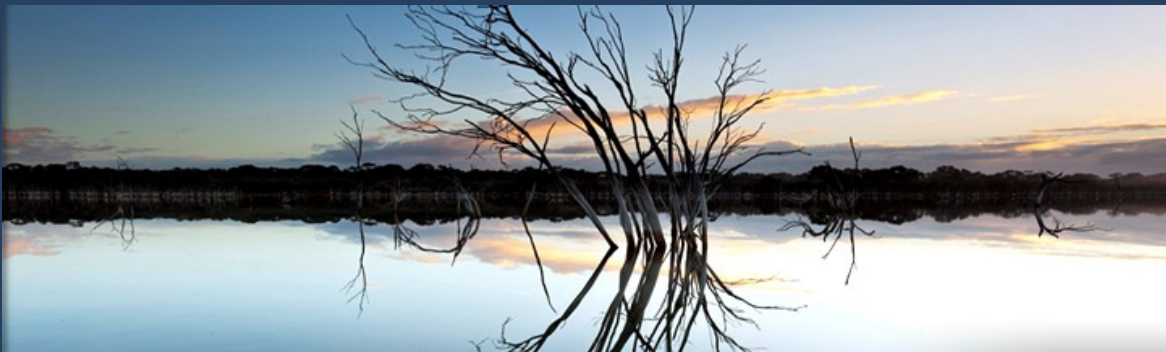
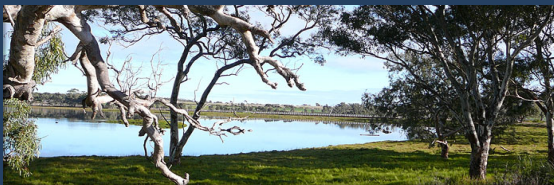




## Policy – Australia Day Awards

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“Working with our Rural & Coastal Communities”

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## 1. AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Lower Eyre Council will celebrate Australia Day by hosting a Community Breakfast at Cummins on 26 January each year, to be followed by a presentation ceremony conducted by the Council Mayor for the Award winners.

The breakfast may request a gold coin donation which will be provided to a local charity following the breakfast.

Council will consider participating in community-initiated Australia Day Breakfast events throughout the region on a case-by-case basis.

## 2. AWARD CATEGORIES

Awards will be presented to reflect outstanding achievements throughout the Council district in the following categories: -

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of Year / Organisation of the Year
- Business of the Year
- Employee of the Year

Award categories and the format or proceedings at the Cummins event are subject to change at the discretion of the Council.

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### 3. AWARD CRITERIA

#### 3.1 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

3.1.1 Significant contribution to the community, including some or all of the following traits: -

- Displays leadership
- Inspirational role model for the whole community
- Voluntary contribution to community or sporting organisations
- The person has undertaken activity that has raised the profile of the Lower Eyre Council or a local area.

3.1.2 In assessing nominations for the Citizen of the Year consideration will be given to the impact the individual's contribution has had on the Lower Eyre Council as a whole, or within a local community.

3.1.3 To be eligible for the Citizen of the Year person must be an Australian citizen, and must live in the local area.

3.1.4 Nominations containing letters of support will be viewed favourably.

#### 3.2 YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

3.2.1 Significant contribution to the community, including demonstrating some or all of the following traits: -

- Voluntary contribution to community or sporting organisations
- Excellence in sport, music, the arts or other recreational activities
- Displays Leadership
- Inspirational role model for young people
- Activity that has raised the profile of the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula

3.2.2 The Young Citizen of the Year is open to people aged under 30 years of age at 1 January of the applicable year.

3.2.3 Nominations containing letters of support will be viewed favourably.

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### 3. AWARD CRITERIA

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#### 3.3 COMMUNITY EVENT / ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

Nominations for the Community Event / Organisation of the Year may be made against either of the following criteria:

##### 3.3.1 Community event

- A community event enjoyed by a significant number of people which included some or all of the following traits:
  - A high standard of organisation leading to enjoyment by those people attending
  - Significant voluntary contribution towards the success of the event
  - An event that raised the profile of an organisation or attracted people to visit our district
  - An event that recognised the history of our district, or history within an organisation
- Nominations containing letters of support for the event will be viewed favourably.

##### 3.3.2 Organisation of the Year

- An organisation providing recreational, educational or social opportunity to the community portraying some or all of the following characteristics:
  - A high level of involvement with the local community.
  - Strong leadership leading to high, or increased participation levels within membership
  - Provision of an event enjoyed by members and the community alike
- Nominations containing letters of support for the organisation will be viewed favourably.

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#### 3.4 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

3.4.1 The Business of the Year will provide a valuable service to the community demonstrating some or all of the following traits: -

- A service adding to the lifestyle of local people
- A service providing valuable on-service to local businesses
- A business portraying positive, consistent and memorable customer service
- A business employing local people
- A business adding to the profile of a local area or the wider Council district

3.4.2 To be eligible, the business must have an ABN, and operate within the Council area.

3.4.3 Nominations containing letters of support will be viewed favourably.

#### 3.5 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

3.5.1 Nominees must demonstrate exemplary performance of work activities that are above and beyond the scope of assigned responsibilities including:

- Positive, consistent and memorable customer service
- Demonstrated enthusiasm for the role
- Commitment to the business

3.5.2 To be eligible, nominees must be employed within the Lower Eyre Council district, but do not have to reside within the Council area.

Nominations containing letters of support will be viewed favourably.

### 4. ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Nomination periods will not be extended if insufficient applications are received and no award will be given for the relevant year in that category.

4.2 Council reserves the right to not award a category even if applications have been received if it deems the applications do not meet the criteria.

4.3 Award nominations for current staff or Elected Members will not be accepted.

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2.4	16/10/2020	Reviewed – Changed review date to biannually
2.5	17/09/21	Removal of Young Sportsperson category, introduction of 'administration' section
2.6	15/03/2023	Removal of specific wording regarding representation at Coffin Bay breakfast (if held). Amended wording of 'participation in other community led events' to incorporate any future events across the region.