REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER

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1. OVERVIEW

Council will participate in Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards and make available local awards in the following categories within each ward:

1. Citizen Achievement,
2. Young Citizen Achievement
3. Community Event Achievement
4. Active Citizenship

The successful recipients of the awards will then be put forward for nomination for the Council regions one Goyder Australia Day Awards –

1. Goyder Citizen of the Year
2. Goyder Young Citizen of the Year
3. Goyder Community Event of the Year.

The successful recipients of the Goyder Australia Day awards will then be nominated for the State Australia Day Award program with Australia Day Council of SA.

2. SELECTION CRITERIA

2.1 In choosing the recipients of the Australia Day Awards, regard is given to the nominee's achievements in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the community.

2.2 An individual need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.

2.3 The selection criteria for the Goyder Citizen of the Year and Goyder Young Citizen of the Year are:

- significant contribution to the community
- an inspirational role model for the Goyder community
- The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area

2.4 The selection criteria for Goyder Community Event of the Year are:

- The quality of the event
- The scope of impact the event has on the local government area
- The event's contribution to the community

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Nominees must be Australian citizens except for the Active Citizenship Award
- Awards will not be granted posthumously
- Self-nominations will not be accepted
- Nominees for Citizen of the Year must be at least 16 years of age in the year of the award presentation
- Nominees for the category of Young Citizen of the Year must be 30 years of age or less

on 26 January in the year of the award presentation

- Sitting state and federal politicians, current vice-regal officers and current elected members of council are not eligible
- Retired politicians, elected members and vice-regal officers will be considered for work undertaken in addition to their official duties
- Groups of people, organisations or couples will not normally be eligible for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year, though in exceptional cases the selection panels reserve the right to consider such nominations.
- Groups of people can be considered for the Active Citizenship award
- No weight is given to the number of times a person or organisation is nominated
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years
- Previous recipients of the award categories may receive the award in the future, however the work that this person or organisation made in receiving the original award may not be considered.

4. AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATION SCHEDULE

Council will advertise, in early October of each year, for nominations from within the four Wards of the Council area for Australia Day Awards for the respective Wards.

Nominations for Ward Australia Day Awards are to be received by the Chief Executive Officer in writing on the appropriate nomination form by midnight on the third Friday of November each year.

Nominations received before the program opens will still be accepted.

5. AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS SELECTION PROCESS

5.1 Local Ward Australia Day Awards

Each Ward will have an Australia Day Awards Ward Selection Committee that will determine the recipients of the Australia Day Awards for that Ward.

The Membership of the Ward Selection Committee will comprise of the Chairperson (or nominee) from each Community Management Committee and Elected Members from within that respective Ward. The Australia Day Awards Ward Selection Committees will advise the Community Development Manager of the successful recipients by the end of the first week of December.

These awards will be presented at the relevant Ward Australia Day breakfasts by representatives of the selection committee.

5.2 Goyder Australia Day Awards

The Goyder Awards Selection Committee will be made up of one nominated elected member from each of the four Wards and the Council's Community Engagement Officer (or their delegate). They will meet prior to the December Council meeting.

The selection committee will determine the successful recipients on the basis of outstanding service to the community, as identified within their nomination form/s, using the Australia Day Council of SA' assessment criteria.

There is no obligation on Council to give an award for a specific category if it is the opinion of the

selection committee that no nomination is satisfactory to meet the criteria.

The Community Engagement Officer will advise the recipients of the successful nominations by early January of each year, and subject to their acceptance, will inform the media of the names of the successful nominations at least one week prior to the holding of the Australia Day Community Events. Council will be advised at their regular January Meeting.

The Community Engagement Officer will put forward nominations for the successful recipients of the Goyder Australia Awards to the Australia Day Council of SA's state based award program.

The Goyder Australia Day Awards will be presented at the relevant Australia Day Ward event for that recipient, on the 26th January, by the Elected Member representative for that Ward.

6. AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY EVENTS

6.1 Both Ward and Goyder Australia Day Awards will be presented on Australia Day, the 26th January, at Community events as follows:

a) Burra Ward Awards presented in Burra, with the Burra Cricket Club as the Organising Committee
b) Eudunda Ward Awards presented in Eudunda, with the ECBaT as the Organising Committee
c) Robertstown Ward Awards presented in Robertstown, with the Robertstown Community Management as the Organising Committee
d) Hallett Ward Awards alternating between Hallett or Terowie, with the respective Hallett Community & Sports Association or Terowie Citizens Association as the Organising Committee

If a Community Management Committee elects not to host the event, Council will seek expressions of interest from community groups to host the event.

6.2 Council will allocate $2,000 to the Burra Ward Organising Committee, $1,500 to the Eudunda Ward Organising Committee and $1000 to the Hallett and Robertstown Ward Organising Committees to assist with the cost of providing Australia Day Award Community events in their respective Wards.

6.3 Community are encouraged to spend funding locally to provide services for these events.

6.4 Council will review the funding allocation on a two yearly basis in line with this policy review having regard to an Australia Day Award Presentation Community event financial report from each of the Organising Committees.

6.2 Each year, Council will submit an application to the National Australia Day Council Community Events Program to seek funding that supports local community event organisers in delivering Australia Day celebrations across the region.

7. RECORDS

All records should be treated in accordance with Local Government GDS40

8. REFERENCES

Nil

9. REVIEW

This document shall be reviewed by Council within two (2) years (or on significant change to legislation or aspects included in this policy that could affect the health and safety of workers).

10. REVIEW HISTORY

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