

Item No: 19.3

Date: 17 May 2021

Attachment: A, B, C

Meeting:	Council
Title:	2021 Volunteer Awards and Mayor's Choice Award
Responsible Manager:	Manager Community Development & Engagement, Fiona Deckert
Author:	Manager Community Development & Engagement, Fiona Deckert
Key Pillar:	Strategic Framework – Key Pillar 7 – Leadership – A responsible and influential local government organisation
Key Focus Area:	Living Walkerville - Wellbeing for every age and stage
Type of Report:	Decision Required

Pursuant to Section 83(5) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Chief Executive Officer indicates that the matter contained in this report may, if the Council so determines, be considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* on the basis that the information contained in the attached report is information of the nature specified in subsections 90(3)(a) of the Act being:

information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)

Recommendation (Public)

Pursuant to s90(3)(a)

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that all members of the public, except Chief Executive Officer Kiki Cristol, Group Manager Corporate Services Monique Palmer, Group Manager Planning, Environment & Regulatory Services Andreea Caddy, Group Manager Customer Experience Danielle Garvey, Manager Community Development & Engagement Fiona Deckert, Manager Property, Contracts & Strategic Projects Scott Reardon, Communications & Marketing Manager Sarah Spencer and Acting Council Secretariat Rae Pluck be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 2021 Volunteer Awards and Mayor's Choice Award.

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to section 90(3)(a) of the Act, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this Agenda Item is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead), being because it provides personal information of members of the community.

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the information relates to the personal affairs of members of the community.

Recommendation (Confidential)

That Council having considered the nominations received for the 2021 Awards, selects the following recipients:

- a. *Volunteer of the year Award: Patricia Stewart*
- b. *Young Volunteer of the Year: Amber Trappel*
- c. *Community event of the year: Walkerville Rotary Art Show*
- d. *Mayor's Choice: Deb Duckmanton*

Recommendation (Public)

Pursuant to s.91(7)

That having considered Agenda Item 2021 Volunteer Awards and Mayor's Choice Award in confidence under section 90(2) and (3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council, pursuant to section 91(7) of that Act orders that the attachments and minutes relevant to this Item be retained in confidence until the recipients have been notified and / or received their Awards and that pursuant to Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the review and power to revoke this Order

and

That Council resolves to end its confidential deliberations pursuant to Section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* Council and re-admit the public.

Summary

To inform the Elected members of the nominations received for the 2021 Volunteer Awards in the following categories:

- *2021 Volunteer of the Year*
- *2021 Young Volunteer of the Year*
- *2021 Community event of the Year*

To also inform the Elected Members of the recommendations made by the Mayor regarding the recipient of this year's *Mayor's choice award*.

Background

Volunteer Awards are held every year and following Council's recommendations are announced by the Mayor of Walkerville at a special volunteer's event to be held in the Walkerville Town Hall on Tuesday 25 May 2021.

Discussion/Issues for Consideration

Nominations are accepted from everyone in the community. In addition to communicating directly with local schools and community groups, the Awards are promoted via Council's website, social media, weekly round-up and in the last issue of *About Town*. Nominations are assessed against the following criteria:

Volunteer of the year:

Criteria:

For exceptional voluntary service by an individual who has benefited the Town of Walkerville. This award is only for people aged over 35 years. This award can recognise a volunteer who has worked in the community for a long-period of time, as well as someone who is new to volunteering, but who has

made an outstanding contribution to the Township. The nominee does not need to live in the Township, but must demonstrate a connection to it, through their volunteering activities. Nominations for individuals who live in the Township but who volunteer outside the Council area will be considered.

Category 2: Young volunteer of the Year:

Criteria:

For exceptional voluntary service by an individual who has benefited the Town of Walkerville. This award is only for people aged 35 years or under. The nominee does not need to live in the Township, but must demonstrate a connection to it, through their volunteering. This award is also open to students from the Town of Walkerville, who have taken part in volunteering, either in their local school, community, or through other volunteering programs.

Category 3: Community event of the year:

Criteria:

For a local event held between February 2020 and February 2021, that demonstrated a strong local community focus and volunteering element.

Options for Consideration

The following nominations have been received and the complete nomination forms are enclosed as Attachment A, B & C:

Category: Volunteer of the year (Attachment A)

Name	Nominated by:
Patricia Stewart	Lisa Hedges
Deb Duckmanton	Paula Butterworth, Sue Jarvis, Kim Draper & Maeve Archibald

Category: Young Volunteer of the Year (Attachment B)

Name	Nominated by:
Amber Trappel	Sharon Trappel

Category: Community event of the year (Attachment C)

Walkerville Rotary Art Show	Peter Chapman & Christopher Richer
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Mayor's Choice Award

The Mayor has put forth Deb Duckmanton, Walk Organiser for the Walkerville Walkers to receive this award.

Elected Member's may choose to support the Mayors suggestion, elect someone from the nominations received or elect to choose another member(s) of the community they feel has made a significant contribution to the community.

Analysis of Options

Category: Volunteer of the Year

Attachment A	Nomination summary
Patricia Stewart	Patricia has volunteered at Vale Park Primary School for many years, particularly since the commencement of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

	<p>program in 2014. She volunteers her time during kitchen lessons at the school with set up and pack down and explaining cooking skills to the students.</p> <p>Patricia has also volunteered her time in 2019 and 2021 at our Nourishing Table events here in the Walkerville Town Hall.</p> <p>Patricia is a past recipient of the Vale Park Primary School Volunteer of the Year in 2018.</p>
Attachment A	Nomination summary
Deb Duckmanton	<p>Deb Duckmanton has been part of the Walkerville Walkers group since its foundation and has also been the Walk Organiser for the group. She was instrumental in planning the four different walking routes that the group take in rotation on a Monday morning. Deb also records those attending each walk and forwards the information onto the Heart Foundation.</p> <p>Deb has created a welcoming environment for all members and has also developed other social activities that the group enjoy including being part of a book club, dinners and a Bowls Team.</p>

Category: Young Volunteer of the Year

Attachment B	Nomination summary
Amber Trappel	<p>Amber Trappel attends Walkerville Primary School. Amber along with her sister participated in Council's Send a Smile project and wrote letters and created artwork to send to our elderly residents during the pandemic. From this project Amber and her sister Penny's artwork was selected to be in the 2021 James Bennett Calendar. Amber is also active in environmental awareness programs within her council and has been recognised by Port Adelaide Council with an Australia Day Award.</p>

Category: Community Event of the Year

Attachment C	Nomination summary
Walkerville Rotary Art Show	<p>The Walkerville Rotary Club ran their Art Show in 2020 with COVID restrictions in place to help support the many artists who were struggling during the pandemic. The Art Show raised \$30,000 which contributes to the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Flinders – outback adventure for young people at risk • Literacy and numeracy awards at local schools • Indigenous scholarship for health studies • International Polio Plus scheme to eradicate polio • Birthing kits for women in under-developed countries

Financial Implications

All expenses related to the awards (including promotion) are held within the allocated budget of the 2020/21 Volunteer awards.

Community Implications

The Awards are in keeping with Council's strategic goals and objectives.

Governance Implications

The nomination process meets the confidentiality requirements pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local

Government Act 1999.

Preferred Option & Reasoning

Recipients are selected by the Elected Members, however Administration has put forward preferred recipients in the confidential recommendation.

Attachments

Attachment A	Volunteer of the Year Nominations
Attachment B	Young Volunteer of the Year Nominations
Attachment C	Community Event of the Year Nominations

Fiona Deckert

From: Hedges, Lisa [mailto:Lisa.Hedges@walkerville.nsw.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 22 April 2021 10:14 AM
To: Fiona Deckert; Walkerville at Walkerville Council
Cc: Fione Love
Subject: EM202174118 - 40.91.2.1 - Volunteer Awards Nomination

SynergySoft: EM202174118 - 40.91.2.1

Dear Fiona and selection panel members,

Please find attached a nomination for Category 1: Volunteer of the Year.

I have a number of wonderful volunteers who support the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program at Vale Park Primary School. I have nominated Patricia Stewart due to her long running and outstanding contribution to Vale Park Primary School.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,
Lisa Hedges
Kitchen Specialist

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nomination form



Select a category:

1. Volunteer of the Year 2. Young Volunteer of the Year 3. Community Event of the Year

Nominee information:

Name: Patricia Stewart

Organisation/group, or category if

Event:

Address:

Telephone:

Date of birth:

Tell us why you have nominated this person or community event. Maximum 500 words

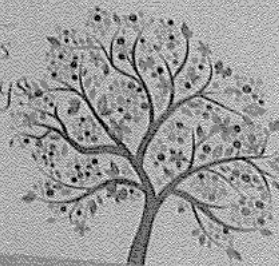
I have nominated Patricia Stewart for her long involvement in volunteering at Vale Park Primary School. She has been an outstanding supporter of the school for a number of years. Since our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program commenced at VPPS in 2014 Patricia has given her time enthusiastically to help in kitchen sessions (usually every week). During my five years working at the Kitchen Specialist, Patricia has proven to be an extremely reliable and highly competent volunteer. She always goes above and beyond in her contributions to the VPPS community. She is admired by all staff and students at VPPS.

What are the key achievements of the person or event you are nominating? Maximum 100 words

If you are nominating an event, describe the impact this event has had on the local community.

Key achievements for Patricia:

- Works extremely well with the students in kitchen lessons - she is very patient and explains things very well to the students.
- Highly effective contributor to the set up, delivery and cleaning up involved in kitchen sessions.
- Valued volunteer at the Nourishing Table Program (2019 x 2021)
- Volunteers for extra tasks - feeding chickens & watering on weekends and during holidays. Husband helps with gardening.
- Helps me with kitchen cleaning at end of term.
- Supportive mentor to new volunteers.



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Other significant contributions and achievements of the nominated person or event. Maximum 400 words
ie. other awards, recognition or media coverage they have received.

Patricia has previously won a "Volunteer of the Year" award from Vale Park Primary School (a few years ago)

Given Patricia's long standing and high level of contribution to Vale Park Primary School, and in turn the Walkerville community, I believe that she would be a ^{very} deserving recipient of this award.

To be completed by the person making the nomination:

Name: Lisa Hedges
Address: [Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]
Organisation: [Redacted]
Telephone: [Redacted]

I, the undersigned, confirm that I have read and understand the guidelines for these awards.

Yes No

I confirm that the individual I have nominated is aware that I am submitting a nomination on their behalf.

Yes No

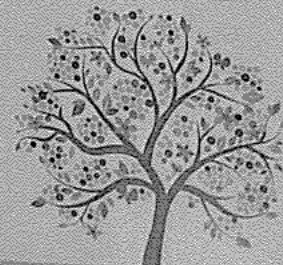
If I am nominating a community event, I confirm that I have contacted the head of the organisation and advised them in writing that I am submitting this nomination.

Yes No

Signature: Lisa Hedges

Date: 22/04/2021

You are welcome to attach any further supporting documentation.
If submitting a printed nomination please ensure that these attached documents are copies as they will not be returned.



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Select a category:

1. Volunteer of the Year 2. Young Volunteer of the Year 3. Community Event of the Year

Nominee information:

Name: Deb Duckmanton

Organisation/group: (for category 3) Walkerville Walkers

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Tell us why you have nominated this person or community event. Maximum 400 words

Deb Duckmanton has been the volunteer co-ordinator of a Heart Foundation walking group known as the Walkerville Walkers, which meets each Monday morning to walk for about 5Kms. She was instrumental in planning the 4 different walks which are done in rotation, she records the names of attendees which are forwarded to the Heart Foundation. She has assisted with planning the breakfasts with health related speakers. She is welcoming to all participants.

What are the key achievements of the person or event you are nominating? Maximum 400 words

If you are nominating an event, describe the impact this event has had on the local community.

People from this group have branched out to do other social activities. These activities include a book club, several bowls teams, at two different bowling clubs, participation in Parkrun, dinners in restaurants (especially to celebrate Christmas) several times a year.





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Select a category:

1. Volunteer of the Year 2. Young Volunteer of the Year 3. Community Event of the Year

Nominee information:

Name: Miss Amber Trappel

Organisation/group: (for category 3) N/A

Email: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted]

Date of birth: (If nominating for Category 1 and 2) 1/11/10

Tell us why you have nominated this person or community event. Maximum 400 words

* Please see attached printed nomination

What are the key achievements of the person or event you are nominating? Maximum 400 words

If you are nominating an event, describe the impact this event has had on the local community.

[Empty lined area for key achievements]



Tell us why you have nominated this person or community event.

Amber Trappel is a Year 5 student at Walkerville Primary School. She is a passionate and determined young student, and continues to amaze us with her motivation and her numerous achievements, both community and academic. Amber has given her time to help the Walkerville community, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and she has also made significant contributions in her local community close to home.

What are the key achievements of the person or event you are nominating?

Amber helped the local elderly and vulnerable residents of Walkerville during the darkness of the COVID-19 pandemic, through the Send A Smile Project. Through this project, which was an initiative of the Walkerville Library, Amber created some bright and colourful artwork and wrote encouraging letters for the local senior residents, which helped to make them smile and reduce loneliness. A pen pal relationship was formed, which really touched the hearts of some senior residents.

Amber, (and her younger sister, Penny) also took part in creating a lovely image for Walkerville Library's Send A Smile Project, which was featured in the 2021 James Bennett Calendar, titled "Thriving In Lockdown, Engaging With Your Community", which was distributed Australia-wide, and chosen as the overall winner.

Amber has also been making a difference in her local community where she resides in The City Of Port Adelaide Enfield.

Amber wrote a letter to her local Councillor, expressing her views on

cigarette smoking and the environment, for the health of her sister, who has asthma, and for the entire community.

She actively presented and read her letter at a meeting in the Council Chambers.

She has been successful in banning cigarette smoking within 10 metres of play spaces used by children, and new signage will be installed at over 120 sites in this Council area.

Amber's success was reported in National Geographic Kids Magazine, with the intention to inspire other children everywhere to speak up and let their voice be heard. It was also reported in the Walkerville Primary School Newsletter to inspire other Walkerville students and families.

Motivated by such a positive experience, and wanting to help further, Amber, along with her sister, Penny, decided to submit a project under the City Of Burnside's Your Neighbourhood Budget, to place "No Smoking" signs around the very popular Tusmore Park. It was voted on successfully by the Burnside community, and these signs have now been installed.

Other significant contributions or achievements of the nominated person or event.

Amber is emerging as a leader amongst her peers, and was voted in to service her school as a Student Representative Council Member (SRC), to which her fellow classmates supported her wholeheartedly.

Also within her school, Amber, together with a small group of her school friends, petitioned their School Principal to allow them to ring the old school bell. Amber and her friends manage a roster for ringing the bell at

the correct times each day.

Amber was also featured The City Of Port Adelaide Council's video, "It's Port Adelaide, It's Amber", and she was recognised for her Council contributions with a City Of Port Adelaide Enfield Australia Day Award.

Since then, Amber has formed relationships with several charities to support her community work.

Teaming up with Asthma Australia, she has become an "Asthma Champion" to help promote asthma awareness and the issues with cigarette smoke.

Amber is also passionate about rainforests and saving all wildlife, particularly the endangered Southern Cassowary. She has engaged Rainforest Rescue, based in Queensland, to help raise funds to help them with their work.

Amber has also been inspired by The Town Of Walkerville's Little Street Libraries, that she sees on her way to school. She had the idea to install a Little Street Library at the playground near her own home, in The City Of Port Adelaide Enfield. This has also been successful, and Amber will be helping to host an event to celebrate the launch of this Little Library, and to raise funds for her above chosen charities, in due course.

Thank you.



2021 Volunteer Awards

guidelines and categories

Through its Volunteer Awards, the Town of Walkerville acknowledges the commitment and contribution of local volunteers and community events. By nominating an individual, or an event, you give recognition to the often unsung heroes in our Township.

As part of the volunteer awards there is also a Mayor's Choice Award. The Mayor's Choice Award is not open for nomination but the recipient is selected by the Elected Members.

Awards are offered in three categories:

Category 1: Volunteer of the Year

For exceptional voluntary service by an individual who has benefited the Town of Walkerville. This award is only for people aged over 35 years. This award can recognise a volunteer who has worked in the community for a long-period of time, as well as someone who is new to volunteering, but who has made an outstanding contribution to the Township. The nominee does not need to live in the Township, but must demonstrate a connection to it, through their volunteering activities. Nominations for individuals who live in the Township but who volunteer outside the Council area will be considered.

Individuals can self-nominate for the Volunteer of the Year award.

Category 2: Young Volunteer of the Year

For exceptional voluntary service by an individual who has benefited the Town of Walkerville. This award is only for people aged 35 years or under. The nominee does not need to live in the Township, but must demonstrate a connection to it, through their volunteering. This award is also open to students from the Town of Walkerville, who have taken part in volunteering, either in their local school, community, or through other volunteering programs.

Individuals can self-nominate for the Young Volunteer of the Year award.

Category 3: Community Event of the Year

For a local event held between February 2020 and February 2021, that demonstrated a strong local community focus and volunteering element.

Organisations can nominate their own events for the Community Event of the Year award.

Definition of volunteering:

Volunteering Australia defines volunteering as an activity where individuals choose willingly to work without an expectation of remuneration to provide a service with a community focus.

How Council decides?

Nominations (including the Mayor's Choice Award) are determined by the Elected Members of the Town of Walkerville. Their decision is final and no feedback is provided.

Recipients will be announced by the Mayor of Walkerville at a volunteer's event on 25 May 2021.

How to nominate?

Fill out this nomination form and return to:

email: walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au

subject line: 'Volunteer Awards Nomination'

post: 2021 Volunteer Awards, Town of Walkerville, PO Box 55, Walkerville SA 5081

Enquiries to: Fiona Deckert, Manager, Community Development & Engagement on 8342 7109 or fdeckert@walkerville.sa.gov.au

Closing date: 5pm Friday 23 April 2020





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nomination form

Select a category:

1. Volunteer of the Year
 2. Young Volunteer of the Year
 3. Community Event of the Year

Nominee information:

Name: Walkerville Art Show

Organisation/group: (for category 3) Rotary Club of Walkerville

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: (If nominating for Category 1 and 2)

Tell us why you have nominated this person or community event. Maximum 400 words

During 2020 only one other suburban Art Show was held due to the problems with undertaking events when the severe Covid-19 restrictions were in place. Walkerville Rotary took on the challenge for two main reasons, the first being that the Art Show is a significant event on the Walkerville calendar.

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What are the key achievements of the person or event you are nominating? Maximum 400 words

If you are nominating an event, describe the impact this event has had on the local community.

The key achievements of the 2020 Walkerville Art show were:

1. Safely providing an important Walkerville social event during Covid-19 restrictions when they were in short supply, involving local volunteers and businesses.
2. Meeting the needs of local artists for a market-place at a time when they had considerable difficulty finding an outlet for their work.
3. Raising substantial sums which are being used to fund local, national and international community projects giving an impact to the show well beyond the bounds of our local community and indeed our country.





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Other significant contributions and achievements of the nominated person or event: Maximum 400 words
i.e. other awards, recognition or media coverage they have received.

Money raised from the Art Show has contributed to the following wide range of projects through the Rotary Club of Walkerville.

- Operation Flinders – Outback Adventure for young people at risk
- Literacy and Numeracy awards at local schools
- Indigenous scholarship for health studies
- The international Polio Plus scheme to eradicate polio.
- Birthing kits for women in under-developed countries.

To be completed by the person making the nomination:

Name: Christopher D Richer

Address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Organisa [REDACTED]

Telephon [REDACTED]

I, the undersigned, confirm that I have read and understand the guidelines for these awards.

Yes No

I confirm that the individual I have nominated is aware that I am submitting a nomination on their behalf.

Yes No

If I am nominating a community event, I confirm that I have contacted the head of the organisation and advised them in writing that I am submitting this nomination.

Yes No

Signature: Peter Chapman Digitally signed by Peter Chapman
Date: 2021.04.22 19:55:15 +09'30'

Date: 21/4/2021

*You are welcome to attach any further supporting documentation.
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Tell us why you have nominated this person or community event.

During 2020 only one other suburban Art Show was held due to the problems with undertaking events when the severe Covid-19 restrictions were in place. Walkerville Rotary took on the challenge for two main reasons, the first being that the Art Show is a significant event on the Walkerville social calendar and in 2020 we were starved of events. The second was to support the artists who were really 'doing it tough' during Covid and provide them with the showcase and market for their art. 146 of them submitted 460 works for judging and sale. The Walkerville community showed their appreciation by turning up on the opening night and throughout the exhibition week spending time admiring the high standard works on display. They also generously opened their wallets to the tune of over \$30,000 which gladdened the hearts of the successful artists.

The event gave the opportunity to a number of volunteers to assist the Walkerville Rotary team in running an event which provided a great deal of satisfaction and enjoyment to all involved. Several local businesses were also involved in sponsoring financially or in kind contributing significantly to the overall success.

What are the key achievements of the person or event you are nominating?

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Other significant contributions and achievements of the nominated person or event:

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