

# Australia Day Awards

## Previous Winners



<b>2018</b>	
Senior Citizen of the Year	Helen Scarborough's passion for collecting curious objects and antiques has led her to open her home students and community groups, and to participate in the Mitcham Remembers event
Community Event of the Year	Blackwood Christmas Tree Festival held by the Blackwood Action Group to provide children the opportunity to visit with Santa and partake in Christmas crafts
Local Hero of the Year	Dr Donald Beckwith an active Lions Club member since 1989, including as the Operations Member of the District Skin Cancer Project.
<b>2017</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Rhys Roberts Manager of the Lions Club Bargain Centre and Vice President of the Lions Medical Research Foundation.
Citizen of the Year	Rosemary Fisher an 18 year volunteer veteran at Mitcham Meals on Wheel.
Young Citizen of the Year	Danika Pederzolli superintendent of the St John Ambulance Colonel Light Gardens Cadet Division.
Commendation	Betty Cobiac a dedicated volunteer in the Mitcham Heritage Research Centre.
<b>2016</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Ron Bellchambers community leader for the "No Dam in Brownhill Creek" Action Group, who contributed enormously to the to the no dam outcome being endorsed by the five catchments Councils.
Community Event of the Year	South Australian Community Music Festival (ARPA Orchestra) organised and sponsored the inaugural festival, held over eight Sundays.
Excellence in Community Service	Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek fundraising for local community organisations and supporting local awards and community awareness programs.
Excellence in Sport Innovation	Calisthenics Club for achievement and commitment in developing the sport of calisthenics.



<b>2015</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Andrew Tidswell president of the Blackwood Action Group, founder and convener of the Blackwood Hills Sustainable Communities Group, inaugural member of the Blackwood Reconciliation Group, Wittunga volunteer through the Friends on Adelaide Botanic Gardens.
Young Citizen of the Year (State Recipient)	Daniel Spencer State Coordinator of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition.
Excellence in Community Service	International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Friendship Dilkara Assembly the group aims to develop girls' leadership skills through supporting less fortunate members of the community.
Excellence in Sport	Belinda White for services to the Sturt Softball Club as a player, coach, umpire and volunteer.
<b>2014</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Angie Pangallo establishing, and assisting with the management of, the Gold Foundation, which supports children with Asperger's and their families through social programs, events and excursions, and support sessions and seminars.
Young Citizen of the Year	William Russell establishing the Teen Support Network, which provides online support to bullied young people and to young people who identify as being part of the LGBTI community.
Community Event of the Year	SA Women's Memorial Playing Fields Trust for the annual Bangka Memorial Service which commemorates 21 Australian nurses who were massacred on Bangka Island, Indonesia on 16 February 1942.
Excellence in Community Service	Colonel Light Gardens Community RSL provides a vital social hub for people seven days a week, with the support of its dedicated volunteers.
Excellence in Design	Temperance Hotel Heritage Restoration enhancing the character of the Mitcham Village Historic Conservation Zone through restoration of a previously derelict landmark local heritage building.
Excellence in Community Service	Nan Davies office holder with Blackwood Action Group, and volunteer for the National Heart Foundation and the Cancer Council.

<b>2014 (cont)</b>	
Excellence in Sport	Hugh Haysmen for achievements in Athletics, Cross Country, Cricket and Australian Rules Football, and for mentoring young athletes.
Australia Day Award of Appreciation	Torben Davidson for lifelong commitment and outstanding contribution to the local community, through volunteering for his local church, Scouts SA, Oxfam, Overseas Aid, and the Waite Institute and Friends of Urrbrae House.
<b>2013</b>	
Citizen of the Year	John Wilson and Peter Collins jointly presented to the retired engineers for contributing their expertise and experience to the Brownhill and Keswick Creek Storm water Management Project.
Young Citizen of the Year	Amy Park a recipient of the Governor of South Australia Commendation, the former Unley High student has demonstrated her leadership qualities through involvement with National Reconciliation Week, the Gay-Straight Alliance, the Oaktree Foundation and the Red Cross Blood Service.
Community Event of the Year	Edwardstown Primary School Strawberry Fair.
Excellence in Community Service	Blackwood Action Group beautifying the Blackwood area through planting programs, Clean Up Australia Day, and contributions to the Wittunga Garden Management Plan, the Blackwood Road Management Review, and the Waite Reserve upgrade plans.
Excellence in Community Service	Keep Fit Program Physiotherapist Deborah Harrison has been running the Keep Fit Program for over 25 years, with over \$100 000 in class fees being donated to charity in that time.
Excellence in Environmental Achievement	Friends of Shepherds Hill Recreation Park rehabilitating the Park.
Commendation	Mary Lindon establishing and coordinating the Seniors in Harmony Program.
Commendation	Brian Langsford over 35 years of contributions to Scouts SA and the Red Cross Blood Service.



<b>2012</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Maggy (Maggie) Ragless dedicated community historian who volunteered for over 30 years preserving and promoting the heritage of the City of Mitcham.
Young Citizen of the Year	Georgie Button
Community Event of the Year	Mitcham Schools Fete
Excellence in Environmental Achievement	Red Gum Gully Our Patch
Excellence in Environmental Achievement	Friends of Sturt Gorge
Citizen of the Year	Jane Bolt
Citizen of the Year	Phil Hereen
<b>2011</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Judith Stone
Young Citizen of the Year	Nicole Blinco
Community Event of the Year	Eden Hills Primary School Strawberry Fair
<b>2010</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Dr Pat Cole
Citizen of the Year	Dr Trevor Wallis Martin
Citizen of the Year	Barbara Capon
Citizen of the Year	Cathie Hancock
Community Event of the Year	Blackwood Lions Club Christmas Pageant
Excellence in Community Service	Mitcham Floodsafe Program Volunteers
Excellence in Sport	Southern Heights SAPSASA Football Team



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<b>2009</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Dr Allin Hodson
Community Event of the Year	Blackwood Lions Club Bargain Centre
Excellence in Community Service	SES Metro South Unit
Excellence in Sport	Melanie Johnson
Excellence in Sport	Abbey Holmes
Excellence in Sport (Team)	Mercedes College Premier Tennis Team
Commendation	Natalie Hughes
Commendation	Jane Lilly-Ann Monteo-Dorisio
Commendation	Michael Vickers
Commendation	John Arthur
Commendation	Antonia (Anne) Van Loon
<b>2008</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Russell Eccleston
Commendation	Brian Landsford
<b>2007</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Elizabeth Sawyer
Young Citizen of the Year	Caroline Soiw
Excellence in Sport	Jodie Monteo-Dorisio
Commendation	Geoff and Elisabeth Bartlett
<b>2006</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Donald Baker
Commendation	Joy Parker
Commendation	Raelene Evans
Commendation	Will Scobie
Commendation	Ben Luks



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<b>2005</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Heather Beckman
Young Citizen of the Year	Wes Parker
Excellence in Sport	Kerry Wilkinson
Excellence in Design	Resthaven Westbourne Park
Excellence in Environmental Achievement	John Garnaut
Excellence in Community Service	Big A Boutique - CLG Church of Christ
Commendation	Don Ewing
Commendation	Mr and Mrs Wittwer
Commendation	Frank Williamson
Commendation	Ken Bock
<b>2004</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Graham Kernick
Citizen of the Year	Desmond Jones
Young Citizen of the Year	Kate Wheldrake
Excellence in Sport	Lorraine Phillips
Excellence in Sport	Kellie Symons
Excellence in Design	St Joseph's School Kingswood
Excellence in Design	Springfield House
Excellence in Environmental Achievement	Urrbrae Agricultural High School
Commendation	Philip Knight
Commendation	Neil Stallard
Commendation	Mr and Mrs Keen
Commendation	Mr and Mrs McIntyre



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<b>2003</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Tammy Lane
Citizen of the Year	Maxwell Holbrook
Citizen of the Year	Dr Pat Cole
Excellence in Sport (Team)	Blackwood High School Junior Rugby Teams
Commendation	Pam Tamblyn
Commendation	June Jackett
Commendation	Pamela Osborn
Commendation	Pam Lehmann
<b>2002</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Evelyn Wood
<b>2001</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Helen Doley
<b>2000</b>	
Citizen of the Year	Allan Rayner