1. Council will actively encourage the nomination of Goyder residents and organisations for the annual Australia Day Awards for the categories of Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Nominations received before 1st October will still be accepted.

5. Nominations received after the closing date will be carried forward to the next nomination period in the following year.

6. Selection Criteria:
   6.1 In choosing the recipients of the Australia Day Citizen of the Year 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.
   6.2 An individual need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.
   6.3 The selection criteria for Citizen of the Year and 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
   6.4 The selection criteria for 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

7. Eligibility Criteria
   7.1 Nominees must be Australian citizens
   7.2 Awards will not be granted posthumously
   7.3 Self nominations will not be accepted
   7.4 Nominees for Citizen of the Year must be at least 16 years of age in the year of the award presentation
   7.5 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
   7.6 Sitting state and federal politicians, current vice-regal officers and current elected members of council are not eligible
   7.7 Retired politicians, elected members and vice-regal officers will be considered for work
undertaken in addition to their official duties

7.8 No weight is given to the number of times a person or organisation is nominated. 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.

8. Each Ward will have an Australia Day Awards Selection Committee that will determine the recipients of the Australia Day Awards for that Ward. The Membership of the Selection Committee will comprise of the Ward Elected Members and the Chairperson (or nominee) from each Community Management Committee within the Ward.

9. The Ward Australia Day Awards Selection Committees will meet and determine the recipients of the Australia Day Awards for that Ward prior to December of each year and advise the Chief Executive Officer of the recipients by the 15th December of each year. 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.

10. A Community Achievement Award may be awarded to an unsuccessful nominee to acknowledge the person or event’s contribution to the community at the discretion of the Australia Day Awards Selection Committee.

11. 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.

12. The Ward Australia Day Awards will be presented on Australia Day, the 26th January, at Community events as follows:
   - Burra Ward Awards presented in Burra, with the Burra CMC as the Organising Committee
   - Eudunda Ward Awards presented in Eudunda, with the ECBaT as the Organising Committee
   - Robertstown Ward Awards presented in Robertstown, with the Robertstown Community Management as the Organising Committee
   - Hallett Ward Awards alternating between Hallett or Terowie, with the respective Hallett Community & Sports Association or Terowie Citizens Association as the Organising Committee

13. Council will allocate $1,800 to the Burra Ward Organising Committee, $1,300 to the Eudunda Ward Organising Committee and $825 to the Hallett and Robertstown Ward Organising Committees to assist with the cost of providing the Australia Day Award Community events in their respective Wards.

14. 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.

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