



Item No: 19.4

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Attachment: A, B

<b>Meeting:</b>	Council
<b>Title:</b>	2020 Volunteer Awards and Mayor's Choice Award
<b>Responsible Manager:</b>	Chief Executive Officer, Kiki Cristol
<b>Author:</b>	Manager Community Development & Engagement, Fiona Deckert
<b>Key Focus Area:</b>	Strategic Community Plan Focus area 4 – Healthy, connected and inspired community
<b>Key Focus Area:</b>	Strategic Community Plan Focus area 1- Vibrant local culture, inspired by diversity and inclusivity
<b>Type of Report:</b>	<b>Decision Required</b>

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 Engagement & Development, Fiona Deckert and Council Secretariat, Vanessa Davidson be excluded from attendance at the meeting for Agenda Item 2020 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)

1. That Council having considered the nominations received for the 2020 Awards, selects the following recipients:
  - a. *Volunteer of the year Award: Jane Brister*
  - b. *Community event of the year: Walkerville Uniting Church 'Connect and Thrive with Age'*
  - c. *Mayor's choice: Mr David Williams*
2. That Council note that due to the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 annual Volunteer luncheon, which was scheduled to be held on Wednesday 20 May 2020 will not proceed.
3. That the winners of the Award in each category will be sent a certificate of appreciation with the advice that a formal Award will be given to the recipients at a later date from Mayor Elizabeth Fricker.

### Recommendation (Public)

#### Pursuant to s.91(7)

That having considered Agenda Item 2020 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 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 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.

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### Summary

To inform the Elected members of the nominations received for the 2020 Volunteer Awards and for the Elected Members to decide on the recipients in the following categories:

- *2020 Volunteer of the Year*
- *2020 Community event of the Year*

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

To inform the Elected Members that the annual Volunteer luncheon is cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Background

Volunteer Awards are held every year and are announced by the Mayor of Walkerville at a special volunteer's event held in the Walkerville Town Hall. The Awards are held to coincide with National Volunteer Week. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the legislative restrictions placed on holding gatherings of more than 10 people, the luncheon, which was scheduled for Wednesday 20 May 2020 will not be held. However, it is proposed that Mayor Elizabeth Fricker present the Awards at a later date and when the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. This may or may not be in 2020.

### 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 2019 and February 2020, 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:

#### Category: Volunteer of the year (Attachment A)

Name	Nominated by:
Peter Golding	Elizabeth Freda
Peter Golding	Helen Penna
Jane Brister	Wendy Evans
Jeff Martin	Peter Golding

#### Category: Young Volunteer of the Year

No nominations received

#### Category: Community event of the year (Attachment B)

Miniature Christmas Pageant	Helen Penna
Walkerville Uniting Church 'Connect and Thrive with Age'	Sue Farrant
Miniature Christmas Pageant	John Schwerdt
Miniature Christmas Pageant	Peter Golding
Miniature Christmas Pageant	Elizabeth Freda

## Mayor's Choice Award

The Mayor has put forth David Williams, staff member of the Beautification Team at Walkerville, who volunteered his time in assisting with fighting bush fires in South Australia and interstate earlier in 2020.

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
Jane Brister	Jane Brister is the Director of Adelaide Koala Rescue and lives in the Town of Walkerville. Jane has volunteered to look after most fauna, in particular koalas, birds, kangaroos and possums. During the Adelaide Hills recent fires she set up a triage centre at Paradise Primary School to treat the hundreds of injured and burnt wildlife. Her achievements have been recognised on radio and TV shows and in the news. Jane and the volunteers from her centre have found homes for displaced koalas in other areas of the Adelaide Hills. <b>First time nominee</b>
Attachment A	Nomination summary
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) Sponsored by Walkerville Council through a MOU. <b>Has been nominated a number of times for Volunteer of the Year &amp; Community Event of the Year. Has not received a Volunteer of the Year award since before 2010.</b>
Attachment A	Nomination summary
Jeff Martin	Jeff Martin has volunteered with the Walkerville Miniature Pageant for the last 15 years. Jeff makes and creates all the mechanical features and moving parts on the floats. Jeff works on 6 or 7 floats each year. He also drives the local community bus in Murray Bridge where he lives and volunteers with meals on wheels. <b>First time nominee</b>

### Category: Community Event of the Year

Attachment A	Nomination summary
Walkerville Uniting Church 'Connect and Thrive with Age'	The 'Connect and Thrive with Age' (CTWA) team successfully applied for funding from the Office for Ageing and developed a six month series of workshops with the purpose of promoting positive ageing and wellness. The program included Death Cafes, 10 things to know before you go, Photography workshop, Writing you emotional will and Demystifying the aged care puzzle. In partnership with Walkerville Council two of these events were held in the Town of Walkerville. <b>Nominee in 2019</b>
Attachment A	Nomination summary
Peter Golding, 'Miniature Christmas Pageant'	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) Sponsored by Walkerville Council through a MOU. <b>The Miniature Christmas pageant won Community Event of the Year in 2013 &amp; 2018</b>

**Financial Implications**

All expenses related to the awards (including promotion) are held within the allocated budget of the 2019/20 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	Community Event of the Year Nominations

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