



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Recognise the unsung heroes in your community: Nominations open for Citizen of the Year Awards

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Alexandrina Council is encouraging the community to nominate individuals or groups who have made outstanding contributions for the 2024 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards.

The nomination categories include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Award for Active Citizenship

Nominations opened 18 September 2023 and close on 17 November 2023.

"The Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards publicly honour those who serve the community and make Alexandrina a better place," Mayor Keith Parkes said.

"We have so many individuals and groups who quietly go about volunteering their time. These awards are an opportunity for us as a community to recognise them for their efforts and say thank you.

"I encourage everyone to consider all those ordinary people who do extraordinary service, often without many of us realising, for one of these awards."

The Citizen of the Year Awards are proudly presented by the Australia Day Council of South Australia and are administered by local Councils across the state.

The awards are sponsored by the Local Government Association of South Australia, On the Run, CBS Inc, MGA Insurance and Sarah Constructions.

Individuals and organisations can be nominated for their contribution and community service to a range of areas such as education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sports, arts, the environment or any other area that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of their community.

Award recipients in local government areas can be submitted for inclusion in the statelevel Citizen of the Year Awards.

In Alexandrina Council, award recipients are recognised at civic ceremonies hosted in Strathalbyn and Goolwa on 26 January 2023 during Australia Day celebrations.

Nomination forms can be downloaded at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/citizenoftheyear

Award criteria information and online nomination forms are available on the Australia Day Council of South Australia website at www.citizenoftheyear.com.au



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