



MEDIA RELEASE

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Greg Hurrell named 2022 Citizen of the Year

The District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula is proud to congratulate its 2022 Australia Day Award recipients.

Greg Hurrell *Citizen of the Year*

Greg's community efforts spread across varied organisations.

Greg has been a member of the Country Fire Service since 1972 and has held various roles and responsibilities earning a National Medal, a Ministerial Commendation and several service medals.

Greg is a founding member of the Cummins Men's Shed, and is an integral part of the United Yeelanna Football Club having been a trainer since 2002, and the last two seasons head trainer.

Greg is a long-term member of the Yeelanna Agricultural Bureau, and has held the position of Secretary for three years and President for three years.

Greg has also been a member of the South Australian Lone Scouts for the past 26 years.

Denvar Pool *Young Citizen of the Year*

Denvar is the current chair of the Cummins Youth Advisory Council and has been a member for the past two years.

Denvar has contributed to local youth and community support initiatives including stakeholder consultation for the Cummins Our Town project, involvement in the Get Out Festival colour run, and helped develop the How To Nail Adulting toolkit with West Coast Youth and Community Support.

Denvar has been elected to the Senior Leadership Executive by his peers and was awarded the Cummins Area School Community Award in 2021.

Denvar is studying Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care through TAFE SA, and regularly volunteers at Cummins Rural Care.

Get Out Music & Arts Festival *Community Event of the Year*

Empowering Lower Eyre has been recognised for its 2021 Get Out Music & Arts Festival - a free community event that focuses on youth mental health.

The event aimed to create community connections to reduce isolation and loneliness in young people. Held in Cummins on 10 April 2021, more than 1000 people attended the family day out full of local music, food, workshops and more.

The festival was first held in 2020 with minimal student input, and now 2022's festival already has 26 secondary students wanting to play an active role.

The event continues to go from strength to strength and was selected as a semi finalist in the 2021 South Australian Community Achievement Awards.

Lake Wangary School
Organisation of the Year

Lake Wangary School has been recognised for its Minya Custodians program that focuses on connecting children to country, culture and custodianship.

Students are visiting local areas to assess the health of the environment through data collection and observations. They then come up with ideas to protect, maintain and create sustainable areas.

As well as working with a local Nauo Elder and archaeologist, students have been working with Council, the EP Landscape Board, National Parks and Wildlife, EP Analysis and Friends of Coffin Bay. Recent progress includes that new signage will be installed at the Greenly Beach area to protect the area.

Coffin Bay/ Port Lincoln Aquatic Centre
Business of the Year

Head instructor Yvonne Ackland at Coffin Bay/ Port Lincoln Aquatic Centre has been recognised for sharing her knowledge of all things aquatic for the last approximate 30 years.

Yvonne and her team have held student lesson and camps in Coffin Bay over many years, sharing their knowledge of the ocean, water sport and safety.

Through her work Yvonne has also helped to promote Coffin Bay and boost the town's economy.

Teagan Wallace, Five Loaves Bakery
Employee of the Year

Teagan has been recognised for her dedication to Five Loaves Bakery. At 14-years-old Teagan started as a casual after school and 11 years later she is an integral part to the business.

Teagan is now a qualified baker having completed Certificate III in Commercial Baking. Teagan is commended for her work ethic and maturity. As well as managing the day to day running of the baking area, Teagan is a great mentor and trainer for the bakery's apprentice bakers.

Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley congratulated all award winners, noting Council was pleased to capture a great spectrum of the community.

"It is a pleasure to see so many great things happening in our community and Council is delighted to recognise some of the special people behind the scenes," Mayor Quigley said.

Council will host a community breakfast at the Cummins Railway Triangle at 8am on Wednesday, January 26 with award presentations to begin at 9am.

A citizenship ceremony will also be held for Coffin Bay residents Clare Martin and Andrew Williams.