



Confidential Item

For Council meeting to be held on

Tuesday 16 December 2025 at 7.00 pm

Refer Item 11.4

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11.4 Australia Day Awards 2026

Executive Assistant, Caroline Moeller's Report

Purpose of Report

To consider nominations for the 2026 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 has been kept confidential in order to enable the winners to be announced at Council's Australia Day event.

Discussion

Citizen of the Year Awards 2026 was launched on Wednesday 1 October 2025 on the Council Website and through the Campbelltown Catchup Newsletter. Furthermore, a memo was sent on 3 October 2025 to all Elected Members advising that the 2026 Australia Day Awards were open.

Council sent emails to Schools, Service Clubs, Sporting Clubs, local organisations and businesses within the Council area, posted on Council's website and social media platforms with nomination forms made available to complete online and hard copies were 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 and Connect 2 Campbelltown Newsletters, Council Banners and flyers.

This year Council received 8 Nominations; 3 nominations for Citizen of the Year, 2 nominations for Young Citizen of the Year (one of which is the NAIDOC winner), and 3 nominations for Senior Citizen of the Year.

All nominations have been assessed against the eligibility criteria. Furthermore, 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.

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

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) and (o) of the Local Government Act 1999*.

Risk Management

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

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, and promoted in Council's newsletters, 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**
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Attachments

- 1. 2026 Nominations – Overview Document**
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2026 Nominations

Category – Citizen of the Year

Jordan Box

Nominee Name:	Jordan Box
Nominee Suburb:	Rostrevor
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	
• 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?	<p>Jordan exemplifies the highest ideals of citizenship through his extraordinary multi-decade commitment to community service spanning emergency response, youth development, and cultural preservation. His selfless dedication transcends ordinary volunteerism, representing a lifetime philosophy of service before self. Setting Jordan apart is the remarkable breadth and depth of his contributions. Few individuals demonstrate such sustained excellence across diverse sectors—from life-saving emergency medical services to nurturing future leaders through youth organisations. His ability to mentor young people while simultaneously serving as a frontline first responder showcases exceptional character and time management skills that benefit the entire community.</p> <p>Jordan's volunteer work at Payneham RSL preserves vital historical knowledge while building intergenerational connections, ensuring our community's heritage remains alive and relevant. Most importantly, Jordan's service creates a multiplier effect—every young person he mentors becomes a better citizen, every life he saves through emergency response continues to contribute to society, and every community member he educates becomes more engaged and informed.</p> <p>Jordan doesn't just volunteer; he transforms lives and strengthens the social fabric of our community. His unwavering dedication, diverse expertise, and profound positive impact make him the ideal recipient of this prestigious recognition.</p>
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Jordan's exceptional commitment to community service spans multiple decades and diverse organisations, demonstrating unwavering dedication to improving lives

	<p>across all generations. Through his extensive volunteering with the Campbelltown St John Ambulance Cadet Division and Stradbroke Scouts, Jordan mentors young people, instilling essential life skills, leadership qualities, and strong civic values that shape them into responsible, community-minded citizens.</p> <p>As a frontline St John Ambulance and SAAS volunteer, Jordan contributes to community safety by providing critical emergency medical care, saving and improving countless lives during medical emergencies and community events.</p> <p>At the RSL, Jordan's passionate dedication to preserving and sharing military history has educated diverse audiences about local wartime contributions and sacrifices. His engaging emcee performances at commemorative events consistently draw large crowds from across the region, fostering community connection and remembrance while honouring veterans' service. Jordan's local and national leadership roles within the Air Force Cadets also demonstrate his commitment to youth development and nation-building. Through these multifaceted contributions, Jordan exemplifies the spirit of community service, consistently giving his time, skills, and energy to strengthen social bonds and create positive lasting impact across multiple generations.</p>
<p>Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?</p>	<p>Jordan's entire volunteer portfolio demonstrates an unwavering commitment to serving others above personal interests, prioritising community welfare over individual gain. His emergency medical service with St John Ambulance and SAAS directly addresses life-threatening situations, providing critical care when community members face their greatest vulnerability. Every response represents Jordan's willingness to give his personal time and expertise to save lives and reduce suffering.</p> <p>Through his youth leadership roles with Scouts, St John Ambulance, and Air Force Cadets, Jordan invests countless hours developing character, resilience, and civic responsibility in young people. He dedicates weekends and evenings to mentoring, training, and guiding youth toward becoming productive, caring citizens who will continue serving others.</p> <p>At Payneham RSL, Jordan's historical presentations and event involvement foster community connection and remembrance, ensuring veterans' sacrifices aren't forgotten while educating younger generations about service and sacrifice. His efforts build bridges between community members of all ages.</p> <p>Jordan's work consistently addresses community needs: safety through emergency response, character development through youth programs, and social cohesion through historical education. His service-first philosophy creates safer neighbourhoods, better-prepared young citizens, and a more connected,</p>

	historically-aware community. Every initiative demonstrates his fundamental belief that individual efforts should strengthen collective wellbeing.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	<p>Jordan's contributions have created a ripple effect of positive impact across multiple beneficiary groups, with young people arguably benefitting most significantly from his dedicated mentorship and leadership development programs.</p> <p>Youth Development: Hundreds of young people have directly benefited through Jordan's leadership in Scouts, St John Ambulance, and Air Force Cadets. These youth have gained invaluable life skills, leadership capabilities, first aid training, and strong moral foundations that will serve them throughout their lives. Many have pursued careers in emergency services, military, and community roles directly inspired by Jordan's guidance.</p> <p>Emergency Response Recipients: Countless community members and their families have benefited from Jordan's life-saving emergency medical interventions through St John Ambulance and SAAS. These direct interventions have prevented tragedies and provided critical care during medical emergencies.</p> <p>Veterans and Families: Through his RSL work, Jordan honours veterans' service, supports their families and preserves their legacies for future generations.</p> <p>Broader Community: The entire community benefits from Jordan's efforts through increased safety, better-prepared young citizens entering society, and stronger social cohesion fostered through historical education and commemorative events.</p> <p>However, the young people Jordan has mentored represent his greatest legacy—they become tomorrow's community leaders, perpetuating his values of service and citizenship for generations to come.</p>
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	<p>Jordan's remarkable community service achievements become even more extraordinary when recognising the profound personal adversities he has courageously overcome. His military service resulted in post-traumatic stress disorder, a invisible wound that continues to challenge his daily life. Yet rather than retreating from community engagement, Jordan has channelled his experiences into deeper service to others.</p> <p>The abduction of his son and his parents' serious illness have tested Jordan's resilience beyond measure, creating additional layers of stress and emotional burden. These devastating personal crises would understandably cause many to step back from volunteer commitments, Jordan, however, has demonstrated extraordinary strength by maintaining his community service throughout these trials. With the support of his PTSD assistance dog Sally, he has persevered and transformed his struggles into a source of strength for</p>

	<p>others facing similar adversities. His lived experience with trauma, family crisis, and mental health challenges allows him to connect authentically with others experiencing their own difficulties.</p> <p>Jordan's service transcends typical volunteerism, representing healing through helping. His ability to continue mentoring youth, saving lives, and preserving history while managing PTSD and family crises demonstrates exceptional character, exemplifying how personal adversity, when met with courage and community connection, can become a force for change.</p>
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	<p>Jordan's community contributions extend beyond local boundaries, creating impact at state and national levels. Volunteering with Disaster Relief Australia, Jordan has provided critical support during South Australia's most challenging times, including COVID-19 pandemic response and bushfire recovery. His expertise and dedication have been instrumental in coordinating community assistance during these major crises. Jordan's Air Force Cadet experience has elevated his youth mentorship to a national platform, where his expertise shapes programs affecting young people across Australia. His current contribution to developing St John Ambulance youth training curriculum will impact countless future volunteers nationwide, ensuring high-quality ongoing emergency response and youth development training.</p> <p>As Mensa SA's gifted children coordinator, Jordan applied his educational expertise to support intellectually gifted youth and their families, advocating for inclusive education programs at state and federal levels.</p> <p>Since 2019, Jordan has served as a Justice of the Peace, providing essential legal services to the community including witnessing documents, administering oaths, and supporting citizens with official legal procedures.</p> <p>These roles demonstrate Jordan's exceptional versatility and commitment to service at multiple levels from local emergency response to national curriculum development, demonstrating his broad expertise and unwavering dedication to community betterment across South Australia and beyond.</p>
Photo included?	

Mr Enrico Paterni and Ms Orietta Ferraro

Nominee Name:	Mr Enrico Paterni and Ms Orietta Ferraro Baretto Café Bottega
Nominee Suburb:	Newton
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Citizen? 	Orietta Ferraro Yes Mr Enrico Paterni - No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area? 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Nominators? 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous recipient of an award? 	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Member/Elected Member/Politician? 	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the nominator an immediate family member? 	No
Why do I believe the person should be awarded the COTY?	<p>Over the last two and a half years, Enrico and Orietta's work in turning the old Rostrevor Deli into what we now enjoy at Baretto Café Bottega, has made our community better.</p> <p>The old deli was of an institution and when it closed in 2023, it was the end of an era, but Enrico and Orietta saw in it the potential for something new and more exciting and invested themselves completely in sharing their vision with our community.</p>
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Like all small business owners starting something new, they took the risks, they worked hard. Many local residents now appreciate their efforts every day. Like an Italian cafe version of Cheers, Baretto Cafe Bottega has become a community hub drawing people to the Forest Ave shops from near and far.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	Enrico and Orietta use their large social media following not just to promote the café, but the lifestyle associated with our area, and the café now draws many people to the area from beyond. But more than anything it now provides an attractive and welcoming location for people from our area, a 'third place' or a 'second home' for many.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Feedback from people the nominator has spoken to includes comments like "I always feel like I've stepped into Little Italy when I go into the cafe! I love having this lovely little place hidden away in the community. It feels very special!" Another said: "2 amazing people! Creating community connection and bringing a little piece of Italy to our area!" These two comments are examples of many more with similar sentiment.
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)?	N/A
Photo included?	

Saloni Shaileshbhai Shah

Nominee Name:	Saloni Shaileshbhai Shah
Nominee Suburb:	Campbelltown
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	
• 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?	<p>Saloni has made remarkable contributions to cultural awareness, community wellbeing and volunteer service. She has actively volunteered at East Marden Primary School, performing during Harmony Day assemblies and leading Diwali celebrations. Her activities includes henna art, diya painting and educational talks - have helped children and staff appreciate Indian traditions and the values of inclusivity and multiculturalism. Beyond the school, she regularly teaches free yoga sessions in the local park for children, adults, and seniors encouraging a healthy and balanced lifestyle.</p> <p>Her ability to unite people of all ages through yoga reflects her deep commitment to Community health and wellbeing. As the cultural lead for the Hindu Council of Australia over the past three years, she has successfully organised the annual Deepavali Mela at the Adelaide Showgrounds, attracting large crowds and celebrating cultural diversity. In 2025 she also coordinated the International yoga Day at the Campbelltown Council Community Centre, inspiring</p>

	<p>wide participation and awareness of physical and mental health. Her leadership, dedication and service embody the true spirit of the Citizen of the Year Award - building harmony, understanding and wellbeing in South Australia's community.</p>
<p>How has this person contributed to the local Community?</p>	<p>Saloni Shah has made an exceptional contribution to the Campbelltown Community through her voluntary service, cultural leadership and commitment to community wellbeing. Since 2024, she has been an active volunteer with the Vallabh Youth Organisation Adelaide (VYO) a not for profit organisation that conducts all its programs and events at East Torrens Primary School within the Campbelltown City Council area. Through VYO Saloni is the trainer yoga classes that promote physical and mental wellbeing for all age groups. Saloni is deeply involved in training children, women and senior citizens to participate in cultural performances that strengthen community connection and pride. She also volunteers at East Marden Primary School, where she conducts engaging Diwali Cultural sessions featuring Indian dance, diya painting and henna art to promote multicultural understanding. In her broader leadership role as the cultural Lead for the Hindu Council of Australia (SA Chapter), Saloni has successfully organised large-scale Community events including the Deepavali Mela and International Yoga Day. Her dedication, creativity and inclusive spirit have significantly enriched the cultural and social fabric of the Campbelltown Community.</p>
<p>Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saloni Shah has been an exceptional volunteer with Vallabh Youth Organisation Adelaide (VYO), dedicating the past three months to training and guiding education students and community groups in • preparation for the annual Janmashtami Festival. Her work has been marked by genuine warmth, cultural pride, and a remarkable ability to inspire people of all ages. Saloni has led youth groups aged • 6 to 14 years, a ladies' group of 16 participants, and a senior-citizen women's group, conducting • regular practice and cultural learning sessions filled with enthusiasm and creativity. She has also played • a key leadership role in planning and anchoring the main Janmashtami event, drafting speeches, • coordinating the program flow, and presenting on stage alongside two other young volunteer women as part of a confident and dynamic team. Her dedication has significantly contributed to the festival's • success, fostering intergenerational participation, cultural understanding, and community unity. • Saloni exemplifies the spirit of selfless service, leadership, and cultural education, making her an

	outstanding candidate for Council recognition through the Citizen of the Year Award.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	<p>Community organizations like VYO Vallabh Youth Organization, Hindu Council of Australia SA chapter, Saloni's neighbours and the Individuals coming to the Charles worth reserve or her nearby community park in Campbelltown which includes adults, senior citizens and kids of various ages.</p> <p>Parents have recognised her work saying that their kids have danced well for the first time, and have never danced before. It's under her guidance they developed that skills and she helped them overcome their stage fears and enhanced their confidence. While the yoga sessions in east Torrens, the adults and kids attending the session have felt more confident and healthy after the session. Her beginner-friendly yoga classes have empowered newcomers to embrace physical and mental well-being, while her dance sessions have brought joy, confidence, and connection to participants from diverse backgrounds. Local volunteers, seniors, and young adults alike have found a safe, inclusive space to grow, heal, and celebrate movement thanks to Saloni's compassionate leadership and tireless service.</p>
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	<p>Balancing her responsibilities as a full-time professional and a devoted mother to a spirited 6-year-old daughter, Saloni Shah has faced numerous challenges in her commitment to community service through yoga and dance. Despite a demanding schedule, she has consistently made time to lead weekly beginner yoga classes and organize inclusive dance sessions that uplift and energize her community. From navigating time constraints to managing limited resources, Saloni has shown remarkable resilience and adaptability. Her ability to prioritize, plan, and stay deeply connected to the needs of her community has turned obstacles into stepping stones. Through her unwavering dedication, she continues to inspire others—proving that passion and purpose can thrive even amidst life's busiest seasons.</p>
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	<p>Saloni received the person centred award at Autism SA star awards, that is dedicated to someone who is always championing his/her work and job duties by helping others going over and beyond to help others.</p> <p>She has also received volunteer certificates from Hindu council of Australia for her commitment towards the community activities for yoga and culturally diverse programs.</p> <p>She has received certificate for conducting the yoga session at Campbelltown function centre for</p>

	<p>International yoga day 2025 organised by Hindu council of Australia.</p> <p>She is personally a trained yoga instructor, and holds yoga certificate. She was a state level dancer representing Gujarat while she was in India.</p> <p>She is recognised by VYO- not for profit organization for her overall contribution to the community and the organization.</p> <p>She was also featured in East Marden primary School newsletter for her exceptional dance in Harmony Day.</p>
Photo included?	

2026 Nominations

Category – Young Citizen of the Year

Della Johnson

Nominee Name	Della Johnson
Nominee Suburb	Campbelltown
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Between the ages of 16 & 30 as at 26 January 2025?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	NAIDOC Winner 2025
• 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?	Della is in her final year of study at CCC, she is working on a community connections project to share indigenous culture with the school community through her designs for a yarnning garden. Della is on a journey of discovery, researching storylines and the significant native plantings that will feature in her design space, for all to enjoy.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Della is in the process of connecting with Campbelltown City Council and Conservation Volunteers Australia to seek feedback and advise on her project. She will participate in the Rewilding Fifth Creek project on Tuesday 1st July alongside a group of younger indigenous students from the school. Della is keen to leave her mark on the college and contribute to the schools reconciliation journey; the garden space will be a place to yarn, inclusive to all and sensory considerate.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	N/A
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	N/A
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Della is a student with a learning disability, she works very hard to overcome challenges with executive functioning. She is a visual learner and her project work is providing a vehicle for accessing the curriculum requirements in year 12 modified studies.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	N/A
Photo included?	

Lynette Taylor

Nominee Name	Lynette Taylor
Nominee Suburb	Hampstead Gardens
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Between the ages of 16 & 30 as at 26 January 2025?	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 YCOTY?	<p>As our First Nations Prefect this year, Lynette has embodied the very essence of leadership, advocacy, and community spirit. She has not only represented her peers with integrity but has also worked tirelessly to ensure that First Nations voices are heard, respected, and celebrated within our college community.</p> <p>Lynette's contribution to First Nations Culture began as emerging in 2019, maturing proudly over 7 years at Charles Campbell College. Lynette united our senior group in 2025 by fulfilling a shared goal to walk and stay on country together, learning through 'doing' and 'being' the ways of the traditional ancestors. The 3-day camp to the Flinders Rangers was a first for the college and will remain a biannual event to inspire future First Nation Students to experience connection to land, culture and spirit.</p>
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	<p>Throughout the year, Lynette has taken on significant responsibilities—leading and advocating for senior First Nations students and working closely with the school's ASETO and AET staff to coordinate regular yarning meetings that address important issues and priorities. Her ability to bring people together and create meaningful dialogue has strengthened connections and understanding across our school.</p>
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	<p>One of Lynette's most notable achievements was her formal proposal and leadership in establishing a First Nations Cultural Camp to the Flinders Ranges—a vision that was approved and successfully run in 2025. This initiative created opportunities for cultural learning, reflection, and pride that will continue to impact students for years to come.</p> <p>Lynette has also played a central role in Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC celebrations, helping to raise</p>

	<p>awareness and appreciation of Indigenous culture throughout our college. Her dedication, compassion, and quiet determination have made her a role model not only for First Nations students, but for our entire community.</p>
<p>Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?</p>	<p>The whole school community has benefited from Lynette's contributions; from our youngest reception students through to our teachers, her gentle way was a comfort to those around her. She shared not only her story but the stories of her people in group yarning circles and events celebrating Aboriginal culture and belonging.</p> <p>Lynette has a strong sense of identity and community demonstrating with passion how proud she is to be an Aboriginal young person. Lynette has a deep connection to her culture through her father's side maintaining strong family links and kinship relationships with her extended family.</p> <p>Lynette's strong cultural connections have also enabled her to join Kuma Kaaru Dance group managed by Jack Buckskin who is her uncle on her father's side. This opportunity allowed Lynette the opportunity to share her culture in an artistic way with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous audiences around Adelaide. This empowered Lynette to build a strong presence within our college and to be open to develop and facilitate the Aboriginal student voice within the college and support our younger students be proud of who they are.</p>
<p>Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?</p>	<p>Yes, there have been challenges, but these are significant personal family circumstances that cannot be disclosed here. Despite these challenges, Lynette has remained a pleasant and polite young person who has risen above her challenges to become an exemplary leader and role model within the community.</p>
<p>Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 City of Campbelltown, Mayoral Award for Civic Responsibility • 2024 Rotary Club of Campbelltown, Community Service Award • 2023 Hartley Medal
<p>Photo included?</p>	

2026 Nominations

Category – Senior Citizen of the Year

Graeme Packer

Nominee Name	Graeme Packer
Nominee Suburb	Athelstone
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	
• Australian Citizen?	No
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Over the age of 60 on 26 January 2025?	Yes
• 2 Nominators?	Yes
• Previous recipient of an award?	No (is a previous nominee)
• 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?	<p>Graeme has been a dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Morialta for nearly 30 years, playing an active role in various initiatives. As a long term resident of the Campbelltown District he has held various leadership roles in the Rotary Club of Morialta (twice as president multiple years as Community Service Director). He exemplifies all the characteristics of a person whose focus is to give back to his community to advance their opportunities and well being in a sustainable manner. He also cooperates with various other service clubs and community groups such as Lions, other Rotary Clubs to help them achieve their goals. He is truly an icon in our local community known by many for his efforts to improve his community. Deserving of this recognition!</p>
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	<p>Graeme has taken the pivotal leadership role in developing and managing the Club's Community Workshop at Athelstone, which now supports the mental and physical well-being of over 60 participants in 6 sessions of woodworking weekly. He personally supervises 2 sessions and coordinates the Workshop overall operation.</p> <p>Graeme co-ordinates the Thorndon Park Kiosk operation fulfilling stocks weekly and has organized BBQs for local schools, sporting groups, charities like CARA, and community events. He also built and maintains the club's trailer BBQ, catering for up to 150 people regularly. On top of that, he volunteers at the Repair Cafe and collaborates with the Council and community groups on numerous projects, making significant contributions to the community.</p>

Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	<p>He is always prepared to say yes to requests for help from all areas of the Community where he and Rotary can find a way to provide help. This ranges from his work establishing the Community Workshop, managing two expansions of same when demand required more space. He is the Council and Community go to person for Community BBQ's with regular BBQ's provided to local groups including Athelstone Primary School, Athelstone Basketball Club, St Pius School, In addition he coordinates the Rotary Club involvement in providing Kiosk facilities at Thorndon Park, BBQ and soft drinks at community events such as TDU, Moonlight Markets, and the Thorndon Park Kiosk 52 weeks a year which enables the club to provide our Community with affordable and convenient food offerings at these events.</p>
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	<p>Mental Health contribution: Graeme's pivotal role as Coordinator of the Morialta Rotary Community Workshop at Athelstone since 2009 has provided several hundred participants and their families with assistance in managing mental wellbeing of participants whilst also providing an increased sense of purpose and new skills to individuals.</p> <p>Fundraising outcomes for the Community: Funds raised by the operation of the Thorndon Park Kiosk and the various BBQ's where Graeme has a major input are directed to local community projects to fund Youth, International and Community projects conducted by the Rotary Club. This includes supporting local youth in leadership training, safe driver education for local year 10 and 11 students, the club PNG Midwife project aiding our international community.</p>
Has the person overcome particular challenges, personal sacrifices or adversities to mark their achievement? If yes, how?	Graeme has placed countless hours of his time into his Community Service and has the support of his wife, Vicky and family, that actively support his efforts.
Does the nominee have any other significant community contributions/achievements (ie awards, certificates)?	Graeme has been recognised by Rotary International for his contribution to his community through his Rotary involvement. These have been through being awarded Paul Harris Fellowship recognition (multiple times) by the Rotary Foundation.
Photo included?	

Maria Mignone

Nominee Name	Maria Mignone
Nominee Suburb	Magill
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Over the age of 60 on 26 January 2025?	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 SCOTY?	For fifty years, Maria has been contributing to our community through a range of activities, particularly through her dedicated volunteering efforts at the Campania Club.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Whether in the kitchen (especially the zeppole), serving on the floor, or in any other number of ways, she has helped keep authentic traditions alive that help maintain some of the most celebrated aspects of modern multicultural South Australia.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	While the Campania Club isn't located in Campbelltown, sixteen years as the local MP has taught me that like some of our other Italian Clubs in neighbouring areas, Campbelltown residents are always heavily represented on the committee, amongst the volunteers and members, and the patrons as well. Perhaps it should be considered, for the purposes of these awards, in the way that a foreign embassy is considered to be the soil of its represented country! Her voluntary service in our local area has also included regular support for the Italian Festas in particular, and more broadly the general work of the St Francis of Assisi parish at Newton. Many of the Festas celebrated here include community activities as well as religious observances and therefore help local children and young people of Italian heritage connect with that heritage and help the broader community gain an appreciation of the cultural traditions that come from the Campania region, and which have been so influential in our local community.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Maria's service has benefited hundreds – perhaps thousands – of Campbelltown residents over the last fifty years, through the Campania Club!
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)?	N/A
Photo included?	

Fay Ward

Nominee Name	Fay Ward
Nominee Suburb	Rostrevor
Does this nomination meet Eligibility Criteria:	
• Australian Citizen?	Yes
• Local resident or provides significant contribution in the area?	Yes
• Over the age of 60 on 26 January 2025?	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 SCOTY?	<p>Fay Ward have been contributing significantly to our community for a very long time. A familiar face at community events, charity fundraisers, and particularly through her decades long service to the Kiwanis Club of Rostrevor Campbelltown.</p> <p>Whether on the BBQ, marshalling traffic, serving at Kiwanis stalls, presenting Terrific Kids awards at schools, helping new citizens at Council on Australia Day, organising quiz nights and other fundraising events</p>

	for local and Kiwanis Charities, Fay will be there, year in, year out.
How has this person contributed to the local Community?	Anyone involved in local service groups will know Fay as a conduit through which people can get in touch with Kiwanis. Anyone involved in Council events will see her regularly and feel her warm and generous personality. Anyone attending community events will be familiar with her welcoming smiles and capable stewardship.
Describe how their work has been focused on helping others or making the Community a better place?	As regular servants of the Kiwanis Club of Rostrevor Campbelltown through work on committees, MC duties, administrative support, or whatever needs doing, the fact that her and her husband are now both into their 80s has not stopped them from continuing to offer themselves every month to support the important service activities of the club.
Who has benefited the most from the nominee's contribution and/or services (ie community groups, individuals etc)?	Popular in their neighbourhood, She has contributed to Hamish Grove being one of the most active and community minded streets in the area too.
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?	