



Meeting: Council

Title: 2018 Volunteer Awards

Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer, Kiki Magro

Author: Manager Community Development & Engagement, Fiona Deckert

Key Focus Area 4: Healthy, connected and inspired community

Type of Report: **Decision Required**

Item No:16.1

File No: 2.38.4.5

Date: 16 April 2018

Attachment: A, B, C

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 Magro, Manager Community Development & Engagement, Fiona Deckert and Acting Council Secretariat, Jo Biskup be excluded from attendance at the meeting for 2018 Volunteer Awards report.

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), 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 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award, selects the following recipients:

1. Volunteer of the Year Awards -
2. Young Volunteer Award -
3. Community Event of the Year Award -
4. Mayor's Choice Award -

Recommendation (Public)

Pursuant to s.91(7)

That having considered the 2018 Volunteer 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, attachments and minutes relevant to this Item be retained in confidence until the recipients have been notified and / or received their awards.

and

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

Summary

To inform the Elected members of the nominations received for the 2018 Volunteer awards and for the Elected Members to elect recipients in the following categories:

- 2018 Volunteer of the Year (three nominations received – two for the same person)
- 2018 Young volunteer of the year (one nomination received)
- 2018 Community event of the year (two nominations received)
- Mayors Choice Award

Background

Volunteer awards are held every year and will be publicly announced on the 22 May 2018 by the Mayor of Walkerville at a special volunteer's event being held in the Walkerville Town Hall.

Discussion/Issues for Consideration

The awards are offered in three categories and nominations have been received in all three categories:

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.

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.

Category 3: Community event of the year:

For a local event held between February 2017 and February 2018, that demonstrated a strong local community focus and volunteering element.

Options for Consideration

The following nominations have been received:

Category: Volunteer of the year

Name	Nominated by:
Lyn O'Grady	Jenny Hills
Peter Golding	Helen Penna
Peter Golding	Telethon

Category: Young Volunteer of the Year

Marwa Abou Zeid	Liz Pudney
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Category: Community event of the year

Miniature Christmas Pageant	Peter Golding
Walkerville Art Show	Rotary Club of Walkerville

Mayor's Choice Award

The Mayor has advised that this award could be provided to the former Wesleyan Cemetery Committee, which ceased as a Committee as at 26 March 2018, by way of Council resolution.

The Elected Member body 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

Below is analysis of the nominations, based on the nomination forms and additional comments/analysis from Administration.

The original nomination forms are enclosed as Attachments A, B & C.

Category: Volunteer of the Year (Attachment A)

Lyn O'Grady	Ly O'Grady has worked tirelessly for the Walkerville Historical Society for many years and has recently announced that she is retiring as President. Lyn also volunteers in the Library on Monday evenings to answer any questions residents have on local history of the area. <i>Last nominated in 2010.</i>
Peter J Golding	Peter J Golding presents one of the most popular Christmas events in the Town of Walkerville. For 15 years, Peter 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 has been nominated twice this year. <i>Has been nominated a number of times as well as recipient of both the Volunteer of the Year and Community event of the year. Last nominated in 2016.</i>

Category: Young Volunteer for the year (Attachment B)

Marwa Abou Zeid	Marwa volunteers at her children's school and in the Walkerville Library. Marwa attending the first Ukulele showcase run by Council and borrowed a ukulele through the library and began lessons at the Civic Centre. Marwa was a quick learner and now volunteers weekly at Baby Bounce, playing the ukulele and singing nursery rhymes. <i>First time nominee</i>
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Category: Community event of the year (Attachment C)

Miniature Christmas Pageant	This is one of the most popular Christmas events in the Town of Walkerville. The event is the brainchild of Peter Golding who works throughout the year trying to make it improved each year. For 15 years, Peter and his volunteers have presented this incredible display of miniature Christmas floats. The event brings thousands of people into the Township and raises money for Telethon. The event is supported by the Town of Walkerville. <i>Peter is a previous Volunteer of the Year recipient and the pageant won Community Event of the Year in 2013.</i>
Walkerville Art Show	The Walkerville Art Show is a significant event on the Walkerville Community calendar. The 2017 Art Show saw 150 artists display 450 works of art. Funds raised from the Art Show contribute to the following projects: - mental health research in Australia, PSA concerts for the elderly, installation of solar powered lights in the Philippines to assist in the education of children, caring for impoverished children at Thomas House in Cambodia, propagation of trees for post bushfire disaster at Pinery and sending equipment from the old RAH to a hospital in Kenya <i>Last nominated and won in 2014</i>

Financial Implications

All expenses related to the awards (including promotion) are held within the allocated budget of the 2018 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

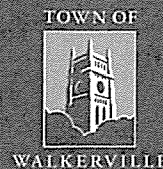
Recipients are selected by the Elected Members and therefore Administration does not have preferred options regarding the selection.

Attachment/s

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

2018 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.

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Awards are offered in three categories:

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

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Category 2: Young volunteer of the year

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Individuals can self-nominate for the Young volunteer of the award.

Category 3: Community event of the year

For a local event held between February 2017 and February 2018, 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 22 May 2018.

How to nominate?

Fill out this nomination form and return to:

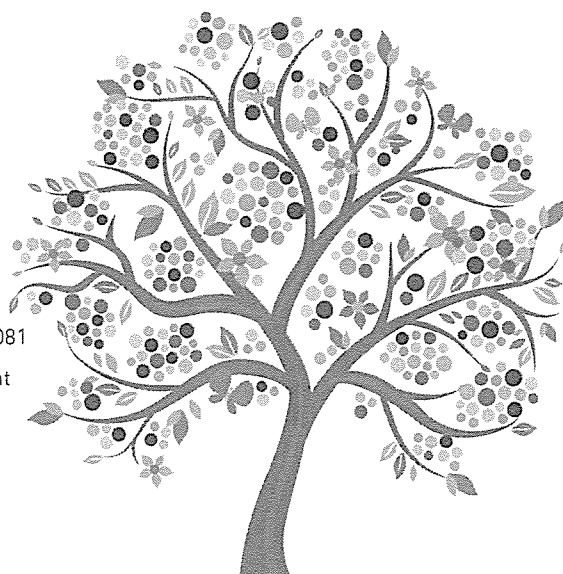
email: walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au

subject line: 'Volunteer awards nomination'

post: 2018 Volunteer awards, Town of Walkerville, PO Box 55, Walkerville SA 5081

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

Closing date: 5pm, Friday 30 March 2018



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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: ~~JENNIFER~~ LYN O'GRADY
Organisation/group: (for category 3) _____
Email: jenn@b
Address: 5 EXMOUTH STREET WALKERVILLE
Telephone: (B) _____ (H) 82698982
Date of birth: (If nominating for Category 1 and 2) 2/12/1951

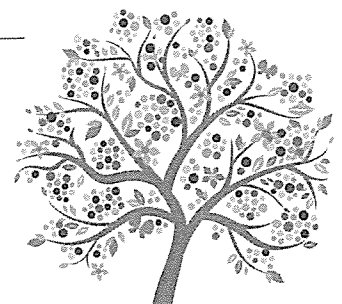
Tell us why you have nominated this person or community event. Maximum 400 words

LYN HAS WORKED Tirelessly for many, many years
for the 'WALKERVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY' also
cares and promotes history in the LOCAL area.
VOLUNTEERS weekly in the Library

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.

LYN has brought awareness of our local history
to people in the area and beyond
I feel strongly that she deserves this award

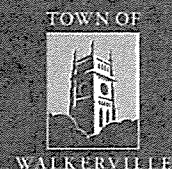


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Nominee information:

Name: Peter Golding

Organisation/group: (for category 3) Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant

Email: robyn.nash@telethon.com.au

Address: 26 Gilbert Street, Gilberton SA 5081

Telephone: (B) 8344 3144 (H) 8344 3144

Date of birth: (If nominating for Category 1 and 2) 2 April 1957

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

TelethonSA nominates Peter Golding for his tireless efforts in the annual creation, design and managing of the Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant. His passion and creativity for this annual event brings joy to not only the residents of the Walkerville Council but communities far and wide who visit. In our busy lives it is wonderful to take some time out to be a child again and relive the magic of Christmas and childhood through these amazing works of art.

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

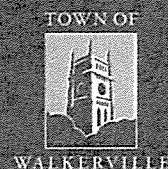
If you are nominating an event, describe the impact this event has had on the local community.

Peter Golding has developed long standing relationships with local residents and businesses that sponsor individual floats and the event. Many local schools use this event as an annual excursion for their children. All floats are designed, built and funded directly by Peter along with some assistance by a small team of helpers.



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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.

TelethonSA has been the official Charity of the annual Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant since the event was launched in 2008. In that time the event has raised a total of \$19,743 - including \$2,063 in 2017.

Peter Golding is also a valued team member of the annual Credit Union Christmas Pageant.

To be completed by the person making the nomination:

Name: Robyn Nash

Address: PO Box 3009, Rundle Mall SA 5000

Email: robyn.nash@telethon.com.au

Organisation represented (if applicable): TelethonSA

Telephone: 08) 7231 1699

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

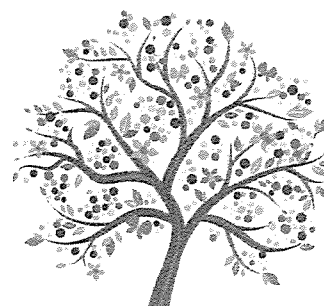
If I am nominating a community event, I confirm that I have contacted the head of the organisation and advised them in writing that I am submitting this nomination.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Robyn Nash

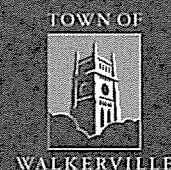
Date: 28/3/2018

*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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Nominee information:

Name: Marwa Abouzeid

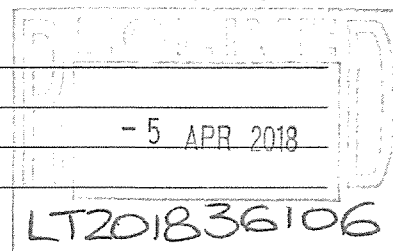
Organisation/group: (for category 3) _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (B) _____ (H) _____

Date of birth: (If nominating for Category 1 and 2) 1/10/82



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

Marwa is a big part of the Walkerville community. She volunteers in the library and supports the baby bounce program.

She brings so much energy to our baby bounce program and has helped to increase numbers.

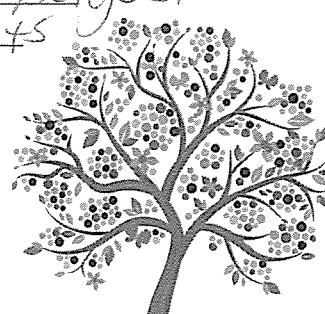
What are the key achievements of the person or event you are nominating? Maximum 400 words

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

Marwa joined the councils like classes and suggested she play the like in our Baby Bounce classes. We've seen growth of attendees from a variety of backgrounds.

She supports the library social media pages, attends all our community events and is now the star of the like classes.

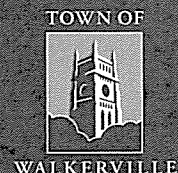
We are so lucky to have found Marwa.



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Nominee information:

Name: Walkerville Art Show

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

Email: peter@chappos.com

Address: _____

Telephone: (B) _____ (H) _____

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

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

The Walkerville Art Show is a significant event on the Walkerville Community calendar. The 2017 Show (in October) brought together over 150 artists to display over 450 works of art - the largest number of entries ever. Participants ranged from people displaying art for the first time to amateur masters with over 70 years experience. The Art Show brought together and enriched the Walkerville Community in a number of different ways. First, it provided an opportunity for local artists to show their works to a statewide audience (and national via the website). Second, local Walkerville community art lovers had the opportunity to admire and purchase some truly wonderful and creative artworks - which they did with relish. Third, the Show provided an opportunity for local people to volunteer and be involved. Almost 40 people were involved in running the Show in 2017. While the nucleus of the organising team is provided by a Walkerville Rotary Club other community members contributed their time and resources to ensure this was a successful event. Fourth, local businesses (and the Walkerville Council) contribute sponsorship of many kinds but also are able to advertise to the local community. Twenty five local businesses were part of our success in 2017.

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.

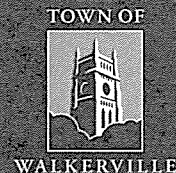
As described above the Walkerville Art Show brings together members of the Walkerville Community in a number of different ways - as artists, art lovers, volunteers and sponsors. 2018 will be the 10th annual show. Each year the show has had steady incremental growth in terms of the number and quality of the art works and sales. Each year the organisers have sought to improve the Show, expand the range of artworks, make it more sustainable and improve the experience for artists and purchasers. One of the largest changes was moving the Show online in 2016 which has given the Show a national profile not just a local one - resulting in a number of quality interstate artists participating in 2016 and 2017.

However the Show is not just run for the artworks. All profits go to helping local, national and international community projects (some of which are listed below). So the impact of the show is felt well beyond our community and our shores.



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Other significant contributions and achievements of the nominated person or event: Maximum 400 words
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Funds raised from running the Art Show has contributed to the following projects in the last couple of years alone

- * Contributing to mental health research in Australia.
- * Concerts for the Elderly at the Walkerville Town Hall.
- * Installing Solar Powered Lights to assist the education of children in highland area's of the Philippines.
- * Caring for impoverished injured children at Thomas House in Cambodia
- * Propagation of trees for post bushfire disaster areas at Pinery
- * Sending equipment from the Old RAH to a hospital in Kenya

The Walkerville Art Show was last nominated and won the Walkerville Community Event in 2014.

To be completed by the person making the nomination:

Name: Peter Chapman

Address: 6 Willoughby St., Klemzig, SA 5087

Email: peter@chappos.com

Organisation represented (if applicable): _____

Telephone: 0416029477

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

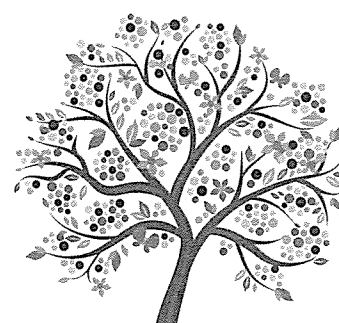
If I am nominating a community event, I confirm that I have contacted the head of the organisation and advised them in writing that I am submitting this nomination.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: _____

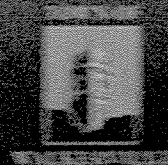
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Nominee information:

Name: PETER J GOLDING
Organisation/group: (for category 3) WALKERVILLE MINIATURE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Email: pgolding@adam.com.au
Address: 26 GILBERT ST, GILBERTON
Telephone: (B) _____ (H) 8344 3144
Date of birth: (If nominating for Category 1 and 2) 2-4-57 (YEAR MAY BE A LITTLE OUT)

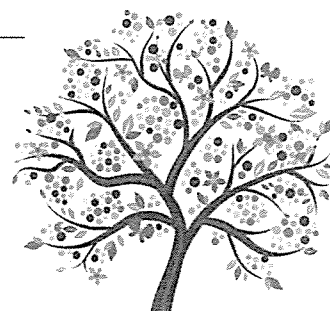
Tell us why you have nominated this person or community event. Maximum 400 words

PETER STARTED THIS EVENT FROM SCRATCH APPROX. 16 YRS AGO.
HE HAS MADE ALL THE FLOATS AND STILL ADDS NEW ONES.
THE PAGEANT RUNS FOR 5 DAYS, WITH PETER ON HAND
EVERY DAY. HOWEVER, IT IS THE MANY HOURS PETER
DEVOTES DURING THE YEAR, MAKING NEW FLOATS AND
ORGANISING THE NEXT PAGEANT, THAT MAKE IT A
SUCCESS. WITH ALL MONEY RAISED BY GOLD COIN
DONATION GOING TO TELETHON.

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.

PETER ORGANISES AND RUNS AN EVENT WHICH
BRINGS SMILES TO THE FACES OF YOUNG AND
OLD ALIKE.



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Name: HELEN PENNA
Address: 73 SIR JAMES HARDY WAY WOODCROFT S162
Email: npenna2@bigpond.com
Organisation represented (if applicable): _____
Telephone: 0417 821 019

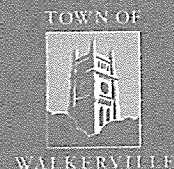
☒ Yes ☐ No☒ Yes ☐ No

☒ Yes ☐ No

Date: 27-3-18

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Nominee information:

Name: _____

Organisation/group: (for category 3) Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant 14 MAR 2018

Email: pgolding@adam.com.au

Address: 26 Gilbert Street, GILBERTON South Australia 5081

Telephone: (B) (08) 8344 3144 (H) (08) 8344 3144

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

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

The Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant celebrates all that is Christmas and brings together all walks of life to celebrate the festive season with happiness, love and friendship.

The Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant is celebrating 17 years in 2018, from its humble beginnings with only 12 floats, now with 60+ floats many with their very own on-board sound and individual movement.

Although a non profit event, it has raised over \$30,000 for Charity over the years supporting Telethon South Australia, through the Gold Coin Donation per person as you enter

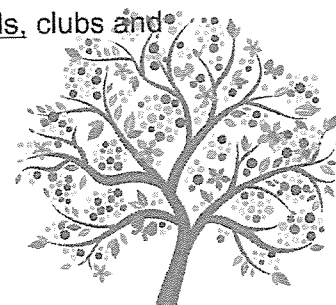
What are the key achievements of the person or event you are nominating? Maximum 400 words

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

The Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant supports the local community of Walkerville, by bringing visitors from far and wide as well as the 'locals' to spend their 'hard earned cash' in the Town Centre for morning/afternoon tea and or lunch before or after they visit the annual event.

Visitors to the event come as far away as Murray Bridge and Grenoch in the Barossa Valley. Tour Groups have visited the event over the years as well as the Lord Mayor Of Adelaide who has visited twice in the past two years, and in 2017 by the Governor Of South Australia.

Over 1500 people visit the display on a regular basis including local schools, clubs and nursing homes.



WALKERVILLE MINIATURE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant is a static display of 60 Miniature Christmas Pageant Floats, many with their own on-board sound and movement, displayed on 75 metres of blue-lined roadway in the Walkerville Town Hall.

This was the 16th year of the presentation, and I am very proud and happy that it has endured this long and brought happiness and joy to those who have visited the display over the 15 year period.

BUMP IN:

Sunday November 19, 2017 from 9.15 am

SET UP:

Sunday November 19, Monday November 20 & Tuesday November 21, 2017

PRESENTATION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Wednesday November 22, 2017 to Sunday November 26, 2017 inclusive

OPENING TIMES:

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	10.00 am to 5.00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	10.00 am to 4.00 pm

BUMP OUT & REMOVAL:

Sunday November 26, 2017 from 4.00 pm

A small band of loyal and dedicated volunteers & friends transport and set up the roadway bases and backings, wire up and check all movement and sound on floats. All electrical equipment is checked & tagged and secured out of public view.

Once all floats and associated accessories are in place, facades and curtains are put into place, the gallery and council foyer are decorated in festive tones.

GENERAL:

This year there were six new floats in the main display in the Walkerville Town Hall and a further 8 retired floats, not in the current line up located in the Gallery as you entered the display. Also in the Gallery were 6 hanging boards showing photographs of many floats of pageant past. The Gallery was decorated in traditional Christmas tones of Red & Gold, and the Town Hall in Blue, Silver and White hues. The Town Hall featured a life size "Frosty" the snowman which delighted the visitors (especially the children) and provided a perfect photo opportunity.

OPENING DAY:

All visitors to the presentation are welcomed and presented with a Souvenir Programme celebrating our 16th Anniversary. Visitors were invited to place a Gold Coin per person in the collection tray, as they entered the display. The money is collected on behalf of our nominated charity, and formerly presented to that Charity the week after the display concludes.

GROUP BOOKINGS:

Bookings by Groups were kindly arranged by the Walkerville Council Staff. All schools, nursing homes and clubs in the Walkerville Council area were notified via letter in early August. Neighbouring Councils were also notified of the forthcoming event. The most significant booking was as usual from the Walkerville Primary School, and this year were also supported by St Andrews School. We also had two mini buses from Nursing Homes outside the Walkerville Council area.

NOMINATED CHARITY 2017:

The nominated charity for 2017 was once again Telethon South Australia which distributes all funds raised through the Gold Coin Donation to many different charitable organisations. Telethon South Australia also advertises the Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant on their website. I would like to thank Pamela Howells, General Manager and Robyn Nash at Telethon South Australia, for their help and support for this event this year. Pamela Howells will be departing Telethon SA at the end of 2017, and I wish her well and good luck in her future endeavours.

PRINTING OF PROGRAMMES, FLYERS & POSTERS:

The Police Credit Union has for the past eight years and once again this year, have kindly organised the printing of all Programmes, Flyers and Posters for this event. The Police Credit Union also supplies funds to purchase refreshments for the Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant volunteers. They also tally up all money collected through the Gold Coin Donation and produce a Cheque which is presented to the nominated Charity. Thank you to Eilin Ho and Staff at the Police Credit Union for your ongoing support.

SPONSORED FLOATS:

Each miniature pageant float on display is sponsored by a member of the public. This sponsorship money is for the building of new and refurbishing of existing floats and infrastructure each year. The money collected for this purpose is not associated in any way with the Gold Coin Donation entrance fee and business of this nature is not conducted on Council property. The person sponsoring a float has their name on a small plaque located on the roadway located directly in front of the said float and also printed in the official programme.

RESULTS FOR 2017:

Attendances over the five days –

Adults: 668 (Down by 56 from 2016)
Children: 797 (Down by 136 from 2016)

Total Attendance: 1465 (Down by 192 from 2016)

Total Donation Collected – \$2063.35 (Down by \$44.40)

Although numbers were pleasing, I suspect that numbers were down slightly due to the economic climate and the Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant being a week later than in previous years.

VOLUNTEERS:

I would sincerely like to acknowledge my small band of volunteers, whom most have assisted me since the inception of the presentation. Duties they perform include: transportation, bump in and set up, electrical and wiring, curtain making and ironing, brainstorming ideas, and on duty whilst the display is open to the public, packing up, bump out and housekeeping before, during and after the display.

Thanks must go to: John & Leleene Schwerdt, Jeff & Aileen Martin, David, Karen, Lauren and Nicholas Phillips, Andrew & Alexander Mitchard, Grant McIndoe, Edward Skubala, Christine Cundell, Dean & Jill Davis, David Webster, Helen Penna, Richard Buckland, Sarah Kurlinkus, Stephen Lord, Bob Schubert, Bob Hoare & Kryn Buitendyke.

WALKERVILLE COUNCIL:

Sincere thanks must go to the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville for their ongoing support and faith in this community event. They have supported me from Day 1, and I sincerely appreciate it immensely. I do know for a fact that this event does bring visitors from far and wide from many outlying suburbs and country areas, and am sure that some of their income is spent in the local businesses in the Town.

From organising the requirements of the Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant, complimentary use of the Walkerville Town Hall and Gallery, advertising and promotion within Council to erecting the advertising banners around the council area to taking Group Bookings. I would like to thank Council Management, Council Office Staff And Council Depot Staff for their valued help and assistance.
I would like to personally acknowledge the assistance and encouragement given by Fiona Deckert & Sonia DeNicola.

IN GENERAL:

Once again, as last year, we had the pleasure of Father Christmas making a visit to greet the visitors to the display from 12 noon to 3 pm on both Saturday and Sunday November 25 and 26. He was secluded away from the main display and visitors, both young and old, were delighted to visit him in his own "Magic Grotto". Father Christmas handed each person a Sweet Treat, and a great photo opportunity was had by all.
Thank you to John Schwerdt.

It was my pleasure to welcome for the first time to the Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant, His Excellency the Governor Of South Australia and Mrs Le on the afternoon of Wednesday November 22. Both seemed very impressed with the presentation. Walkerville Mayor, Ray Grigg & Mrs Grigg attended along with the Deputy Mayor of Walkerville.

It was very pleasing to have the Lord Mayor of Adelaide and friends make a casual appearance on the final day of the display on Sunday November 26 after an invitation was sent to him. This is the second time that He had visited and once again his Party were impressed with the display.

FINALLY:

Thank you again to everyone associated with the annual Walkerville Miniature Christmas Pageant. I could not do it alone without your help, assistance and friendship.

I will meet with Walkerville Council, Police Credit Union and Telethon South Australia early in 2018 to confirm continuation of this event and to confirm Dates and Times and involvement with this event.

Looking forward to another wonderful presentation in 2018

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year

Sincerely,
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