AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Each year Light Regional Council's annual Australia Day Awards recognise the unsung heroes and organisations who generously give their time and expertise to help others.

The awards are offered in four categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year, and Community Project of the Year.

The Council was pleased to receive a range of nominations from the community for consideration this year. Mayor O'Brien noted "The entries we received demonstrated the commitment that exists within the community as well as the desire to recognise the wide-ranging achievements of individuals who selflessly contribute to so many aspects of community life".

The award recipients were determined by the Elected Body using a secret ballot at its meeting on 11 December 2018. After a close result the Council is pleased to announce the following award recipients for each category in this year's awards:

Citizen of the Year – (joint winners) **Rae Reichelt** and **Di Ellis**

Young Citizen of the Year – **Chris Hutchinson**

Community Event of the Year – **2018 Kapunda Rodeo** (event hosted by the Kapunda Rodeo Committee, a sub-committee of Kapunda Harness Racing Club)

Community Project of the Year – **Kapunda Charity Car Cruise** (fundraiser project coordinated by the Kapunda Charity Car Cruise committee)

Mayor Bill O'Brien said, "On behalf of Council, it is my pleasure to congratulate the award winners. It is wonderful to be able to acknowledge the efforts of both of the individual winners, as well as all of the people responsible for contributing to the highly successful community event and project".

The award winners will be publicly recognised for their achievements at the Australia Day Breakfast commencing at 7.45am on Saturday, 26 January 2019 at the Wasleys Institute, 47 Annie Terrace, Wasleys. This year's event is being hosted by the Wasleys Community Group. Light Regional Council is thrilled to welcome Australia Day Ambassador Malcolm Jackman, Chief Executive of the SA Fire and Emergency Services Commission, as a special guest. Along with the awards presentation, the event program also includes a Citizenship Ceremony and a Flag Raising Ceremony performed by the cadets of the Australian Air League's Gawler Airfield Squadron. All community members are welcome to attend this event and enjoy the free breakfast and entertainment on offer. Please bring a chair if you would prefer to sit outdoors after the presentations.

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