Review Australia Day Council of South Australia

Annual Review 2022–2023







A word from the Chair



The Australia Day
Council of South
Australia has achieved
another very successful
year of engagement
with the South
Australian community.

We have again extended our reach and impact across the state and delivered powerful experiences that celebrated our unsung heroes and an innovative program that reflected our unique SA story.

"Attitudes to Australia Day are changing. We are listening to all views about not just the day, but what Australia is now and will be in the future. We are part of that conversation and will work with others to help facilitate it."

Thanking our 2022 South Australians of the Year

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Professor Helen Marshall AM, 2022 SA Australian of the Year; Mark Le Messurier, 2022 SA Senior Australian of the Year; Dr Trudy Lin 2022 SA Young Australian of the Year; and 2022 SA Local Hero, Monique Bareham.

Congratulations to our 2023 South Australian and Australian of the Year recipients!

We were incredibly proud to hear that two of South Australia's Australian of the Year recipients were proclaimed on 25 January 2023 in Canberra by the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia as National Australian of the Year recipients for 2023. The 2023 Australian of the Year is body image activist, director, writer, and speaker Taryn Brumfitt. The 2023 Young Australian of the Year is Australian Socceroo and co-founder of Barefoot Boots Awer Mabil. This national recognition is an outstanding outcome for our state.

Thanking our Patron

Our Patron Her Excellency The Honourable Frances Adamson AC Governor of South Australia and Mr Rod Bunten have both extended enormous support across ADCSA's program of work across 2022-2023 by way of attending, hosting and presenting many of our premier events and award ceremonies as well as acknowledging our extraordinary award recipients at various functions across the year.

Acknowledgement of our partners

We take this opportunity to thank our supporters for attending our events and activities across the year, and particularly want to acknowledge and thank our strategic funding partners, sponsors, and members. Without your valued partnership we would not be able to deliver these awards and event programs for our South Australian community. We particularly thank the Federal Government for providing a capital city grant to enable us to deliver a free community program in January 2023. We also acknowledge our strategic funding partners the National Australia Day Council, the City of Adelaide, and the State Government for their invaluable contribution to the work of the organisation.

SA Australian of the Year Presentation Evening 2023

The SA Australian of the Year Awards Presentation Evening in November 2022 was a spectacular experience. The nominations received were again outstanding; the 16 nominees presented on the night were inspirational and representing the very best of South Australia. Her Excellency Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and The Hon Peter Malinauskas MP, Premier of South Australia presented South Australia's Local Hero 2023, Young South Australian of the Year 2023, Senior South Australian of the Year 2023 and South Australian of the Year 2023.



Inspiring Leaders recognised at Australia Day Awards Government House 2023

We were also thrilled to announce at Government House in January 2023 the awardees for the South Australian Citizens of the Year, Leadership in Languages and Culture and Inspiring South Australian Women's Award Programs. These award programs acknowledge the invisible leadership within our community. Leadership that enables a women's dignity that comes from finding work after being incarcerated; to twin brothers sharing their culture and assisting others with mental health challenges within regional SA; to a tireless advocate who has transformed the lives of children and women that have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault and trauma; to celebrating sustainable projects driven by young people in local councils - these were just a few of the remarkable individuals and service that were honoured

New Board members appointed

On 12 October 2022 we held our 41st Annual General Meeting and were honoured to have Dr Susan Neuhaus AM CSC as our guest speaker presenting Australia's National Identity; Defined by Peace and Shaped by War. Dr Neuhaus reflected our highest values of service to others; humility, sacrifice and concern for humanity are at work during war and times of peace.

We were pleased to welcome new Board members Ms Anna Cheung, Ms Gillian Lewis, Mr Grant Meyer, Mr Daniel Melino, Mr Rajendra Pandey, Mr Rob Stobbe, and the Premier's representative Ms Dana Wortley MP they joined re-elected Board Members Ms Antonietta Cocchiaro, Ms Michelle Cox and Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross as the LGA SA representative.

After serving on the Board for some years, Ms Ali Lockwood and Sarah Hooper stepped down due to pressing work commitments in November 2022.

The ADCSA is committed to maintaining a high standard of governance under the responsible guidance of the Board, whose members devote considerable time and effort to their work with the Association, helping the ADCSA to remain focused on its capacity building.

To support the implementation of the strategic plan, there are also two ADCSA committees – the Governance Committee and the Sponsorship, Membership and Merchandising Committee.

Both committees consist of Board representative members and external members.



The Board expresses their gratitude to the CEO and her team who have done an outstanding job in successfully delivering a series of community events and programs. This includes another exceptionally innovative approach to the delivery of Australia Day.

Once again there has been a sound financial result for the year, due to hard work and responsible fiscal management. The ADCSA continues to strengthen its work across all its strategic objectives and the Board is proud of the outcomes the organisation has achieved through the leadership of our CEO.

I commend the Annual Review to each of you.

Mr Peter Tsokas

Chairperson



A word from the CEO



Reflecting across the year

As we reflect on this year it has been deeply impactful and our team are immensely proud of what has been achieved over the course of 2022-2023

We brought Shane Fitzsimmons AO to Adelaide to deliver the keynote at our Leadership in Times of Crisis event in his previous role as Commissioner of the New South Wales Rural Fire Service, Shane's insights, and reminders of the devastating consequences of bushfires and floods to communities and what resilience and leadership looks like during crisis times for our nation.

We ensured the Australian of the Year Dylan Alcott AO was able to engage with as many people in SA during his short visit. Dylan drove home to all of us in his address at the Australian of the Year Luncheon in conversation with Gill Hicks AM MBE, the importance of eliminating the barriers of entry into the workplace for people living with disability. His advocacy has been powerful and has resonated with many employer and industry groups.

We delivered an outstanding Women in Space event with some of South Australia's leaders in this field sharing their stories and experiences and hopes for the space industry and the significant work that has been undertaken by women in SA. The event kicked off with some key reflections from Professor Tanya Monro AC. Her thoughtful and considered words were a key reminder of the importance of science to our world and how scientific endeavour continues to be a key driver of innovation.

We had the privilege of travelling into the regions in November to Port Lincoln, Whyalla, and Port Pirie where hundreds of community members and young people heard firsthand from our inspiring South Australians.

The year was also highlighted by the proclaiming of the South Australian of the Year event also in November with many outstanding people nominated. Four South Australians were selected; SA State Recipient Australian of the Year 2023 Taryn Brumfitt, SA State Recipient Senior Australian of the Year 2023 Sandra Miller, SA State Recipient Young Australian of the Year 2023 Awer Mabil and SA State Recipient Local Hero 2023 Christine Robertson. In January 2024 we were incredibly proud to hear that two of our South Australians of the Year were proclaimed as 2023 Australians of the Year again congratulations to Taryn Brumfitt 2023 Australian of the Year and Awer Mabile 2023 Young Australian of the Year.

It was a privilege to deliver The Uluru Statement from the Heart -A Deeper Understanding featuring keynote speaker Noel Pearson in May 2023. This was an extraordinary evening of inspiration as up to 1000 people gathered at the Adelaide Town Hall. It was an honour to have Noel Pearson, grace us with his profound wisdom and impassioned words. Noel's powerful address received a standing ovation and was followed by a rich and informative panel discussion comprising of Tanya Hosch, Commissioner for First Nations Voice Dale Agius and Arrin Hazelbane. We thank Noel Pearson, Annette Buckskin, Frank Wanganeen, Kirstie Parker our panellists Tanya Hosch, Dale Agius and Arrin Hazelbane for generously contributing to this deeply profound experience. We thank Gospo Collective for their stunning performance and thank the SA community for joining this invitation and being part of this once in a generation opportunity to fully realise the promise of the Uluru Statement.

ADCSA was honoured to present another incredible Australian of the Year Luncheon to a diverse audience of over 500 people at the Adelaide Convention Centre. This unforgettable experience featured South Australia's very own Taryn Brumfitt, founder of the Body Image Movement and the esteemed 2023 Australian of the Year. Accompanied by Amar Singh, the

Founder of Turbans 4 Australia and Local Hero 2023, their presence added immense value to the event. This luncheon also included a compelling panel discussion comprising of Paul Vasileff, Young Australian of the Year 2017, Sandra Miller, SA State Recipient Senior Australian of the Year 2023 and Christine Robertson OAM, SA State Recipient Local Hero 2023 and MC Jess Adamson. An integral part of the event was the opportunity for secondary school students and educators to interact with the speakers. Their engagement with these distinguished individuals helped inspire and guide them on their own journeys. The event's focus on student engagement provided a unique educational experience for the young attendees, exposing them to diverse perspectives and inspiring them to make a positive impact. The audience was also treated to exceptional performances by the Marryatville High School jazz ensemble, Folkwave Adelaide, Lloyd Williams St Peter's College, and the Dance Pad. These performances showcased the rich talent and diverse cultural elements of South Australia.

Australia Day - A Day of Meaning for the South Australian community

Australia Day 2023 was an opportunity to reflect on how we can continue to deepen our connection to nature and belonging to Country. Aus Lights on the River was a two-day program held on Wednesday 25 January and Thursday 26 January. The program showcased Our SA Story through immersive visually engaging light, vision, and sound installations supported with complimentary children's activations. Thank you to the 33,000 people who attended Aus Lights on the River across 25 and 26 January 2023. Thank you also to the 3,200 people who attended Mourning in the Morning Smoking Ceremony on 26 January 2023. This profound program enabled us to reflect on this great land and its peoples, starting with the oldest living cultures, our First Nations, to our most recent arrivals, the refugees fleeing from Ukraine and

Afghanistan who now call Australia home. Our increasingly fragile world reminds us all of the extraordinary beauty, richness, and expansiveness of our great country and the incredible diversity of its peoples. We can look back at our history, acknowledge the times we are now living through, and manifest our future on the foundations of respect, inclusivity, and shared values.

Tindo Utpurndee – Sunset Ceremony

Up to 11,000 people attended this unique experience to watch Tindo Utpurndee – Sunset Ceremony in Elder Park / Tarntanya Wama led by Karl Winda Telfer and accompanied by artist Jakirah Telfer. This Ceremony was punctuated by outstanding speakers Tanya Hosch Leader, Changemaker, Visionary & SA State Recipient Australian of the Year 2021 and Shona Reid, Guardian for Children and Young People in South Australia.

Mourning in the Morning -Smoking Ceremony

Up to 3,500 people listened, learned, and paid their respects to our First Nations culture and communities by attending the Mourning in the Morning Smoking Ceremony. This profound ceremony shaped by First Nations leaders was a time for truth telling of our history and provided a genuine opportunity for reconciliation. We thank our Open Circle Discussion Group

Expression of Gratitude

We feel immensely grateful to the South Australian community for your nominations, for your warm embrace as we travelled to the regions, for the generous support and commitment from our sponsors, corporate partners, and members. Without the support of each of you and your organisations our work would not have the impact and reach that we are so keen to fully realise. We will continue to amplify the stories of Australians at their best.

We also acknowledge the incredible role of our volunteers across our program of work. 28 SA Ambassadors generously volunteered their time to travel across the state and engaged with Councils and communities leading up to and on Australia Day including one Ambassador travelling to Tasmania. Collectively our volunteer Ambassadors traversed over 9,500 kms from the southeast across the mid Murray to the mid north, to the Eyre Peninsula to Kangaroo Island - to name a few of the regions that our volunteer Ambassadors reached and created impact. These community leaders were part of a rich storytelling and connection opportunity - the sharing of their lived experiences promoted active citizenship and strengthened our communities.

It is with immense gratitude that I thank the Board of the Australia Day Council of South Australia for the opportunity to serve the Board and receive their wise counsel and strategic directions. Our organisation is dependent on volunteers who are the lifeblood of ADCSA, and we are immensely grateful for their generous contribution of time and energy. I also express enormous gratitude to our team whose dedication and passion have ensured that we could conquer the many challenges we faced during these extraordinary times. Our team's resilience enabled the illumination of our story to be expressed through our inspiring leaders and showcasing our communities in our State.

Jan Chorley

Chief Executive Officer







Key Highlights

Events

Leadership in Times of Crisis

25 July 2022

ADCSA was honoured to deliver the powerful Leadership in Times of Crisis on 25 July 2022 this brought together Dr Richard Harris SC OAM Dual Recipient 2019 Australian of the Year, Professor Helen Marshall AM SA State Recipient Australian of the Year 2022 and Former Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM NSW State Recipient Australian of the Year 2021 to a wide reaching audience of 400 attendees including our ADCSA Patron Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia. A panel presentation that was emceed by Jess Adamson enabled these inspirational Australians to share their stories as well as the courage and resilience they needed to face our nation's most devastating bushfires, floods, a global pandemic, and international humanitarian rescue mission. This free public event was made possible due to ADCSA securing sponsor partnerships with Entrée Recruitment, The University of Adelaide, Terry White Chemmart & Adelaide Expo Hire.

Lord Mayoral Reception

17 August 2022

The Lord Mayoral Reception is an opportunity to acknowledge and honour the extraordinary work of our 2022 South Australians of the Year and the impact they have made across our state. Hosted in collaboration with the City of Adelaide, this reception is a special experience for diverse South Australian community members to come together and connect with our recipients, Alumni, and the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Adelaide. The Lord Mayoral Reception elevates the worldclass work that our recipients are undertaking across the fields of life saving research, early intervention strategies for young people and improving health services for marginalised individuals. This year the Lord Mayoral Reception honoured our 2022 South Australians of the Year:

- SA State Recipient Australian of the Year 2022 Professor Helen Marshall AM – Vaccination researcher
- SA State Recipient Senior Australian of the Year 2022 Mark Le Messurier - Educator, counsellor and author
- SA State Recipient Young Australian of the Year 2022 Dr Trudy Lin - Special needs dentistry consultant
- SA State Recipient Local Hero 2022 Monique Bareham -Lymphoedema advocate and leader

Australian of the Year Luncheon

19 October 2022

We were excited to host Dylan Alcott AO, athlete, Paralympian, philanthropist, media commentator, advocate and 2022 Australian of the Year as the keynote speaker at the 2022 Australian of the Year Luncheon held on 19 October 2022 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Dylan's advocacy which is to ensure more people with a disability are employed across all sectors was a key part of his message. This highly anticipated event also featured a panel discussion with our 2022 SA Australian of the Year recipients: Professor Helen Marshall AM, Mark Le Messurier, Dr Trudy Lin - 2022 SA Young Australian of the Year and Monique Bareham - 2022 SA Local Hero, Lymphoedema Advocate, conducted by David Washington from Solstice Media -InDaily. Dr Gill Hicks AM MBE was the extraordinary MC for this experience. Over 700 people were entertained by stunning performances from the St Mary's College small jazz ensemble, No Strings Attached Theatre of Disability performed a comedy skit Chef Antonio's Recipes for Revolution, and Tutti Arts - Thank God Its Friday choir sang their uplifting 'Strong and Free' medley. We are proud to align with support partners Access 2 Place Housing, Deloitte, University of Adelaide, Adelaide Cemeteries Authority, Tennis SA, Maras Group, Novita, Mobo Group, Department of Human Services, Kytons Bakery, Pernod Ricard, Sofitel Adelaide and Respirico. We also acknowledge the invaluable support from our funding partners the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council and supported by the Government of South Australia and strategic partner City of Adelaide.

Inspiring South Australian Women: Women in Space – Impacting the World and Beyond

26 October 2022

This experience provided another opportunity to amplify our inspirational South Australians. 380 people attended ADCSA's Inspiring South Australian Women: Women in Space – Impacting the World and Beyond event held at the National Wine Centre. The Hon Nat Cook MP Minister for Human Services opened this inspiring event with Flavia Tata Nardini and a warm video from Professor Tanya Monro AC SA State Recipient Australian of the Year 2011 followed by our amazing panel with Katherine Bennell-Pegg, Professor Jill Slay AM, Associate Professor Jenny Mortimer, Dr Kimberley Clayfield, and Zandria Farrell. Attendees had the opportunity to listen and meet our brilliant speakers, women who are all leaders in their fields within the space sector. Proudly presented in partnership with The Andy Thomas Space Foundation. A very special thank you to our support partners -Adelaide Airport, VisualCom, The University of Adelaide, Inspiring South Australia - Making Science Visible. Women's Information Service and Haigh's Chocolates. We also acknowledge the invaluable support from our funding partners the Australian Government through National Australia Day Council and supported by the Government of South Australia and strategic partner City of Adelaide.

2023 SA Australian of the Year Awards Presentation Evening

10 November 2022

Each year the Australian of the Year Awards amplifies the achievement and contribution of inspiring Australians. These Awards honour outstanding Australians who have gone the extra mile to create a better country for us all. Over 400 people attended the SA Australian of the Year Awards Presentation Evening on 10 November held at the iconic Adelaide Convention Centre, announcing the four finalists who would represent our State in Canberra for the National Announcement. A special preevent reception was hosted at Government House by Mr Rod Bunten which enabled ADCSA support partners to meet and greet the sixteen 2023 South Australian of

the Year Award Nominees. The event featured a Welcome to Country by Uncle Frank Wanganeen, Electric Fields and Annette Buckskin, a proud Kaurna and Narungga Elder. A performance from Adelaide Global Collective followed, with a specially composed ensemble featuring Katie Aspel and Julian Ferraretto. Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and The Honourable Peter Malinauskas MP, Premier of South Australia presented the recipients with their Awards.







Key Highlights

Events

Tour of Honour – Eyre Peninsula & Upper Spencer Gulf

18 and 19 November 2022

It was an honour to visit the Eyre Peninsula and Upper Spencer Gulf regions in November 2022. The City of Port Lincoln warmly welcomed us with our first stop on 16 November at Port Lincoln High School. Mark Le Messurier - 2022 SA Senior Australian of the Year, Dr Trudy Lin - 2022 SA Young Australian of the Year, Monique Bareham - 2022 SA Local Hero, Lymphoedema Advocate and Taryn Brumfitt – recently proclaimed 2023 SA Australian of the Year, shared inspiring and encouraging words with the Year 9 and Year 10 students. We were thrilled to host a free community screening of Taryn Brumfitt's movie, Embrace Kids, at the wonderful Nautilus Arts Centre. We sincerely thank the Port Lincoln community for joining us at this special evening.

It was a privilege to be back at the University of South Australia Whyalla Campus on 18 November and to connect with a variety of community members, particularly students from Sunrise Christian School. We were grateful to support partner, Respirico Healthcare, for joining us at this inspiring forum.

Our SA Australian of the Year recipients captivated students in Year 10 at Whyalla Secondary College - reinforcing that anything is possible and to always pursue your dreams, no matter the challenges you may face. We were honoured to be invited by CEO of Whyalla City Council to attend a local Leadership Forum that explored how the community can continue to build their identity and create a greater sense of belonging. Our inspiring South Australians led a rich and deep conversation with leaders across various fields, and shared profound messages that will stay with the community for years to come. Thank you to the City of Port Pirie and local community for a warmly received public forum at the Northern Festival Centre and to St Mark's College students and teachers for your engagement at the school forum. We were overwhelmed by comments received from the Tour of Honour Eyre Peninsula and Upper Spencer Gulf 'Thank you so much for coming to Port Lincoln and helping activate our community. Thank you again for your support, as you can see it makes a huge difference in our community, particularly regarding reconciliation around Australia Day.

Cheers, Matt'. 'Council is grateful for the opportunity provided to host this wonderful, annual event. The tour was extremely successful, and the guest speakers kept the audience captivated with their narratives.' A special mention to our support partners for the Tour of Honour in Port Lincoln, Whyalla and Port Pirie – Department of Premier and Cabinet, MGA Insurance, Marshall & Brougham, Aussie Discount Chemist, Essity Medical Solutions, Respirico and the City of Port Lincoln, City of Whyalla and Port Pirie Regional Council. Travelling and Touring partners - Des's Minibus and Media partner ABC North and West SA. The Tour of Honour was a great way to showcase the value of the Australian of the Year Awards to these communities and to encourage more nominations from the regions in the future.

Aus Lights on the River

25 January to 26 January 2023

The 2023 Australia Day Program was guided by two overarching themes, Belonging to Country, and Connecting to Nature. Aus Lights on the River was a two-day program held on Wednesday 25 January and Thursday 26 January. The program showcased Our SA Story through immersive visually engaging light, vision, and sound installations supported with complimentary children's activations. Thank you to the 33,000 people who attended Aus Lights on the River across 25 and 26 January 2023.

Mourning in the Morning - Smoking Ceremony

26 January 2023

Up to 3,500 people listened, learned, and paid their respects to our First Nations culture and communities by attending the Mouring in the Morning Smoking Ceremony. Attendees gathered from 7am on the morning of 26 January for a Smoking Ceremony at Tarntanya Wama (Elder Park). This profound ceremony shaped by First Nations leaders was a time for truth telling of our history and provided a genuine opportunity for reconciliation. The 26 January signifies the day the first fleet set foot on our shores the day the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities changed forever. We seek to reconcile the devastating impacts this brought to First Nations peoples. To the nation, we have become and the country we hope to be. This one-hour event opened with the Four Direction Ceremony presented by Uncle Moogy Sumner AM, followed by a powerful speaker's address presented by April Lawrie, Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, and mesmerising performances by the Iwiri Choir and Nancy Bates. The Mourning in the Morning - Smoking Ceremony was presented in partnership with the City of Adelaide, SA Power Networks and SARAH Constructions. It was assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council and supported by the Government of South Australia.

Respecting Country Parade

26 January 2023

A vibrant cultural procession full of colour, music and dance that comprised of up to 60 South Australian communities came together to celebrate the diversity and richness of our state in the spirit of inclusion and respect on 26 January. In a first the Respecting Country Parade began with the cultural ceremony A Greeting to Spirit of Place, led by Karl Winda Telfer/Traditional Owner/Kaurna Meyunna brought together all parade communities to pay respect to country and honour the ancestors of this ancient land. This colourful line of peoples travelled along King William Street merging into Elder Park / Tarntanya Wama celebratina the diversity of communities and cultures in South Australia. The Parade began with the South Australian Migrant and Refugee Story and Our Ancestral Story, followed by South Australian at their Best, highlighting both large and small community organisations, performers and charities that contribute to our state.

Tindo Utpurndee – Sunset Ceremony

25 January 2023

11,000 people attended this unique experience to watch Tindo Utpurndee - Sunset Ceremony in Elder Park / Tarntanya Wama led by Karl Winda Telfer and accompanied by artist Jakirah Telfer. This Ceremony was punctuated by outstanding speakers Tanya Hosch Leader, Changemaker, Visionary & SA State Recipient Australian of the Year 2021 and Shona Reid, Guardian for Children and Young People in South Australia. As the sun began to fall on the evening of the 25 January, attendees were invited to this Sunset Ceremony to witness, recognise and listen to the voices of recovery from First Nations' Peoples. Led by Burka, Senior man Karl Winda Telfer, Mullawirra Meyunna - Dry Forest People with YELLAKA - 'Old Wisdom-New Ways' (Kaurna Meyunna). Tindo Utpurndee - Sunset Ceremony was presented in partnership with the City of Adelaide, SA Power Networks and SARAH Constructions. It was assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council and supported by the Government of South Australia.





Key Highlights

Events

Official Ceremony

26 January 2023

The Aus Lights on the River Official Ceremony 2023 saw thousands of people listen to a diversity of speakers from different backgrounds and experiences including the Premier of South Australia Mr Peter Malinauskas MP in Elder Park / Tarntanya Wama on 26 January. The audience experienced a profound Welcome to Country presented by Uncle Moogy Sumner AM, reflections by the Premier of South Australia Mr Peter Malinauskas MP, Lord Mayor Jane Lomax – Smith and community representatives Fahima Ahmadi, Bernadette Belej and Kate Bartlett. Thousands present were treated to melodic performances by Iwiri Choir, the Young Adelaide Voices and Gospo Collective together with conductor Julian Ferraretto and the Adelaide Global Collective. The Aus Lights Program was presented in partnership with the City of Adelaide, PH8 Alkaline Water, Vili's Family Bakery, EPSON, SA Power Networks, SARAH Constructions. It was assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council and supported by the Government of South Australia.

Australia Day Awards Government House

20 January 2023

An individual's generosity in assisting countless women find confidence and dignity through work after incarceration, to twin Ngarrindjeri brothers sharing their culture and helping the mental health of young people within their regional community, and a tireless advocate who has transformed the lives of children and women that have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault and trauma - were just a few of the outstanding individuals recognised in the Australia Day Awards on Friday 20 January 2023, on the grounds of Government House. This year over 400 attendees experienced a stunning presentation of recognition and celebration that shined a spotlight on unsung South Australians who go above and beyond in making a difference within our community.

The Australia Day Awards attract outstanding community member nominations from across South Australia. This Award Ceremony presents the recipients and commendations of the State Citizen of the Year Awards program, Inspiring South Australian Women's Award program and the Award for Leadership in Languages and Cultures program.

Uluru Statement from the Heart – A Deeper Understanding

16 May 2023

This was an extraordinary evening of inspiration, enlightenment, and immense pride as up to 1000 people gathered at the Adelaide Town Hall to witness the transformative impact of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. And what an honour it was to have esteemed keynote speaker, Noel Pearson, grace us with his profound wisdom and impassioned words. Noel's powerful address received a standing ovation and was followed by a rich and informative panel discussion comprising of South Australian First Nations Leaders Tanya Hosch, **Executive General Manager of** Inclusion and Social Policy at the Australian Football League - SA State Recipient Australian of the Year 2021, Commissioner for First Nations Voice Dale Agius and Arrin Hazelbane General Manager of Aboriginal Practice and Services, Communities and Justice in the Department of Human Services.

We were proud to align with sponsorship partners Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Sarah Constructions Pty Ltd, Intract Australia, Adelaide PHN, SAACCON, SDA, Sofitel Adelaide and Property Council of Australia. We also acknowledge the invaluable support from our funding partners the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council, the Government of South Australia and strategic partners City of Adelaide, Don Dunstan Foundation and Reconciliation SA.

23

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Taryn Brumfitt Australian of the Year 2023

We were honoured to present another incredible Australian of the Year Luncheon to a diverse audience of over 500 people at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

This unforgettable experience featured South Australia's verv own Taryn Brumfitt, founder of the Body Image Movement and the esteemed 2023 Australian of the Year. Accompanied by Amar Singh, the Founder of Turbans 4 Australia and Local Hero 2023, their presence added immense value to the event. This luncheon also included a compelling panel discussion with renowned individuals who shared their unique journeys. This panel comprised of Paul Vasileff, Young Australian of the Year 2017, Sandra Miller, SA State Recipient Senior Australian of the Year 2023 and Christine Robertson OAM, SA State Recipient Local Hero 2023 and MC Jess Adamson.

The event commenced with a heartfelt welcome to country by Kaurna Elder Uncle Mickey O'Brien, fostering a sense of respect and acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land.

An integral part of the event was the opportunity for secondary school students and educators to interact with the speakers. Their engagement with these distinguished individuals helped inspire and guide them on their own journeys. The event's focus on student engagement provided a unique educational experience for the young attendees, exposing them to diverse perspectives and inspiring them to make a positive impact.

The audience was also treated to exceptional performances by the Marryatville High School jazz ensemble, Folkwave Adelaide, Lloyd Williams St Peter's College, and the Dance Pad. These remarkable performances showcased the rich talent and diverse cultural elements of South Australia.

We extend our gratitude to the invaluable support partners who contributed to the success of this Luncheon including Kytons Bakery, Pernod Ricard Winemakers, Adelaide Cemeteries Authority, Maras Group and St. Peter's College. We also acknowledge the invaluable support from our funding partners the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council and support from the Government of South Australia and strategic partner City of Adelaide.







Impact at a Glance

78
Aus Lights on the River volunteers

304

1,200
Respecting
Country Parade
volunteers

6000 hours worked

Aus Lights on the River 2023

33,000 reached across two days

3,500 smoking ceremony attendees

Sunset Ceremony attendees

60
diverse community organisations involved in the program

42
ethnicities
involved in
the program

33,000 Aus Lights on the River patrons

Income Sources + Expenses



INCOME



Other income



Across SA Community **Events**

39

Community Grants for Local Government and Non-For-Profit Community Organisations

totalling \$1,170,000

Whole of Year Engagement

588 attendees

Leadership in Times of Crisis

attendees

Lord Mayoral Reception

700 attendees Australian of the Year **Luncheon 2022 featuring Dylan Alcott AO**

380 attendees **Inspiring South Australian Women** in Space Impacting the World and Beyond 380

of the Year Awards **Presentation Evening**

SA Australian

436 attendees

Australia Day Awards Government House

1.000 attendees

Uluru Statement from the Heart

510 attendees

Australian of the Year Luncheon 2023 featuring Taryn Brumfitt

Social Media

Australia Day in South Australia Facebook Page @AustraliaDaySA

Australia Day in South Australia Instagram Page @AustraliaDaySA

1,882 followers

following

Australia Day Council of South Australia LinkedIn

followers

Australia Day Ambassadors

Ambassadors across 69 councils

Across Metropolitan Councils

Across Regional







South Australia

Australian of the Year Presentation Evening





Key Highlights

Programs

The Australian of the Year Awards

Nominees for the 2023 SA Australian of the Year Awards include an environmentalist, a Socceroo, a workplace safety advocate, a woman teaching the world to embrace their bodies, an Aboriginal rights activist, an equality champion and a foster care advocate.

SA's Australian of the Year 2023

Recipient: Taryn Brumfitt
- Body image activist, director, writer and speaker

Professor Christopher Daniels PHD DSC FAICD

- Environmentalist, zoologist and science communicator

Andrea Madeley

- Lawyer and workplace safety advocate

Marie Elizabeth Shaw QC

- Philanthropist and co-founder, Ice Factor program

SA's Young Australian of the Year 2023

Recipient: Awer Mabil

- Professional soccer player and cofounder of Barefoot to Boots

Josh Cavallo

- Professional soccer player and equality champion

Felicity Graham

- Author, advocate and CEO at Fostering Change Australia

Zainab Kazemi

- Multicultural advocate and volunteer

SA's Senior Australian of the Year 2023

Recipient: Sandra Miller

- Aboriginal rights activist, advocate for Indigenous health and welfare

Margaret Fischer AM

- Co-founder of Feast Adelaide Oueer Arts & Cultural Festival

Eric Lewis Siggurs

- Volunteer, Technology for Ageing and Disability SA

Eugenia Tsoulis OAM

- ČEO at Australian Migrant Resource Centre; founding member of Settlement Council Australia

SA's Local Hero 2023

Recipient: Christine Robertson
- Co-founder of Lost Pets of South
Australia and creator of Chipblitz
Program

Neil Robert Davis

 Keynote speaker and co-founder of Sammy D Foundation

Elizabeth Habermann

- Voluntary assisted dying advocate

Marigold White

- Co-founder of Uniity

The Citizen of the Year Awards

The Citizen of the Year Awards was again a highly successful program in unearthing and celebrating the achievements of remarkable local individuals across our regions, that place others need before their own and in doing so go above and beyond in enriching their local communities.

We continued our successful partnerships with the Local Government Association of South Australia, Sarah Constructions, On the Run (OTR), MGA Insurance Group and IWS. The recipients for 2023 were:

South Australia's Citizen of the Year

Stella Braund (City of Unley)

South Australia's Young Citizen of the Year

Hannah Allen-Jordan
(District Council of Tumby Bay)

South Australia's Young Citizen of the Year (Commendation)

Alex Bruhn (City of Adelaide)

South Australia's Community Event of the Year

My Tree Project (City of Charles Sturt)

South Australia's Community Event of the Year (Commendation)

Renmark Rowing Club (Renmark Paringa Council)

South Australia's Award for Active Citizenship

Evette Wolf (District Council of Yankalilla)

South Australia's Award for Active Citizenship (Commendation)

Pat Munden (City of Marion)

South Australia's Award for Active Citizenship (Commendation)

Pieter Dawson (City of Salisbury)

The Award for Leadership in Languages and Cultures

In partnership with the Minister for Education through the Multicultural Education and Languages Committee (MELC), this Award recognises outstanding young people who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to advocacy for a multilingual and culturally diverse Australia.

Category 1 Dual Recipients

Thomas and Coen Pearson – Meningie Area School

Category 1 Commendation

William D'Angelo – Concordia College

Category 2 Recipient

Tahlia Riessen

Category 2 Commendation

Mussa Nawroazi

Inspiring South Australian Women

In partnership with the Office for Women, the Inspiring South Australian Women Award recognises the contribution women make, in a voluntary or paid role, to advancing and enriching our society. This Award celebrates women and offers people a chance to shine a light on women whose efforts can sometimes go unrecognised.

Inspiring South Australian Women Recipient

Sarah Paddick

Inspiring South Australian Women Commendations

Madelyn Duckmanton

Emerging Leader Recipient

Zainab Kazemi

ADCSA Ambassador Program

The Ambassador Program is the cornerstone of Local Australia Day gatherings. Each year over 300 Ambassadors generously volunteer their time and energy to visit regional and metropolitan areas across the nation to engage and connect with communities. Our SA Ambassadors connected 28 Councils and communities in January 2023 traversing over 9500 km across our stunning state. As an Ambassador for January 2023 these community leaders were part of a rich storytelling and connection experience - the sharing of their unique lived experience promotes active citizenship and strengthens our communities. SA Ambassadors were allocated and engaged across the following Local Government Areas.



Australia Day Ambassadors

Name	Destination on Australia Day		
Emeritus Professor Alison Mackinnon	Adelaide Plains Council		
Professor Helen Marshall	City of Burnside		
Edgar Agius	City of Charles Sturt		
Craig Scott	Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council		
Samela Harris	District Council of Cleve		
Barry Lewis	Coorong District Council		
Michael O'Connell	District Council of Elliston		
Professor Richard Bruggemann	District Council of Grant		
Peter Goers	Regional Council of Goyder		
Joel Bayliss	City of Holdfast Bay		
Dr Peter Cahalan	District Council of Karoonda East Murray		
Kate Swaffer	Kangaroo Island Council		
Kaitlin Purcell	District Council of Kimba		
Samoda Silva	City of Marion		
Lynn Hill	Mount Barker District Council		
Cate Fowler	Rural City of Murray Bridge		
Monique Bareham	City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters		
Vicky Welgraven	City of Onkaparinga		
Vikram Madan	City of Playford		
Mark Le Messurier	Port Pirie Regional Council		
Ralph Clarke	Southern Mallee District Council		
John Shepherd	Tatiara District Council		
Holly Scott	City of Tea Tree Gully		
Dr Trudy Lin	City of Unley		
Ian Smith	Wattle Range Council		
Dr Bob Irving	Whyalla City Council		
Stephen Hedges	District Council of Yankalilla		







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Uluru Statement from the Heart – A Deeper Understanding

Adelaide Cemeteries Authority

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Dylan Alcott AO

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Taryn Brumfitt

Adelaide PHN

Uluru Statement from the Heart – A Deeper Understanding

Aussie Discount Chemist

Tour of Honour Eyre Peninsula & Upper Spencer Gulf

Boileau Business Technology

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Taryn Brumfitt

CESA

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Dylan Alcott AO

Deloitte

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Dylan Alcott AO

Department of Human Services

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Dylan Alcott AO

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Integrated Waste Solutions

Citizen of the Year Awards

Intract Australia

Uluru Statement from the Heart – A Deeper Understanding

Kyton's Bakery

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Dylan Alcott AO

Citizen of the Year Awards

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Taryn Brumfitt

Local Government Association of South Australia

Citizen of the Year Awards

Maras Group

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Dylan Alcott

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Taryn Brumfitt

Marshall & Brougham

Tour of Honour Eyre Peninsula & Upper Spencer Gulf

MGA Insurance

Citizen of the Year Awards

Tour of Honour Eyre Peninsula & Upper Spencer Gulf

Mobo Group

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Dylan Alcott AO

Novita

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Dylan Alcott AO

Office for Women

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Peregrine Corporation (OTR)

Citizen of the Year Awards

Pernod Ricard Winemakers

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Dylan Alcott AO

Australian of the Year Luncheon featuring Taryn Brumfitt

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Aus Lights on the River 2023

Property Council of Australia

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Smoking Ceremony

Sarah Constructions

Citizen of the Year Awards

Smoking Ceremony

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Sofitel Adelaide

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Governance

The Board of Management is the governing body of the Australia Day Council of South Australia. In the year 2022 – 2023 the Board comprised of the following members:

Mr Peter Tsokas (Chairperson)

Ms Antonietta Cocchiaro OAM (Deputy Chairperson)

Ms Michelle Cox (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Daniel Melino (Treasurer)

Mr Mario Romaldi (resigned June 2023)

Mr Rajendra Pandey

Ms Dana Wortley MP

Cr Jing Li

Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross

Ms Anna Cheung

Ms Ali Lockwood (resigned December 2022)

Ms Sarah Hooper (resigned December 2022)

Ms Gillian Lewis - appointed member

Mr Grant Mayer – appointed member

Mr Rob Stobbe - appointed member

The ADCSA Board met on 9 occasions. Meetings were held on a Wednesday evening at ADCSA Offices at 240 Currie Street Adelaide.

- 13 July 2022
- 31 August 2022
- 27 September 2022
- 25 October 2022
- 14 December 2022
- 18 January 2023
- 15 March 20233
- 3 May 2023
- 21 June 2023

The Sponsorship, Membership and Marketing Committee met twice. The purpose of this committee is to provide assistance and expertise in the development and implementation of effective sponsorship, membership and marketing plans for ADCSA and in support of the organisation's goals and strategic plan and to oversee successful ADCSA Inc events.

The Committee comprises 4 Board Members and 2 independent members.

The Governance Committee has met on two occasions this year. The purpose of the Corporate Governance Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its corporate governance responsibilities. The main focus of the meetings this year has been on the Constitution.

The Committee comprises 3 Board members and 2 independent members.

A new Committee was established named The New Premises
Committee, and the Committee has not met this financial year. The purpose of the Committee is to look at new premises for the Australia Day Council of SA Inc. The committee comprises of two Board members and one independent member.

BOARD ATTENDANCE - 2022 AND 2023

Member	November	December	January	March	May	June			
Peter Tsokas	√	1	1	Apology	1				
Antonietta Cocchiaro	√	1	1	√	1				
Michelle Cox	√	√	√	√	1				
Daniel Melino	1	1	1	√	1				
Mario Romaldi	1	1	1	√	Apology	Resigned			
Rajendra Pandey	√	Apology	1	√	1				
Heather Holmes Ross	√	1	1	√	1				
Dana Wortley	√	Apology	Apology	√	1				
Anna Cheung	Appointed	Appointed Dec 2022		√	1				
Jing Li	Appointed	Appointed Dec 2022		√	1				
Grant Mayer	Appointed	Appointed Dec 2022		1	1				
Gillian Lewis	Appointed	Appointed Dec 2022		1					
Rob Stobbe	Appointed	Appointed Jan 2023		1	1				
Ali Lockwood		Elected September 2022 - Resigned December 2022							
Sarah Hooper		Current Member - Resigned December 2022							

Testimonials

"

The well-crafted speech which took us on a journey of history, governance and politics into the significance and necessity of the Uluru Statement.

Uluru Statement from the Heart – A Deeper Understanding attendee

"

This was an inspirational and informative evening. I would highly recommend this to family, friends and associates for next year."

Inspiring South Australian Women in Space -Impacting the World and Beyond attendee October 2022

"

Really well structured and timed. The flow was great. The speakers were fantastic. The MC was just excellent - keeping the energy and timing well - gracious, humorous pitch perfect on gravitas and relaxed."

Citizen of the Year Awards Government House January 2023



"

The atmosphere was lovely, with happy crowds enjoying the food, the entertainment and displays.

Aus Lights on the River January 2023 attendee

"

What a showcase of amazing individuals who have worked tirelessly in our Australian communities to make an incredible positive difference. Bringing people together, helping those in need, raising awareness, supporting and educating! Exemplars Thanks for all you do."

Australian of the Year Luncheon June 2023 attendee







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Dr Tony Cocchiaro

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Ceduna District Council

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Cleve District Council

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Wakefield Regional Council

Wattle Range Council

West Torrens City Council

Whyalla City Council

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74 individual members







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