

**Meeting:** Council  
**Title:** 2016 Volunteer awards  
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Attachment: A

**Type of Report:** **Decision Required**

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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 section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council orders that all members of the public, except the Council's Chief Executive Officer, Kiki Magro, General Manager, Heather Barclay, Protocol, Compliance & Governance Officer, Deb Bria, Marketing & Communications Manager, Sonia DeNicola, Manager Asset & Infrastructure, Joshua Bowen, Manager Customer Service, Fiona Deckert & Property & Contracts Manager, James Forde be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 17.1.1 2016 Volunteer 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 the Award Nominees.

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 selects three nominees and one recipient for the 2016 Volunteer of the Year awards and the recipients for the Young Volunteer and Community Event awards.

## **Recommendation (Confidential)**

### Pursuant to s.91(7)

That having considered Agenda Item 16.1.1 2015 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 Agenda Item 16.1.2 be retained in confidence until the recipients have received their awards.

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.

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## **Summary**

To inform the Elected members of the nominations received for the 2016 Volunteer awards and for the Elected Members to elect three nominees and a recipient for the Volunteer of the Year awards and recipients in the following categories:

- 2016 Young volunteer of the year (one nomination received)
- 2016 Community event of the year (two nominations received)

## **Background**

Volunteer awards are held every year and will be publicly announced on the 22 June 2016 by the Mayor of Walkerville at a special volunteer's event 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 2015 and February 2016, 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:
Jenny Hills	Annabelle Mugge (Council staff member)
Peter J Golding	John Schwerdt
Peter J Golding	Dean Davis
Norman Coleman	John Fitzpatrick
Ms Philippa Lamphee	Archeadon Peter Chilver
Frank Hargreaves	Norman Coleman
John & Kathy Monks*	The Hon Christopher Legoe AO, QC & Mrs Jenny Legoe
Jennifer Toogood	Ruth Kenny (Council staff member)
Bob & Sue Henderson*	Andrew Gniel

\*nominated as a couple

### Category: Young Volunteer of the Year

Joshua Wilson	David Griffiths
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### Category: Community event of the year

Walkerville Art Show 2015	Peter Chapman
2015 ANZAC Day Commemoration Dawn Service	Norman Coleman

### 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 Attachment A.

Jenny Hills	Passionate and hardworking volunteer who has supported Walkerville Library for many years and is a positive "go between" for the library and the community. President of the Friends of the Walkerville Library for more than 15 years. Jenny collaborates with the library on program delivery and special events and FOWL raises significant funds for the Library which go to towards the purchase of books, toys, computers etc. <b>Has been nominated in previous years (2013) but not taken out the award. Previous recipient of a Citizen of the year award from Walkerville Council</b>
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. Raised more than \$25,000 for charity. <b>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 2015</b>
Peter J Golding	See above

	<p>Peter Golding has been nominated twice in this category this year.  <b>Has been nominated a number of times as well as recipient of both the Volunteer of the Year and Community event of the year.</b></p>
Norman Coleman	<p>Nominated for three decades of continuous service to Walkerville's ex-Service community. He has served on the RSL committee from the mid-1980s and is the current President of the RSL overseeing its many activities and ceremonies.</p> <p>Norm has built up a group of volunteers who work together organising weekly lunches and monthly jazz concerts. Recent achievements include the Centenary of World War 1 ANZAC Dawn Ceremonies in 2015 and 2016. (nominated for Community event of the year)</p> <p><b>Has been nominated previously for Volunteer of the Year award</b></p>
Ms Philippa Lamphee	<p>Dedicated volunteer of 55 years. Since 1960, Ms Lamphee has ensured that the Walkerville community hears the distinctive sounds of the six bells in the St Andrew's Anglican Church Town being rung before services, weddings and special occasions such as the ANZAC Dawn Service. Longest serving bell ringer, who has also taught numerous other volunteers</p> <p><b>Nominated in 2015</b></p>
Frank Hargreaves	<p>Frank has devoted many years of service in his capacity as Manager of the Walkerville RSL Club and Community Hall.</p> <p>Spends many hours each week managing the Club and ensuring its success as an accessible and attractive local community facility and resource and social hub. Described in his nomination as loyal, hardworking, a great team player and a quiet achiever who deserves recognition for working behind the scenes "one of those people you may never have heard of, but whose work makes for a better and stronger community"</p> <p><b>Not nominated previously</b></p>
John & Kathy Monks	<p>Kathy and John Monks offer free weekly tutorials and monthly workshops on computers and IT devices. Since they were introduced in 2013, these sessions have proved extremely popular and are an integral part of Walkerville library's ongoing community programming. John and Kathy provide an important free service to the community who are not computer/IT savvy and a friendly, welcoming environment to learn new skills.</p> <p><b>Nominated in 2015</b></p>
Jennifer Toogood	<p>Long-time resident and former employee of Walkerville Council of twenty years who now volunteers tirelessly for the library. Her nomination states "The amount of effort and time that she has devoted to the library is remarkable and we would be lost without her." Jennifer has been nominated by a staff member from the library.</p> <p><b>Not nominated previously</b></p>
Bob & Sue Henderson	<p>Volunteers with Walkerville Junior Football Club WJFC or more than 20 years. The past 11 years without having a family member playing in the Club.</p> <p>Both awarded Life membership in 2007. Bob awarded a Life Member of the Walkerville Senior Club for his contribution. Their long history with the Club is fully detailed in this joint nomination form.</p> <p>"They (sic) dedication and virtually un-assisted management of the BBQ and canteen facilities allows the WJFC to focus on the day to day task of running the club. If we had to replace them it would be a difficult job.</p> <p><b>Not nominated previously</b></p>

Category: Young Volunteer for the year

Joshua Wilson	<p>Student at St Andrew's School. DOB 2003</p> <p>Joshua is the sole nominee in this category – but nonetheless a worthy</p>
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	<p>recipient. He has been nominated for this contribution to the “Schools ANZAC project” –collaboration with St Andrews and Walkerville Primary Schools, the Walkerville Wesleyan Cemetery Committee, Walkerville RSL, Uniting Church of Walkerville and the Council. The project researched the lives of seven local ANZACS and produced a DVD. Proceeds of the DVD go towards the restoration work of the Cemetery.</p> <p>The nomination states that Joshua went above and beyond the scope of the project. He worked unsupervised, in his own time, organised his own research and used initiative to locate resources – and he is 11 years old. A poem he wrote entitled the “Journey to Gallipoli” is enclosed in his nomination, as well as media coverage in the local City North Messenger Press. His contribution to the project has been described as “magnificent” Josh was genuinely moved by what he learned about the contribution of so many local people to the war effort.</p> <p>A copy of the DVD was included in the nomination and can be viewed during the meeting if required.</p> <p><b>First time nominee</b></p>
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**Category Community event of the year**

<p>2015 Walkerville Art Show</p>	<p>Presented by Rotary Club of Walkerville. Locals can become involved by either entering artworks or attending the exhibition. The event is a focal point on the community arts calendar. The 2015 event was Rotary’s most successful yet with record money raised for projects – despite a strong economic downturn.</p> <p>The event is run entirely by volunteers, who work throughout the year to bring in artists and art lovers.</p> <p><b>The 2013 Art Show won this award in 2014, the event was a nominee in this category in 2013 &amp; 2015. Council is a naming rights sponsor of this event.</b></p>
<p>2015 ANZAC Day Commemoration Service</p>	<p>The Centenary of the landings at Gallipoli was the backdrop to this outstanding and memorable community event which was sponsored by the Council. Record crowds braved extremely cold temperatures to participate in this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration. This solemn occasion was widely praised and – attracted an estimated crowd of 2,500 people – the largest ever turnout.</p> <p><b>The 2014 Dawn Service was nominated in 2015.</b></p>

**Financial Implications**

All expenses related to the awards (including promotion) are held within the allocated budget of the 2016 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 and Council’s Strategic Plan Living in the Town of Walkerville – A Lively Local Culture

**Preferred Option**

Recipients are selected only by the Elected Members and therefore Administration does not have preferred options regarding the selection. However, Administration does prefer that the

final nominations for the Volunteer award be restricted to three individuals.

**Attachment/s**

Attachment A	Volunteer Nomination Forms
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