

## **10.5. North Sydney Community Awards 2023 Recipients**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. CONFIDENTIAL - Report to Council - North Sydney Community Awards 2023 Recipients [10.5.1 - 8 pages]
2. CONFIDENTIAL - Nominations Summary for Panel Members - 18 January 2023 [10.5.2 - 9 pages]
3. CONFIDENTIAL - Nominations Summary Attachments for Panel Members - 18 January 2023 [10.5.3 - 15 pages]

### **PURPOSE:**

To request that Council endorse the winners of the North Sydney Community Awards 2023.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The North Sydney Community Awards event is held annually to recognise individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution during the year to the life and soul of the North Sydney community.

Nominations opened 10 October 2022 and closed 10 December 2022. The Community Awards Panel met on 18 January 2023. This Report seeks endorsement of the winners for 2023.

Should Council wish to discuss this report it is noted that the attached confidential documents include personnel matters that relate to specific individuals and as such should be considered in closed session.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The budget of the North Sydney Community Awards is \$8,000 for 2022/23. The event will be delivered to budget.

As endorsed at the 12 September 2022 Council Meeting, the annual budget will be \$10,000 commencing 2023/24, to include a guest speaker and other recommended improvements/costs.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** Council resolves that the identified attachments to this report are to be treated as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the Local Government Act for the following reason under section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act:

*(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).*

**2. THAT** Council endorse the North Sydney Community Awards 2023 Panel's recommended winners.

## LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

### 4. Our Social Vitality

4.1 North Sydney is connected, inclusive, healthy and safe

### 5. Our Civic Leadership

5.3 Community is engaged in what Council does

## BACKGROUND

North Sydney Council conducts an annual community awards event in order to recognise individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions during the year to the life and soul of the North Sydney community.

Up until and including 2019, these awards mirrored the national Australia Day Awards, offering awards in the same categories, and took place on Australia Day in conjunction with Council's Citizenship Ceremony. In 2020 and 2021, the Awards and Citizenship components were held separately and under Covid conditions.

After Council's support of the Uluru Statement of the Heart, the North Sydney Community Awards 2023 ceremony was moved from Australia Day in recognition of the pain, sorrow and loss this date marks for many First Nations Australians.

Community Development also changed the award category names from the traditional Australia Day awards (Citizen of the Year, Community Group of the Year, Environmental Citizen of the Year, and Young Citizen of the Year) to names which reflect Council's Community Strategic Plan and Social Vitality outcomes, as well as Council's Guiding Principles. The marketing campaign was similarly revamped, to attract nominations from a greater cross-section of the community.

## CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

## DETAIL

Five award categories formed part of the nomination process for a contribution by an individual or community group within the last 12 months (or for more than 20 years in the Living Legend Award category):

- 1. Community Builder:** This person or group is the glue that makes the North Sydney community stronger, together.

- 2. Eco Warrior:** This person or group has made an outstanding contribution to making North Sydney cleaner and greener.
- 3. Living Legend:** This person has served the North Sydney community for more than 20 years and is an inspiration to others.
- 4. Next Generation:** This young person or group of young people have made an outstanding contribution to the North Sydney community and are an inspiration to others. Nominees must be 24 years and under.
- 5. Trailblazer:** This person or group of people are bold innovators, driving positive impact within the North Sydney community.

**The Awards process was promoted via the following:**

- Council’s website
- Community Directory on Council’s website
- Council’s Social Media channels including Arts & Culture
- Article in the North Sydney News - brochure delivered to all North Sydney LGA residents
- Customer Service – posters on noticeboards, flyers on the front desk
- Community Noticeboards at Civic Park
- Posters at bus shelters
- Stanton Library – poster on noticeboard and flyers on the community notices wall
- Coal Loader for Sustainability – posters and flyers
- Community Centres – posters and flyers
- Direct email distribution to:
  - o Community Organisation’s database
  - o primary and secondary schools across the North Sydney LGA
  - o Precincts
- Community Development team’s network including:
  - o Arts & Culture
  - o Access and Inclusion
  - o Youth Services
  - o Multicultural network
  - o Domestic Violence
  - o Family and Children
- Council eNewsletters:
  - o Coal Loader for Sustainability
  - o Precincts
  - o eBusiness
  - o Stanton Library

- Paid: North Shore Living: Advertorials on Facebook for three groups + link to an article.
- Paid: North Shore Mums: Featured in eNews, Facebook post, and 'What's On' listing.

### **Nominations**

Overall, there were 32 applications; the number of individuals and groups nominated was 62. Nominations were judged and winners selected at a Panel Meeting held on 18 January 2023.

### **The Community Awards Panel included:**

- Mayor Zoe Baker
- Deputy Mayor Godfrey Santer (Apology - overseas)
- Helen Campbell, Manager Community Development
- Shane Sullivan, Executive Manager Governance
- Sandra Moore, Manager Communications and Events
- Jenny Gleeson, Manager Corporate Planning and Engagement
- Greg Nikoletos, Youth Services Co-ordinator
- Danielle Birkbeck, Senior Sustainability Programs Co-ordinator

### **Ineligible Nominations**

There were two nominations for the Trailblazer of the Year award, however neither nominee met the eligibility criteria as they were self-nominated. This means there will be no Trailblazer of the Year recipient in 2023. One Community Builder of the Year nomination was self-nominated and hence this nominee was also disqualified.

### **North Sydney Community Awards 2023 Ceremony**

Certificates will be presented to all nominees and winners by the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor at a special awards ceremony in the Fred Hutley Hall, in Council's Chambers on Friday, 24 February.