heartwarming'. 'We all benefit when we learn … to …choose kindness. After all, we're all on our journeys, and most of us are simply doing the best we can'. 'Celebrating our wins and being there for each other is essential … When we work with our passions, we are in our element. Everyone deserves to love what they do.' Quotes from: https://www.sawoman.com.au/charlotte-reimer-earthyma-products/
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Georgina Warren

Nominee Name:	Georgina Warren
Nominee Suburb:	Windsor Gardens
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	Georgina is an optimistic and passionate parent, friend and ally, with a dedication and commitment to growing parent and community engagement, within the Charles Campbell College community and beyond. Georgie is an adult educator and facilitator who is dedicated to lifelong learning, creating and cultivating strong partnerships between schools and families, with a focus on the development of consistent and cohesive communications and connections throughout the education and the broader community. Georgie is a Parent and Family Engagement Specialist, who is adept at bringing together parents, families and community together with a shared belief that all children can and will succeed with those who believe in them. Georgie has outstanding communication skills, a strong work ethic and dedication to the professional/ personal development of both parents and families, as well as educators. Georgie passionately believes that at the very heart of all interactions are the core values of Connection, Belonging and Community; she believes that we are better together, surrounding and lifting the child to succeed throughout their life. Georgie somehow manages to care for her family, work as a nurse, be actively engaged in the life of Charles Campbell College, be a regular community volunteer and member of the Rotary Club of Lightsview.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Georgie believes that her most significant challenge has been to lead in the area of parent engagement in schools/education. She has developed a purpose and vision that includes all parents

	and families feeling truly connected with their child's school, and for them to feel they can make a difference in the children's lives. This core belief and her passion has driven Georgie to be actively engaged in many school-based events and activities within the school, Campbelltown and beyond. Georgie's passion is infectious and she has provided support and encouragement to all members of the Charles Campbell College community to connect with each other and engage with the school. A kind, friendly and generous person, Georgina is a community builder who throws herself into worthy causes. Georgina has been actively engaged in the Charles Campbell College Council since 2015 and has been its Chair since 2016. Georgine co-founded the Parents and Friends Action Group which developed into the school's Parents and Friends Community. Georgina has been a consistent and reliable volunteer since 2015 and has accompanied students and staff on many excursions; she has been an afterschool netball volunteer and assistant coach since 2017. Georgina's volunteering commitments are extensive, and are driven by her moral purpose.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Georgina's volunteering efforts are typical examples of her engagement with various community organisations with the aim of engaging and connecting members of the community. Georgina is not just a volunteer; she is someone who is committed to people, young and old, and to helping them to find their place. Georgina is kind, friendly and supportive and a pillar of strength to those in need.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee’s contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	In addition to her formal leadership roles within the parent community, Georgina has an extensive record of helping others, and selflessly giving to the local and wider community: Since 2021, a supporting member of Ohana Project (no-one is left behind) within Charles Campbell College, providing breakfast to young people and providing free/ low cost uniform to families Founding member of the College's Environment Committee Since 2023, an active member of Rotary Lightsview (Charter member), with the Executive portfolio of Membership 2023- volunteer House Parent at RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment), for young people aged 14-17 years 2023-present Northern Volunteering SA Board member Worked as Parent and Community Engagement Officer for South Australia Association of School Parent Communities Facilitator for Successful Learning Workshops for Parents 2019- present Helped Charles Campbell College gain PiE (Parents in Education) Funding for SLW in 2019 to train parents to present successful

	learning workshops 2007-2009 Governing Council member and Chairperson Klemzig Kindergarten 2010-2015 Burnside Kindergym Committee member 2007-2009 and 2014 Klemzig Kindergarten Committee member 2009-2014 Parent Volunteer Klemzig Primary School. Anyone who knows Georgia is in awe of her commitment to others and of her selfless efforts to connect people with their communities.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Georgina is an extremely busy person, who gives selflessly to others. Georgina has had barriers placed in front of her and persisted despite being told that "... that can't work". With dogged determination, and bringing others with her, she has persevered and achieved great things. Georgina and her husband have raised two children, in the midst of Georgina's commitment and dedication to others and has strived to enhance her personal skills and professional qualifications: Cert IV Parent, Family and Community Engagement 2022-2023 Diploma in Vocational Education & Training and Training Design & Development 2020-2021 Cert IV TAE Training and Assessment. Bachelor of Nursing- 1993 Completed 2024 Calvary Service Award - 20 years. Georgina has found it difficult, but has managed, as a working parent and partner, to contributed to her community as a volunteer. She is currently an Oncology Nurse which is equally rewarding and challenging.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	I don't believe so, and I think that recognising her hard work, dedication and commitment are long overdue.
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2025 Nominations
Category – Young Citizen of the Year

Charlie Sproule

Nominee Name	Charlie Sproule
Nominee Suburb	Campbelltown
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Between the ages of 16 & 30 as at 26 January 2025?	Birth Year is 2007
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the YCOTY?	Charlie was the 2024 Head Prefect at Charles Campbell College and gave freely of his time to actively support and mentor our primary students who were part of our Rotary Early Act Club; the club raised $2,500 for Second Chances SA, whilst collecting donated goods to present to Catherine House. Charlie played a pivotal role in helping refine ideas presented by the team, and acting on them, to make a change within the community. Despite his achievements, Charlie believes he could have done even more for the school and its students; since completing school, he has dedicated whole days to coming back into school to assist with assemblies, meetings, interviewing 2025 Head Prefect applicants and other extensions of his responsibilities. Charlie attended the Anzac Day Youth Vigil at 0200 to support the events held in the city, which he has done this every year since he joined Cadets. He works at Drakes, often being the centre of many phone calls to the store about his positive and helpful approach to customer service. Charlie attended the 2024 Kilburn RSL Remembrance Day service, essentially running the event. Earlier this year, Charlie spent mornings at the Walkerville Shopping Centre, promoting the Legacy Charity.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Charlie is admired and respected by students at the College, and he is viewed as a solid, reliable and

	hardworking student by our staff. He has mentored other student leaders who have collectively made very positive contributions to improving student engagement and agency across the school. His passionate and caring approaches to supporting our EarlyAct students has left a valuable and lasting impression on them. Without Charlie's dedication and support, the Rotary EarlyAct Club would not have been so successful in promoting the work of Second Chances SA to support children who parents have been impacted by the criminal justice system, and of the important work of Catherine House. This year Charlie has been the Recruit Platoon Commander at Hampstead. Each school term, he accepted the responsibility of training new cadets to meet cadet standards. These recruits have not only learned how to be a good cadet, but they have also learned how to be respectful, disciplined, hardworking, independent and exemplary leaders. Every Cadet at 44 ACU sees Charlie as their teacher. Charlie has played an important role in developing the character and moral purpose of our Rotary Early Act students and of the cadets within his platoon.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Charlie made a commitment to focus on the Rotary EarlyAct Club at Charles Campbell College, in addition to his many other responsibilities as Head Prefect in 2024. In fulfilling this role, and his many other school responsibilities, Charles has always focused on developing the skills, talents and confidence of other students. His caring, calm and personal approaches with young people and adults has enabled him to lead and work alongside others to make significant contributions to improving student life, by activating their agency to make a difference. Charlie is a humble young person, always promoting the work of others, and if any young person typified the mantra of service above self, this would be Charlie. Charlie's commitment to developing new cadets, is not only focused on the cadet experience, but extends to developing the personal qualities and character of young people. Cadets under his leadership are learning life skills and personal discipline, which will hold them, and those around them, in good stead.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee’s contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Charles Campbell College's Rotary EarlyAct Club member, through Charlie's abilities to ensure that students are able to actively exercise their agency. The wider Charles Campbell College student body has been led by a caring and nurturing young person who has provided a very positive role model for youth. The RSL and broader community, through Charlie's commitments to ANZAC Services and Legacy.

	44 Army Cadet Unit (ACU), Hampstead Barracks, through Charlie's dedicated leadership and commitment to developing young cadets.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Charlie has spent a large part of his Year 12 weekends and weeks during holidays within Cadets. Many weekend activities took him away from time he could have used towards his studies. While study time could be made up, his senior rank at Cadets was much needed for the weekends. During the Term 2 holidays, he spent an entire week at RAAF Base Edinburgh participating in his Sergeant's course. While many of his friends had mid-year holidays and social plans, Charlie was waking up at 0600, ready for a full day of learning. While Charlie didn't see this as much of a sacrifice, this was more a testament to Charlies dedication to being the best possible leader that his Unit could have. It is hard to believe that Charlie had never taken on a formal leadership position at the College until he applied for and was appointed as the 2024 Head Prefect. Charlie attended the Ylead Youth Conference 2024, building up his knowledge and leadership ability. Charlie commented recently that he developed a greater sense of self-reflection at Ylead and was able to transition his leadership from the regimental Cadet-based approach, to a more open-minded way of leading in preparation of his Head Prefect role.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	School: long Tan Student leader Award (2024) - consistently demonstrating their capacity to lead others through effective communication and cooperation, and their own natural leadership skills. He demonstrated exemplary behaviours and attributes, and was actively involved in community programs that required him to be resourceful, problem-solve and to work in teams as he supported others to experience personal growth. Represented Charles Campbell College at The Governors Reception, the Eastern Secondary Schools Student Leadership Partnership and many school events. Cadets: Encouragement Award - Charlie received this award at his end of year parade to commend his commitment to his recruits in their promotional endeavours. Challenge Coin - Charlie was also awarded a challenge

	coin for his ability to lead cadets on weekend activities in the bush.
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2025 Nominations
Category – Senior Citizen of the Year

Bruce and Joy Stewart

Nominee Name	Bruce and Joy Stewart
Nominee Suburb	Athelstone
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Over the age of 60 on 26 January 2025?	Birth year is 1945
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	Bruce and Joy have contributed many years supporting children's activities at Athelstone Uniting Church. By their efforts, innovation, and practical application, they have supported many local families in our area. Wakwakurnaku wirra (Children's Forest) is a community endemic garden at the front of the Church on Fox Ave which has been created, developed and maintained by Bruce and Joy for over 10 years. The garden walk provides opportunities for the community to engage with the garden, and they started a blog to keep the community informed. They created a Street Library to be placed in the Wirra, designed to replicate the original Athelstone West Methodist Church (1855). They created the Stay and Play playgroup and the Wirra Play Days, which have been important local services over the past decade.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	In addition to the contributions described above: a little more detail about the playgroup. The Stay and Play free playgroup was introduced by Bruce and Joy in 2012, for babies and preschoolers to have a wonderful morning of learning and fun. Since 2017 there have also been regular Wirra Play Days, conducted several times per school term using volunteers coordinated by Bruce and Joy. During the pandemic, in 2020, the program had to be modified so Stay and Play @ home was created, with structured play and craft activities for pre-schoolers to do in their home or outdoors. It operated until November 2022.

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)?	Young people and families who participated in the playgroup over the years; members of the local community who have enjoyed the children's forest garden; members of the Athelstone Uniting Church community.
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 2024
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Raelene Churchett

Nominee Name	Raelene Churchett
Nominee Suburb	Athelstone
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Over the age of 60 on 26 January 2025?	Birth Year is 1943
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	Raelene has served our education system as an ECW staff member since 1977 and as a volunteer at Athelstone Preschool for two days a week since 2004. The positive impact she has made on generations of children in our community has been profound.

How has this person contributed to the local Community?	ECW for the Department of Education: Thorndon Park Kindy 1977-89, Dernancourt/Highbury 1989-1990, Highbury Children's Centre 1991-92, Modbury 1993-2004. Volunteer for Athelstone Preschool: 2004-present. Twenty years of volunteer service every week, amounts to nearly 2000 days of volunteering in the service of our littlest local learners. Appreciated by children, staff and families alike.
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)?	Local children, families, and the staff at the preschool who have been supported by Raelene's contribution.
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 2024
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Fred Hamood

Nominee Name	Fred Hamood
Nominee Suburb	Rostrevor
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Over the age of 60 on 26 January 2025?	Birth year is 1952
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No

• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	Until his retirement in the last year, Fred has become well known and loved in our local community over the last fifteen years through the work he has undertaken with his siblings, Richard and Sue-Anne, in revitalising, restoring, and ultimately rebuilding his family's hotel: the Rezz. Now a proud local business that draws admiration from families and visitors from around our city for its unique Mediterranean feel, it's welcoming family-friendly atmosphere, and its excellent dining options, the Rezz has completely transformed from the pub it was when Fred, Richard and Sue-Anne took it on in 2008.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Fred is well known to patrons of the Rezz Hotel as an affable host who has been keen to ensure that people have a good time in a pleasant atmosphere. What patrons of the hotel may not be so aware of is the significant contribution that Fred and the hotel have made to the local community through regular sponsorship of sporting clubs and charitable enterprises. Rarely does a charity quiz in our area go by without some vouchers for the Rezz being offered up in a raffle. The Rezz also makes a very easy destination to deal with for schools and community groups seeking to organise events. Fred's work has been at the heart of this approach.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	The Rezz has gone from being a nondescript pub, like a thousand others, to a community meeting place. The very landscape along Hamilton Terrace has changed, with the grassed area outside the hotel flowing almost seamlessly into Thorndon Park. Children and families confidently enjoy what has become almost a public space within a private business. It is a feature of which our whole area can be proud. This is a fulfilment of Fred's vision (along with his siblings) and as he now goes into retirement he should be celebrated for this achievement.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Our local community benefits in many ways: whether as patrons or through community, sporting and charitable groups benefiting from donations, sponsorships or being hosted.
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 2024 Fred and his siblings have also been honoured for their work renovating and rebuilding the Rezz by the Hotels Association at their annual awards.

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Glenda Sherwin-Lane

Nominee Name	Glenda Sherwin-Lane
Nominee Suburb	Tranmere
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Over the age of 60 on 26 January 2025?	Birth Year is 1942
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	We believe that Glenda Sherwin-Lane is deserving of the Campbelltown Senior Citizen of the Year Award due to her long and outstanding contribution to the Campbelltown Seniors community. She has volunteered her time generously to Rotary and has lead the Campbelltown U3A community with great personal integrity, vision and passion. Taking on several board positions and tutors roles within U3A Campbelltown, including the Presidency for 5 years, she has impacted the lives of many people in the wider Campbelltown community as she regularly interacts with businesses, other organizations and council with humility, honesty and professionalism. Glenda's unwavering belief in advancing the intellectual and cultural interests of seniors along with her encouragement to experience the joy of learning and sharing skills gained over a lifetime have motivated her long term contribution to this community. She is an unsung hero and inspiring role model to the

	Campbelltown community and merits consideration for this award.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Glenda has contributed to the Campbelltown community from 'top to bottom', that is, as President of U3A Campbelltown to being a participant of classes. Glenda has taken an active role in the U3A community, instigating and establishing many highly efficient procedures, ensuring the smooth transition when new office bearers take on their role. She has been instrumental in engaging with the Campbelltown City Council and has raised the profile of U3A within the wider Campbelltown community. She was a driving force behind ensuring U3A Campbelltown received the best internet provider and support service by seeking appropriate quotes and negotiating for the best deals. Glenda has taught computing at U3A Campbelltown since 2015, opening up the world of technology to many who may have previously been intimidated by 'smart phones', the internet and the wonders of computers. Many seniors have attended her computing classes and have gained knowledge and confidence to use technology with ease.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Glenda's contribution, to the senior community in particular, has resulted in many older people in Campbelltown having strong social connections. The welcoming and inclusive environment that Glenda has led by example within the U3A Campbelltown organisation, with a current membership of around 340, offers everyone a safe and comfortable space where they can feel supported and at ease. She has made sure there are many and varied classes available for people and always encourages others to share their knowledge by running a class. The growth of people's confidence through her passionate belief in people and their abilities is truly remarkable.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Glenda retired from the workforce at the age of seventy something and has been involved in the Rotary 'Books for Babies' literacy project, gifting books to newborns at the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital. White noise machines to aid babies' sleep and DVDs and DVD players to entertain older siblings have also been donated. Her belief in building early pre-literacy skills, including a robust vocabulary, by immersing children in the sounds and rhythms of speech saw her reading aloud to babies in the Special Care Baby unit of the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital. Glenda worked tirelessly to guide U3A Campbelltown through the challenges bought on by the Covid 19

	pandemic. Including the introduction of online learning via Zoom. She has taken on several board positions at U3A Campbelltown and has initiated forward thinking changes to streamline various procedures. This has impacted positively on all members of the U3A Campbelltown. She has taken on the role of State President of U3A in 2022, a role she held for 2 years, giving the Campbelltown members a 'front seat' at interesting and important meetings relating to seniors personal and community health of mind, body and spirit. 2024 was the 20th Anniversary of U3A Campbelltown and a delightful luncheon with harp and voice entertainment, attended by the Mayor and Parliamentary Dignitaries was organized by Glenda, who, as always, was very much 'hands on' on the day. Her organization skills and understanding of what is required to host an inclusive and welcoming Anniversary Luncheon were a practical example of skills learnt over a lifetime.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Glenda has overcome both financial and health difficulties. She doesn't count the cost of volunteering but sees it as an opportunity to share, learn and connect with others. Her health has been challenging at times, but true to form, she faces all adversity with a positive attitude and a smile.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Glenda was an involved member of her children's Primary school Parents Council and her continuing drive and passion to contribute has given her a unique combination of personal and professional accomplishments. Glenda has been an active member of Rotary for 26 years. She joined the Rotary Club of Morialta in 1994 and has since been a member of Waverley Club, where she was the first female President and most recently Adelaide Central where she was the inaugural President from 2020 to 2022. In recognition of the depth of her commitment to Rotary and it's philosophy of Service above Self, she has been awarded Rotary's Paul Harris Fellowship six times. She has also taken on a variety of leadership roles including four years as Rotary Coordinator of Interplast, a Rotary initiative to send volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgical teams throughout the Asia Pacific region. Nine years editing District newsletters and a term as Chair of the Public Image Committee. Glenda passionately works towards ensuring that the membership of Rotary in Australia along with every group she belongs to, is inclusive and diverse – a true reflection of the broader community.
Photo included?	

Kathy Pfeiffer

Nominee Name	Kathy Pfeiffer
Nominee Suburb	Athelstone
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Over the age of 60 on 26 January 2025?	Birth Year is 1951
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	Kathy never tires of helping the Community. On any given day she is out helping someone, somewhere. She should be known as Kathy everywhere, Kathy will help, Kathy never refuses. She just does it, tirelessly, humbly, everyday every week, every month. Its not what you do but how you do it - and Kathy is exceptional at this.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Where do I start? Kathy volunteers for the Council: Transport every Friday, Community Orchard, Repair Café, Pamphlet delivery, Moonlight Markets, Fruit Crew. When not doing the above she helps at Campbelltown Kindergarten, Volunteers for CWA for several days of the Royal Show. Donates plasma for Red Cross and her total donations are well over 300. Makes clothes for under privileged children overseas. Covers books at a Primary School when asked, and also helped with craft in a Junior School Classroom. These are the things i know about - There could be many more!
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	With all of the activities mentioned previously her transport help every Friday is committed to getting members of the Community to their appointments, helping with shopping whilst giving friendship, encouragement and a listening ear to these people. I have not ever heard her refuse a 'letter box drop' for the Council often requested at the last minute and she's out posting pamphlets at 6.30 am to fit it in her day. She is always at the Orchard on Volunteer days and makes extra trips for additional watering or put the green bins out. Everything she does is helping in some way for the Community.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Any group or person Kathy works with has benefited by her friendship, her help and her untiring efforts and wonderful personality. The Community benefits from

	Transport and letter box drops. Those in need benefit from Fruit from the Fruit Crew and being able to access a thriving orchard. The general public benefit from her Red Cross donations helping keep people alive. Kindergarten and School children benefit from her visits, her craft ability and her kindness. The CWA benefits by increasing money raised at the Royal Show. Her help is invaluable at Repair Cafe doing anything requested and is also Treasurer of this group. At the Moonlight Markets she Volunteers at the recycling bins, saving rubbish from Landfill. Under privileged Children love having something new and special to wear. Everyone benefits in everyway.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	For the answer to this question I, luckily have little to write about but I am sure there are days she would rather be home doing something for herself. Even when an eye operation prevented her from driving she still turned up to her commitments - often getting the bus.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Kathy has been nominated for Senior Citizen Award Previously. She was an International Women's Nominee at the Council in 2022. She has been recognised by the Red Cross. She won a Council award for her garden a few years ago. There's probably a lot more but Kathy is a very quiet achiever, never telling about her awards or achievements - She just does it.
Photo included?	

Kerrie Smith

Nominee Name	Kerrie Smith
Nominee Suburb	Paradise
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Over the age of 60 on 26 January 2025?	Birth Year is 1946

• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	Kerrie with her contributions before retirement was a teacher, educator and guide in the development of young people while working at the Thorndon High school and Australia wide. She started teaching in 1968 at Campbelltown High School for 5 years. She then taught at a couple of other suburban schools before resuming teaching in 1986 at Thorndon High School as a history teacher and became a computing teacher. 1990 She became the Computing Manager at Thorndon High school. 1990−1992 she was on the amalgamation committee for the merging of Thorndon High and Campbelltown High as Charles Campbell Secondary School (CCSS) in 1992. She remained the Computing Manager 1992−2000 at CCSS. During that period she became South Australian Computer Educator of the Year and then in 2000 Australian Computer Educator of the Year. In 2000 she was seconded to education.au which was a ministerial company owned by the ministers of Education, state and federal on the Education Network Australia project, where she worked for the next 10 years as the Schools Information Officer, teaching teachers Australia wide to use the internet in their classrooms.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	She has contributed to the local community through he work in the education field as detailed above for 32 years. Since her retirement she became involved in the U3A of Campbelltown as follows. She became a member of U3A Campbelltown at the beginning of 2012 soon after she retired from teaching. Within a couple of years she had picked up management of the membership database and also a number of groups and classes. She currently manages 10 classes herself each term, some of which meet weekly, some fortnightly and some monthly. That keeps her busy. Among them are 3 book groups. she assist in running another 3 groups. She is currently the Curriculum Manager, putting together the annual prospectus and canvassing for new courses. Part of her job is to encourage our members to present new courses themselves.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	In her 13 years of membership of U3A, she has been Vice President and then she was President for 5 years. She has represented Campbelltown U3A at U3A South

	Australia for 3 years and then had a stint as President of U3A South Australia for 5 years. She was made Life Member of U3A Campbelltown earlier this year and over the years she has also been listed in the Women of Campbelltown (2021) and also have been awarded the Premier's Certificate for Volunteer Service. Her most recent project has been to set Campbelltown U3A up with an online database called Member Wizard which enables members to enrol in classes online. They currently have a choice of more than 200 classes, groups, and outings in the year. U3A currently have nearly 350 members. She strongly believe that educational and social involvement can bring satisfaction and fulfillment to retirees.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	As a teacher for 32 years, she has been a pivotal driver in developing high school students to learn and enjoy life and get them ready to go out into the wide world. For her working U3A, all Campbelltown people over the age of entry have been provided a central facility where they can: • Learn new or develop existing skills Make new friends. • Explore Adelaide. (Bus about) Give the main reason to enjoy themselves after they have retired which being one of those has been a great benefit to me.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	The answer to that question is simply: She has done what comes naturally. To any challenge. As an example she has had two knee replacements but despite that at 9 am every day the centre is open, she is there opening up the facility so others can make use of it.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	3 Life Memberships. The Kindergym Association of SA, Computers in Education South Australia, University of the Third Age Campbelltown.
Photo included?	

2025 Nominations
Two Categories – Nomination for Citizen and Senior Citizen of the Year

Garry Wedding

Nominee Name	Garry Wedding
Nominee Suburb	Magill
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	Yes
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Over the age of 60 on 26 January 2025?	Birth Year is 1946
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No
• Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician?	No
• Is the nominator an immediate family member?	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the SCOTY?	Garry has contributed decades of service to our local community, particularly through two avenues of service that I am aware of: the Magill Kindergarten and the Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Magill. He has served as Chair and most other roles on the Church Council, and as well as looking out for the needs of the congregation - particularly elderly or vulnerable members - he has always sought to ensure that the Church is there to help the broader community. More than a decade ago this led him to taking on the role of volunteer handyman, gardener, maintenance man and whatever else was needed by the Magill Kindergarten across the road. Kindy staff and families are particularly grateful to Garry for all he's done for them.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Garry is always looking out for other people and often will do things in his own time, proactively without being asked, and without ever seeking thanks. In relation to the Magill Kindy, this has included working every weekend to do whatever is needed to ensure that staff and children arrive every Monday to an immaculate environment to start their week the right way. Raking sandpits or bark chips, pruning trees, removing rubbish, repairing whatever needs to be repaired, and cleaning whatever needs to be cleaned. He has provided supplies to the children's craft area, and he has ensured that the kindy is also able to access the church hall whenever they need too. This has included for 4 year old health checks, for example, which requires Garry to

	attend to open up for the nurse and students as needed, and lock up afterwards. Similarly members of the church community have relied heavily on Garry for an even longer period of time. Always available to help in whatever way is needed, whether in supporting parishioners' spiritual wellbeing or practical needs.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	The staff at the kindergarten have reflected to me that their jobs have been made so much easier by Garry's volunteering. He does tasks that would otherwise remain undone, or have to be done by staff. Similarly the church administration would not have been able to function so effectively either for the benefits of its parishioners, or the broader community, without Garry.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	There are hundreds of children in our area whose kindy experience has been enhanced by Garry's efforts over the years, not to mention the staff members who have been working with them. The parishioners at Pilgrim Magill have relied very heavily on Garry's voluntary efforts for the functioning of their church, and all the groups that have engaged with the church, either for charitable support or for use of their facilities, have relied heavily on Garry.
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	As Garry has been getting older, he has devoted countless hours - indeed probably at least some time every single day - of his retirement to serving the community.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	2024 Morialta Community Award. There may be others, but I'm not aware.
Photo included?	