

# Six worthy award winners

## 2018 Australia Day Award winners

Cathy Haarsma was selected as the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula 2018 Citizen of the Year as part of the annual Australia Day awards at Council's December meeting.

Council assessed and voted on the 33 nominations received across the six categories, including a pleasing four nominations for Council's newest category, Young Sportsperson of the Year.

Other award winners were Belinda-Jane Moroney (Young Citizen), Mikaela Richardson (Young Sportsperson), Bvt Sgt John Randall (Employee), Dr Claire Rowe (Business) and A Day on the Bay (Community Event).

Awards will be presented at Council's official breakfast and ceremony at the Cummins Hall, as well as a community breakfast on the Coffin Bay foreshore on Australia Day.

Council congratulates all award winners, as well as all those who were nominated. Council also acknowledges the efforts of the nominees who submitted so many comprehensive and high quality nominations.

## Citizen of the Year

Cathy Haarsma was nominated for her long-time and selfless contribution to many groups and organisations within the Cummins community.

In 2017 alone she has continued as an SA Ambulance Service volunteer, Cummins Area School volunteer, Cummins and Districts Memorial Swimming Pool secretary, active member of Cummins Ramblers football and netball clubs, Cummins and Districts Basketball Association secretary, Cummins Homes Committee member as well as Miroma Hostel aged care garden volunteer.

Over the years Mrs Haarsma has also held office and volunteered with the Great Flinders Junior Tennis Association, Cummins X-Roads, Cummins Recreation Centre Courts Redevelopment Committee, Cummins and District Memorial Hospital Adopt-a-Room project, Cummins Community Music Hall and St Andrews Catholic Church.

Mrs Haarsma's willingness to volunteer and contribute to so many facets of the Cummins community is a testament to her character, and makes her a worthy recipient of the award.

## Young Citizen of the Year

Belinda-Jane Moroney has been described as a driving-force for her community. She has got behind and helped develop community projects and initiatives including the Kapinnie Clubroom upgrades, where she is heavily involved with the Cummins Kapinnie Netball Club, as well as the Cummins Show entertainment committee.

She positively promotes local people, business and services and is always up for helping fundraise for local causes and families in need. She has also contributed to two local blogs – Unspoken Conversations and Behind The Mind, that aim to reduce stigma and increase awareness around mental health.

Mrs Moroney has been described as someone who is willing to put themselves first for the greater good of the community.

## Young Sportsperson of the Year

Mikaela Richardson has had a stellar 2017 with significant sporting achievements across netball, basketball, tennis and school sport.

Mikaela's season with Ramblers Netball Club included being vice-captain and winning the A grade premiership. She also coached the E grade team (under 15).

She was selected by her peers as a Great Flinders top 10 A grade player, and was awarded a joint A grade Rising Star award. Representing the association she was the Under 17 captain and player, voted most valuable player, and was best on court in the association match.

Mikaela was also a senior women's basketball premiership player and best and fairest award winner. She was also awarded the inter girls' best and fairest award and coached the Subbies grade.

Mikaela plays senior tennis for Cummins White but also coaches juniors.

Through Cummins Area School Mikaela has also been successful at inter-school, winning first place in senior girls javelin, has participated in the Secondary Regional Netball Carnival and helped promote health and fitness through her Stage I of Physical Education – planning and taking her classmates through a training session at Iron Grit Gym.

## Employee of the Year

SA Police Brevet Sergeant John Randall has been recognised for his outstanding service to the community of Cummins and surrounds. He is highly regarded and is always prepared to make the extra effort in his role with SA Police, but also as a local community member. Bvt Sgt Randall conducts himself with a standard to be admired - his professionalism and compassion make him a valued member of the district.

Bvt Sgt Randall is a community minded man having ongoing involvement with Cummins Area School as a policeman and parent, Cummins District Enterprise Committee, Cummins Emergency Ready Committee, Cummins X-Roads, Uniting Church Youth Group, Cummins Gymnastic Club and the Cummins Hall. He also coordinates the town's speed radar sign, helping keep people safe over the busy harvest period.

## Business of the Year

Dr Claire Rowe has a loyal following and has been providing a medical service to the residents of Coffin Bay and surrounding areas for more than a decade. Over the years she has gained the confidence and respect from patients of all ages. She is highly regarded with patient care her priority, always going the extra mile to find solutions for her patients. Dr Rowe's regular visits to Coffin Bay means patients do not have to travel a long distance for medical treatment. Dr Rowe goes beyond just treating her patients with many regarding her as a friend.

## Community Event of the Year

Coffin Bay's A Day on the Bay is an annual event hosted by seven Coffin Bay businesses – Coffin Bay Sporting Complex, 1802 Oyster Bar & Bistro, Beachcomber Agencies, Coffin Bay General & Liquor Store, Coffin Bay Yacht Club, Coffin Bay Pizza & Takeaway and the Coffin Bay Hotel.

The theme is to promote Coffin Bay and in particular, the oyster industry. Local beer and wine, as well as local talent are promoted as part of the event, with up to 4000 people attending this year's foreshore happenings.

## Funding for generator in Cummins

*Agenda item FN/50/17*

Council will make a contribution of up to \$20,000 towards funding a community use generator after a request from the Cummins Emergency Ready Committee was considered at the December Council meeting.

Council's contribution will match the contribution of Cummins District Financial Services.

The committee however must agree to the generator being available to be moved across the Council district when required for

an emergency event if the generator is not being used at the Cummins Bowling Club.

Council also resolved that should the community generator proceed to purchase, Council will actively engage with community groups in other DCLEP communities and encourage groups to consider installing generator switches on their 'last resort' buildings so that the Cummins Emergency Ready Committee can provide access to the trailer and generator should it be required.

## Backlit panel advertising

*Agenda item W&I/106/17*

Council has approved the Port Lincoln Airport Terminal Backlit Panel – Community Event Advertising Guidelines to enable local community groups to advertise local events.

The guidelines permit a range of display options to allow community event organisers options to match financial capacity and needs.

## Passenger survey

*Agenda item W&I/107/17*

Council has concluded its first Port Lincoln Airport passenger survey since 2011. The Director of Works and Infrastructure advised that a full report on the recent survey will be produced in a similar structure to that from the 2011 passenger survey so the two surveys can be easily compared.

A total of 1135 surveys were completed, compared to 1546 in the 2011 survey.

The following significant changes between the 2011 and 2017 surveys were highlighted at the December meeting:

- Business travel down from 40.4 per cent to 30.6 per cent
- Holiday / Leisure travel up from 27.4 per cent to 32.2 per cent.

A full report and the results will be presented to the January Council meeting.

## Railway crossing

*Agenda item W280(2)*

Council will consider including a pedestrian rail crossing at the Tumbly Bay Road intersection in its next budget following a local resident voicing concerns over the current intersection.

Council noted that the installation of a new pedestrian rail crossing would be dependant on permission from Genesee & Wyoming.

## Nature Play

*Agenda item W280(3)*

Council has approved the location of the new Nature Playground at the Railway Triangle. The Cummins Nature Playground Committee proposed the installation of a Nature Play Area along the Mickle Street fence line, which Council had no objections to.

## Change of road name

*Agenda item C844*

Council is planning on changing Low Lane to be named Kernilla Lane, following a Motion with Notice from Mayor Low at the December meeting.

Mayor Low's motion acknowledged submissions from local land owners.

## Tod Reservoir masterplan

*Agenda item C856 (1)*

Council has appointed Manager Development & Environmental Services, Leith Blacker as its representative on a committee to look at creating a masterplan for the Tod Reservoir.

Eyre Futures has been successful in obtaining grant funding for the project, with Council's involvement dependant on confirmation that SA Water supports the project.

**2018 AUSTRALIA DAY  
BREAKFAST &  
AWARDS CEREMONIES**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 - FROM 8am**

**Cummins Hall &  
Coffin Bay foreshore\***

\*Community-run

**FREE EVENT**

**TESTIMONIAL**

Over the years our school has hosted dozens of guest speakers, all whom are invited with the hopes of motivating our community toward leadership and good character. Without doubt, Chris Koch is the most extraordinary person I have ever met. His message captivated our entire community ranging from Kindergartners to our Seniors, to our faculty and staff as well as our parent community. Everyone here was simply blown away by a message of perseverance and grit determination. Chris's message is not so much in his words, but in the man he is and how he lives his life. He is quite simply awe-inspiring.

-Dan Horn, President-Principal

**CHRIS KOCH**

**IF I CAN**

**OPEN TO ALL**

**WHERE** CUMMINS HALL  
46 RAILWAY TERRACE

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