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Meeting:	Council
Title:	Walkerville Citizen of the Year Awards
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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) as it relates to nominations received for the Walkerville Citizen of the Year Awards.

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 Council's Chief Executive Officer Kiki Cristol, Manager Community Development & Engagement Fiona Deckert & Council Secretariat Vanessa Davidson be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 19.2 titled 'Walkerville Citizen of the Year Awards'.

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 as it relates to nominations received for the Walkerville Citizen of the Year Awards.

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 disclosure of details may prematurely be disclosed before the details have been discussed with the Award recipients.

Recommendation (Confidential)

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council having considered the one (1) verbal nomination received from Mayor Elizabeth Fricker, award the Walkerville Citizen of the Year to Mr Peter Golding.
3. That Council further requests that Administration forward the name of the successful candidate in the Citizen of the Year category to the Australia Day Council for consideration to the State Awards.

Recommendation (Confidential)Pursuant to s.91(7)

That having considered Agenda Item 19.2 titled 'Walkerville Citizen of the Year Awards' 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 report, attachment and minutes relevant to this Agenda Item be retained in confidence until a public announcement has been made, excepting that Council authorises the release of the minutes to substantive parties to enable enactment of the resolution 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

Administration has received one (1) verbal nomination from Mayor Elizabeth Fricker for the Walkerville Citizen of the Year Awards.

Background

As part of Council's Citizenship Ceremony held on Australia Day, Council takes the opportunity to recognise a member(s) of our Community who have made an outstanding contribution by presenting them with Walkerville Citizen of the Year Award. Nominations were open in the following categories:

Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen.

Young Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be at least 16 years of age, but under 30, on 26 January of the Awards year.

Community Event of the Year

This is presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year.

Award for Active Citizenship

This Award would be for a person or group delivering outstanding work for an event or cause staged in the community during the past year.

Applications for the Walkerville Citizen of the Year Awards opened on 28 September 2020 and closed on 30 October 2020. Letters and application forms were sent to all local community groups, sporting clubs, churches and schools advising that nominations were open. Application forms were also available from the Council Office and Councils website.

The criteria for the Awards, requires that the person(s) needs to have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and / or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years and been an inspirational role model for the Australian community. Nominees must be 16 years or older and be an Australian Citizen.

There were no formal nominations received in any of the categories. However Mayor Elizabeth Fricker put forward, by way of verbal nomination, Mr Peter Golding for the Citizen of the Year category.

Discussion/Issues for Consideration

The table below summarises the contributions made by the nominee in the category of Walkerville Citizen of the Year.

Peter Golding	Peter Golding presents one of the most popular free Christmas events in the Town of Walkerville – the Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant. For 18 years, Peter Golding and his volunteers have presented this incredible display of miniature Christmas floats; the event brings 1000s of people of all ages into the Township; attracts local media coverage and raises money for Telethon. Peter Golding is a past recipient of both the Volunteer of the Year and the Community Event of the year (2018) This event is sponsored by Walkerville Council through a MOU.
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Options for Consideration

Option 1

1. That Council receive and note the report.
2. That Council having considered the one (1) nomination received, award the Walkerville Citizen of the Year to Mr Peter Golding.
3. That Council further requests that Administration forward the name of the successful candidate in the Citizen of the Year category to the Australia Day Council for consideration to the State Awards.

Option 2

That Council chooses not to give a Citizen of the Year Award.

Analysis of Options

Option 1

Option 1 allows Council to recognise one of its citizens for the Walkerville Citizen of the Year Awards.

Option 2

Option 2 may be viewed as not supporting the Australia Day guidelines for the Citizen of the Year Awards and our local community nominees. It remains a concern of Administration that we are unable to attract applications for these important Awards.

Financial Implications

All costs associated with the presentation of this Award are minimal and are covered in the 2020/21 budget.

Community Implications

There is a community expectation that the Walkerville Citizen of the Year Awards are presented.

Governance Implications

Council has fulfilled its requirements in advertising and calling for nominations for the Citizen of the Year Awards.

Preferred Option & Reasoning

Administration will be guided by Council.