

Australia Day Council
of South Australia

**Annual Review
2021-2022**

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Country

Aus Lights on the River
22-26 January 2022



A nighttime photograph of a park scene. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the lights from the park. The middle ground features a walkway with green and blue lights, and trees illuminated with warm orange and cool blue lights. In the background, a tall, slender tower stands against the dark sky. The overall atmosphere is serene and festive.

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The Australia Day Council of South Australia acknowledges the traditional country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land.

We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.

A word from the Chair



This was another year like no other.

The Australia Day Council of South Australia has yet again had another successful year of engagement with the South Australian community despite the ongoing challenges of COVID. We have created new opportunities to extend our reach and impact across the state and delivered powerful experiences that celebrated our unsung heroes and an innovative program that reflected the Story of Australia to our community.

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.

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Tanya Hosch, SA State Recipient Australian of the Year 2021; Professor Richard Bruggemann SA State Recipient Senior Australian of the Year 2021; Isobel Marshall, Young Australian of the Year 2021 and SA State Recipient Young Australian of the Year 2021; and SA State Recipient Local Hero, Russell Ebert OAM – In Memoriam

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 partnership we would not be able to deliver these awards and event programs for our South Australian community. In particular, we thank the Federal Government for providing another COVID safe grant to enable us to deliver a community program in January 2022. 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 2021

The SA Australian of the Year Awards Presentation Evening in October 2021 was a stunning experience. It was one of the first official events undertaken by our new Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency The Honourable Frances Adamson AC. The nominations received were again outstanding; the 16 nominees presented were inspirational and representing the very best of South Australia.

Inspiring Leaders recognised at Australia Day Awards Government House

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Thank you to His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC

We would like to acknowledge and thank His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, former Governor of South Australia for his exceptional service to the South Australian community. His Excellency and Mrs Le were tremendous supporters of our work, attending all of our events and hosting our Australia Day Awards at Government House each year. His Excellency and Ms Le expressed to us how recognising and honouring the work of our dedicated volunteers and those that give back in our community was a highlight in the role as Governor for our state.



Welcome to our new Governor of South Australia

In October 2021 we warmly welcomed our new Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC. Our CEO and I had the pleasure of meeting with Her Excellency shortly after she was sworn in as the 36th Governor of South Australia, which was a wonderful opportunity to have an in-depth discussion on the importance of our work and its impact across our state.

New Board members appointed and Committees formed

We were pleased to welcome Antonietta Cocchiari to our Board following the AGM in September 2021. This year we welcomed Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross, appointed to the Board as the LGA SA representative following Erin Thompson's resignation to become the Member for Davenport in March 2022. The Hon Jing Lee MLC also completed her term on the Board in March 2022.

After serving on the Board for some years, Fiona Dornan stepped down in December 2021, as did Brad Manuel. I wish to sincerely thank all past and current Board members for their commitment and dedication to the organisation.

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.

In 2021 the Board finalised a new strategic plan for 2021-2024 with a refreshed purpose and strategic direction in which we acknowledge our past, recognise our inspirational people and communities, embrace and encourage diversity and inclusion for all Australians.

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 of these consist of Board representative members and external members.

The Board also wishes to express their gratitude to the CEO and her team who have done an outstanding job in successfully delivering a series of community events despite the challenges presented by COVID. This includes an exceptionally innovative approach to the acknowledgement 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



Our Awards Program

Through our Award Programs across 2021-2022 we were uplifted by so many examples of people who didn't wait for someone else to create a social enterprise or address a community issue. They responded. We have heard of young community leaders preserving their culture in remote Aboriginal communities.

We've rejoiced in young people giving expression to their own culture using multiple languages and through the power of music as a voice that speaks to marginalised young people. There are other stories of people's contributions over many, many years as a volunteer. These are heroic people who have contributed to their communities in so many ways: supporting a community café; fundraising for important health causes like breast and prostate cancers, firefighting, rescuing animals, supporting our most vulnerable citizens; saving protected species; providing drought relief; and importantly providing hope when hope may have been lost.

Some have realised their deepest vocational ambitions borne out of their desire to serve their communities or to respond to the most challenging of circumstances. How does anyone get up and fight the good fight for prevention of veterans' suicide after losing one's own son to suicide? Well, they were determined to see a Royal Commission and managed to galvanise over 400,000 signatures. We also amplified through these

programs the dedicated campaign to change the law on the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act and someone heavily involved in ensuring that South Australia's efforts would get this legislation over the line, having witnessed her own young son's choice to end his life. The power of ordinary citizens carrying out extraordinary acts has been brought home to us through our Award Programs.

We live in a connected world. As just one example, having witnessed the suffering of the people of war-torn Afghanistan, we saw how members of the Afghan community created fundraising opportunities for South Australians to respond to the humanitarian crisis. It is good to be reminded that the voice or actions of one citizen is essential to a robust, vibrant, and civil society. It is also reassuring to be reminded of the outstanding service that happens each day in our communities, so often invisible to most of us.



Each of the recipients across our Award Programs and those who have been commended continue to build the social and cultural fabric of our society. These recipients demonstrate their capacity for selflessness, the quality of their relationships in some instances over decades and their desire to connect and support most often very vulnerable people.

Amplifying our Inspirational Australians

We were so keen to ensure Grace Tame the 2021 Australian of the Year was able to come to South Australia and present to the community. Her presentations at the Rex J Lipman event and the Australian of the Year Breakfast were powerful and, as an advocate against all forms of sexual violence against women, she brought home the important message to the community of tackling this issue head on. We have also been fortunate to have such outstanding award recipients, namely Tanya Hosch, Isobel Marshall and Richard Bruggemann. These great Australians, each with deeply human stories, hold a strong desire to see change. We are uplifted by their advocacy and passion for a nation that is positively seeking to ensure a fairer and more respectful society for all.

It was an honour to travel intrastate this year and take Dr James Muecke AM, Tanya Hosch and Isobel Marshall to Port Pirie, Port Augusta and Whyalla in November 2022. We then took our 2020 National Local Hero Bernie Shakeshaft along with our 2022 State Recipients, Professor Helen Marshall AM, Mark Le

Messurier and Monique Bareham, to Naracoorte and Mount Gambier in May 2022. It is so important that our regional communities have access to hearing from fabulous recipients. We were thrilled by the reception we had for both Tours of Honour that amplified the work and contribution of our inspirational Australians. Our forums in each of the three cities attracted diverse crowds and rich opportunities for engagement.

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

We were again privileged to collaborate with our Open Circle Discussion Group comprising Kurna elders and representatives of First Nations communities across our state. Our Open Circle Discussion Group worked alongside our First Nations producer Gina Rings to formulate engage and appropriate content for all the events in our Australia Day 2022 program.

We extend a huge thank you to all South Australians for coming along and supporting the inaugural Aus Lights on the River and for again supporting the Smoking Ceremony and Aus Day in Rundle Mall events that made up our Australia Day Program 2022. It was extraordinary to see so many people taking part in the centrepiece of our program, Aus Lights on the River, with over 45,000 people engaging over four nights. Amid all the challenges of unseasonable weather and COVID-19 our free outdoor events for the community provided an opportunity to enlarge our national story. During this challenging time we have had to become more agile than ever and this was particularly given expression by our many hundreds of community organisations who participated in Rundle Mall or ventured into Elder Park.

On the morning of 26 January, a supportive crowd of more than 1000 South Australians observed the moving Smoking Ceremony (Mourning in the Morning) hosted by senior Kurna leaders on Kurna land, Elder Park/Tarntanya Wama.

We thank our First Nations Peoples who have generously invited our SA community to join in and understand more fully First Nations perspectives on Australia Day.

Special thanks and congratulations are extended to the creative team behind Aus Lights on the River, led by Creative Director Sam Wark from Campfire, the wonderful team at illuminart, production partners, media partners and suppliers. We also want to sincerely acknowledge our incredible volunteers and wonderful intercultural community organisations for their tireless contributions.

Expression of Gratitude

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 extraordinary 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

Aus Day in the Mall

Food Program, 22-26 January 2022

Host Rosa Matto with Australia

Japan Association of SA





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ALL PART
OF THE
STORY



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Australia Day Awards

Hosted by Her Excellency the Honourable
Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia





Key Highlights

Events

Rex J Lipman Public Event presents Grace Tame Australian of the Year 2021

14 September 2021

Grace Tame, Australian of the Year 2021 generously shared her story to an audience of young people, educators, and parents at the Rex J Lipman Fellows Program Lecture. We sincerely thank St Peter's College, Adelaide, and the Rex J Lipman family for partnering with us to deliver this free public event for our wider community. Grace's presentation delivered in a Q&A format with MC Jess Adamson was powerful and as an advocate against all forms of sexual violence against women, Grace brought home the important message to the Australian community of tackling this issue head on.

Australian of the Year Breakfast

15 September 2021

Grace Tame, Australian of the Year 2021 joined Tanya Hosch, SA State Recipient Australian of the Year 2021, Isobel Marshall, Young Australian of the Year 2021 and Professor Richard Bruggemann, SA State Recipient Senior Australian of the Year 2021 for an unforgettable Australian of the Year Breakfast. These incredible changemakers addressed some of our society's deeply challenging issues; sexual violence against women, incarceration rates of young people especially Aboriginal children, people with disabilities who have suffered systemic abuse in our system and the real issue of period poverty in Australia and overseas. The diverse audience represented at the National Wine Centre for this experience was encouraged to continue to learn about, speak out and to act against all these issues. It was a morning that uplifted and provided much hope for all. We were proud to align with presenting partner St Peter's College and supporting partners Lexus of Adelaide and Kytos Bakery Australia.

SA Australian of the Year Awards Presentation Evening

21 October 2021

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 South Australian Presentation Evening held at the iconic Adelaide Convention Centre, announcing the four finalists who would represent our State in Canberra for the National Announcement. Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and The Honourable Steven Marshall MP, former Premier of South Australia presented the 16 recipients with their Awards.

Tour of Honour – Upper Spencer Gulf

11 and 12 November 2021

The communities of Port Pirie, Port Augusta and Whyalla embraced the opportunity to hear from three inspirational South Australians during our Tour of Honour on November 11 and 12. Free public forums in Port Pirie, Port Augusta and Whyalla gave local people the chance to hear from 2020 Australian of the Year, pioneering ophthalmologist and diabetes campaigner Dr James Muecke; 2021 Young Australian of the Year, social entrepreneur Isobel Marshall; and SA State Recipient of Australian of the Year 2021, changemaker and visionary Tanya Hosch. We had a terrific response and diverse representation in each location, including secondary school students, Elected Members and staff of local Councils, police cadets, business leaders and community groups, with the Port Pirie forum booked to capacity. After individual keynotes, presenters from ABC Radio North and West SA hosted panel sessions with all three speakers. Many attendees took the opportunity to meet the speakers individually after the formalities.

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We could not have held the Tour of Honour without support from our sponsors – Elders, Marshall & Brougham, MGA Insurance, Sundrop Farms, Des's Minibus and ABC North and West SA and venue partner University of South Australia. We also acknowledge the valuable support of the District Council of Port Pirie, Port Augusta City Council, and Whyalla City Council.

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 Day in the Mall

20 January to 26 January 2022

On 20 and 21 January activations were hosted in Rundle Mall by beloved Adelaide chef and food writer, Rosa Matto and MasterChef star and business owner, Callum Hann.

From 22 to 26 January, Gawler Place Canopy in Rundle Mall, came alive with colour and movement as we reflected, respected, and celebrated – we're all part of the story through a free daily program of live music, storytelling, and performances. Hosted by Rosie Panetta from Mix 102.3.

On 22 January we presented an Official Ceremony to launch the program commencing with a powerful Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country by Uncle Moogy Sumner and followed by a soulful performance by First Nations artist Rob Edwards.

Alongside the food and cultural performance program in Rundle Mall we also ran a participatory art activation. This was delivered by community artist James Parker and invited us to explore the title 'Australia From My Window – We're All Part of the Story'.

The Aus Day in Rundle Mall 7-day activation reached 15,000 people and featured over 34 intercultural community organisations, an incredible achievement during challenging COVID/Omicron variant restrictions, as well as providing an engaging program that truly represents our diverse story of South Australia and our nation.

Aus Day in Rundle Mall was presented in partnership with the City of Adelaide and Vili's Family Bakery. The event was assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council and supported by the Government of South Australia.

Australia Day – Smoking Ceremony

26 January 2021

The morning of Australia Day again commenced with a traditional Smoking Ceremony, entitled 'Mourning in the Morning'. The 2022 'Mourning in the Morning' Smoking Ceremony was curated by Gina Rings, First Nations Producer in conjunction with consultation via the Open Circle Discussion Group.

Kaurna Elder Uncle Frank Wanganeen presented the Welcome to Country, Kaurna Elder Rosemary Kudnarto Wanganeen addressed the topic of truth telling and healing, Zibeeon Fielding SA State Recipient Young Australian of the Year 2020 was an engaging MC and the ceremony featured musician Rob Edwards, and Uncle Moogy Sumner and dancers.

Artist Derik Lynch, in collaboration with Uncle Frank, created a magnificent sand painting during the preceding nights at Aus Lights on the River and it was unveiled during the Smoking Ceremony. The design represented the Kaurna shield and surrounding Aboriginal nations. The Smoking Ceremony was attended by 1,500 attendees with VIP attendance by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, the Honourable Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia, the Honourable Peter Malinauskas MP, Leader of the Opposition, Senator the Honourable Simon Birmingham, Senator for SA and the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Ms Sandy Verschoor.

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.

Rex J Lipman Public Event

Grace Tame Australian of the Year Luncheon 2021



Grace Tame
Australian of
the Year 2021




Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.
South Australia

**Australian
of the Year
Awards**
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Key Highlights

Events

Aus Lights on the River

22 – 26 January 2021

More than 48,000 people experienced Elder Park/Tarntanya Wama as never before at Aus Lights on the River, held over four balmy nights from Saturday 22 January to Wednesday 26 January 2022. This immersion of sound, light and vision was created to explore our connection to nature and belonging to Country and wrapped around the thematic Reflect. Respect. Celebrate – We're All Part of the Story. This concept was a first for Australia Day in Adelaide.

The Aus Lights on the River 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 Afghanistan who now call Australia home.

On the evening of Australia Day, ADCSA hosted a spectacular official ceremony for our key leaders, Members, Sponsors, Council Mayors, intercultural communities and Australia Day Ambassadors. This VIP event titled Aus Lights on the River Official Ceremony – We're All Part of the Story included VIP attendance by Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, The Honourable Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia, The Honourable Peter Malinauskas MP, Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Cr Arman Abrahamzadeh OAM.

Aus Lights on the River was presented in partnership with the City of Adelaide and was assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council and supported by the Government of South Australia.

Aus Day across the State

There were many ways that local communities across South Australia acknowledged Australia Day 2022. 68 SA Councils delivered either a COVID safe face to face or virtual Citizenship Ceremony and/or presentation of their local Citizen of the Year Awards. 15 intercultural community organisations across SA delivered COVID safe community events and activities.

Australia Day Awards

30 March 2022

An individual who has tirelessly fundraised for his community to assist bushfire and drought recovery, a woman's determination following the death of her son to campaign to change the law on voluntary assisted dying in SA, and a woman's strong drive to reunite people with their beloved family members.

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This year's Australia Day Awards was held 30 March 2022 on the grounds of Government House (it was rescheduled from 19 January 2022 due to SA's peak COVID/ omicron variant wave). This rescheduled twilight event was held post the State Elections end of March and at Government House to an audience of 360 attendees. The Awards attract outstanding community member nominations from across South Australia. This year was a stunning presentation of recognition and celebration that illuminated these extraordinary individual's achievements.

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Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, hosted the Australia Day Awards and presented the South Australian Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Award for Active Citizenship. The Inspiring South Australian Women Award recipients were proclaimed and presented by The Hon Susan Close MP, Deputy Premier. The Award for Leadership in Languages and Cultures recipients were proclaimed and presented by The Hon Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills.

The Australia Day State Citizen of the Year Awards are proudly presented by Local Government Association of South Australia, IWS, MGA Insurance, On the Run and SARAH Constructions and administered by local Councils across South Australia.

Tour of Honour – Limestone Coast

18 – 20 May 2022

The communities of Naracoorte and Mount Gambier embraced the profound opportunity to hear from five inspirational Australians during our Tour of Honour from 18 to 20 May – Bernie Shakeshaft, Australia's Local Hero 2020, Professor Helen Marshall AM, SA Australian of the Year 2022, Mark Le Messurier, SA Senior Australian of the Year 2022, Dr Trudy Lin, SA Young Australian of the Year 2022 and Monique Bareham, SA Local Hero of the Year 2022.

We had wide reaching and diverse representation in each Local Government area, including primary and secondary school students, Members of Parliament, Elected Members and staff of Local Councils, Citizen of the Year recipients, business leaders and community groups. The Tour of Honour was a unique opportunity for our Australian of the Year Award recipients to connect with young people and explore important topics of mental health and wellbeing, self-worth and identity, advocacy, and social justice and how we can all be agents of change.

We could not have held the Tour of Honour without the generous support from our presenting partner – MGA Insurance and supporting partners Barry Maney Group, Essity Medical Solutions Tenison Woods College, University of South Australia Mount Gambier Campus, accommodation partner The Commodore and media partner ABC Southeast SA.

The Australians of the Year also had the honour of visiting MGA Insurance Group Naracoorte office and spent the afternoon with MGA's incredible team and special longstanding clients.

Special thanks to Substance Misuse Limestone Coast and Mount Gambier Breast Cancer Awareness Group for enabling rich and impactful conversations addressing issues that impact us all. We especially thank our to our regional Councils – Naracoorte Lucindale Council, District Council of Grant and the City of Mount Gambier.

We also thank our strategic funding partners the SA Government, National Australia Day Council, and the City of Adelaide. Without these partnerships our awards and events would not be possible.

Tour of Honour

Upper Spencer Gulf



Australian of the Year ▶ tour of HONOUR

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Presenting Partner



Supporting Partners



Travelling & Touring Partners



Media Partner



South
Australia

Tour of Honour

Limestone Coast



Impact at a Glance

125
volunteers

4250

hours
worked

\$106,250

value of volunteer
contribution

Australia Day Program 2022

64,000

reached

1500

smoking
ceremony
attendees

15,000

Aus Day
in the Mall
attendees

34

diverse
community
groups
involved in
the program

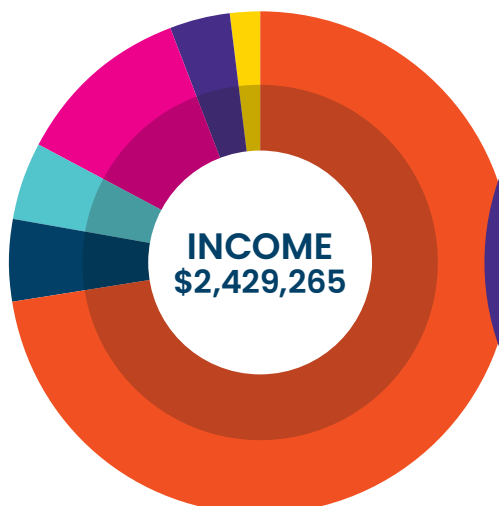
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ethnicities
involved in
the program

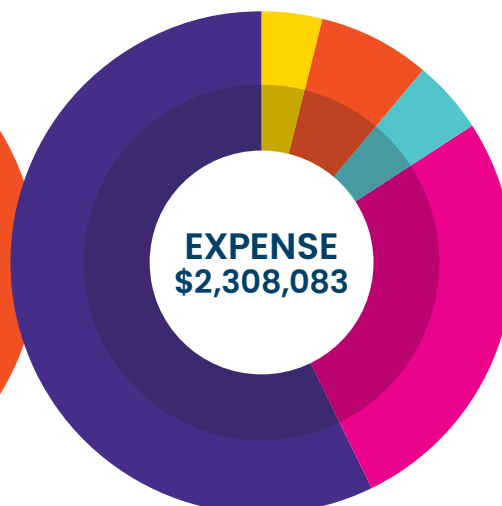
48,610

Aus Lights on the
River patrons

Income Sources + Expenses



INCOME
\$2,429,265



EXPENSE
\$2,308,083

INCOME

- Grants
- Sponsorship
- Programs & Partnership
- Product Sales
- Subscriptions
- Other income

EXPENSE

- Operating Costs
- Cost of Goods Sold
- Office Costs
- Staff Costs
- Events & Programs

Across SA Community Events

48

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

totalling

\$891,462

Program Event attendance

280

Australian of
the Year Breakfast

600

Rex J Lipman
Public Event

400

SA Australian
of Year Awards
Presentation Evening

3

Free
public
community
forums

Tour of Honour
Upper Spencer Gulf

350

Australia Day Awards
Government House

6

Free public
forums

Tour of Honour
Limestone Coast

Social Media

Australia Day in South Australia
Facebook Page @AustraliaDaySA

13,515
people like

13,767
people follow

Australia Day in South Australia
Instagram Page @AustraliaDaySA

1,664
followers

1,397
following

Livestreaming

590
viewers

2022 SA Australian
of the Year
Presentation Evening

590
viewers

National Australian
of the Year Ceremony

Australia Day Ambassadors

25

Ambassadors
across 69 councils

3

Development
Workshops

8

Across Metropolitan
Councils

16

Across Regional
Councils

4

Virtual
Ambassador
experiences
at SA Member
Councils

5,200kms
travelled

Smoking Ceremony



Sand Painting Collaboration



Key Highlights

Programs

The Australian of the Year Awards

Nominees for the 2022 South Australian of the Year Awards include a hay runner, a Rhino conservationist, an Olympian, a vaccination researcher, a war veteran, a foster carer and a woman who got her community swimming in Marilyn Monroe costumes.

SA Australian of the Year 2022

Recipient: Professor Helen Marshall AM
– Vaccination researcher

Phillip de Pinto
– Co-founder of Living Without Limits Foundation

Dr Samantha Pillay
– Surgeon, entrepreneur, author and educator

Natasha Stott Despoja AO
– Gender equality advocate and inaugural Chair of Our Watch

SA Young Australian of the Year 2022

Recipient: Dr Trudy Lin
– Special Needs Dentistry consultant at Adelaide Dental Hospital

Kyle Chalmers OAM
– Olympic swimming champion

Bianca Nilsson
– Founder of Renegade Records

Zoe Simpson
– Founder of the Mount Gambier Hay Run

SA Senior Australian of the Year 2022

Recipient: Mark Le Messurier
– Educator, counsellor and author

Peter Clark
– Director of Monarto Safari Park

Bill Denny AM BM
– War veteran and RSL South Australia Ambassador

Dawn Jennings
– Foster carer

SA Local Hero 2022

Recipient: Monique Bareham
– President of Lymphoedema Association SA Inc.

Anthony Hart
– Founder of Invigor Wellbeing

Sarah Tinney
– Founder of the Marilyn Jetty Swim

Raelene Wlochowicz
– Founder of the Playford Women's Shed

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 other's needs 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 and welcomed a new partnership with IWS. The recipients for 2022 were:

South Australia's Citizen of the Year

Christine Robertson (City of Charles Sturt)

South Australia's Citizen of the Year (Commendation)

Julie-Ann Finney (City of Port Adelaide Enfield)

South Australia's Citizen of the Year (Commendation)

David Thomas OAM (District Council of Robe)

South Australia's Young Citizen of the Year

Elijah Hobby (Light Regional Council)

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

Julia Dangerfield (City of Mount Gambier)

South Australia's Community Event of the Year

West Beach Pink and Blue Swim/Walk (City of Charles Sturt)

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

Renmark Rocks on Festival (Renmark Paringa Council)

South Australia's Award for Active Citizenship

Stephen Hedges (City of Victor Harbor)

South Australia's Award for Active Citizenship (Commendation)

Melvin Charlton (District Council of Tumby Bay)

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 Recipient

Kellis Dare Lawrie –
Ernabella Anangu School

Category 1 Commendation

Mehnaz Hussaini –
Thebarton Senior College

Category 1 Commendation

Shuhua (Krystal) Zhong –
Unley High School

Category 2 Recipient

Zainab Kazemi

Category 2 Commendation

Oscar Zi Shao Ong

Inspiring South Australian Women

In partnership with the Office for Women, the Inspiring South Australian Women Award celebrates and recognises exceptional South Australian women who act as role models and inspire us through their accomplishments and contribution to the community.

Inspiring South Australian Women Recipient

Liz Habermann

Inspiring South Australian Women Commendations

Melanie McHugh and Farida Ayubi

Emerging Leader Recipient

Bianca Nilsson

Emerging Leader Commendation

Kaitlin Purcell

Australia Day Ambassador Program

The Australia Day Ambassador Program is the cornerstone of local Australia Day celebrations. Each year over 300 Ambassadors generously volunteer their time and energy to visit regional and metropolitan areas across the nation to inspire and unite communities. Our Ambassadors are inspirational community leaders within South Australia.

These individuals embrace communities, share insights from their varied lived experiences, reflect on who we are as a nation and celebrate our diversity. As our state neared COVID peak period Australia Day 2022, our SA Councils had to either postpone, move to virtual or pivot to smaller, invite only gatherings to deliver citizenship ceremonies and honour their local Citizen of the Year Awards. We salute our member Councils for their agility during this time. We are also truly appreciative of the adaptability and generosity of our Australia Day Ambassadors that were allocated to a Council for Australia Day 2022. Some of our Ambassadors could not be present face to face due to COVID impacts. In some instances they were able to share video messages, attended zoom livestreams and sent messages of support and reflection. Many of our Ambassadors were able to be present and welcomed our newest citizens to our state and recognised incredible contributors to local communities.

Australia Day Ambassadors

Name	Destination on Australia Day 2020
Barry Lewis	Adelaide Plains Council
Edgar Agius OAM JP	City of Adelaide
Shazia Choudhry	City of Charles Sturt
Cate Fowler AM	City of Holdfast Bay
Samoda Silva	City of Marion
Joel Bayliss	City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters
Katrina Webb OAM	City of Playford
Vicky Welgraven AM	City of Tea Tree Gully
Emeritus Professor Alison Mackinnon AM	City of Unley
John Shepherd AM	Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council
Kate Swaffer	Coorong District Council
Professor Richard Bruggemann	District Council of Ceduna
Major General Vikram Madan OAM VSM	District Council of Grant
Michael O'Connell AM APM	District Council of Karoonda East Murray
Ingrid Kennerley	District Council of Lower Eyre
Gabrielle Kelly AM	District Council of Yankalilla
Professor Peter Landridge	Kimba District Council
Professor Alison Mackinnon AM	Light Regional Council
Professor Rob Morrison OAM	Mount Barker District Council
Wayne Anthony OAM	Port Augusta City Council
Major (Ret'd) Paul Rosenzweig OAM JP	Port Pirie Regional Council
Samela Harris	Southern Mallee District Council - Pinnaroo
Dr Peter Cahalan	Southern Mallee District Council - Lameroo
Dr Robert Irving	Tatiara District Council
Anthony Fioravanti	The Rural City of Murray Bridge

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Australian of the Year SA

Presentation evening





Partnerships and Sponsors

Partnerships and sponsorships are vital for events and programs delivered by the Australia Day Council of South Australia. We would like to thank the following sponsors and partners for their generous support.

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Tour of Honour Upper Spencer
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Tour of Honour Limestone Coast

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Tour of Honour Limestone Coast

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Tour of Honour Limestone Coast

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Citizen of the Year Awards

City of Port Augusta

Tour of Honour Upper Spencer
Gulf Region

City of Port Pirie

Tour of Honour Upper Spencer
Gulf Region

SA Power Networks

Smoking Ceremony

Sarah Constructions

Citizen of the Year Awards

Smoking Ceremony

St Peter's College

Australian of the Year Breakfast

Rex J Lipman Public Event with
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Tour of Honour Upper Spencer
Gulf Region

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Tour of Honour Limestone Coast

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Tour of Honour Upper Spencer
Gulf Region

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Vili's Family Bakery

Aus Day event

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Governance

The Board of Management is the governing body of the Australia Day Council of South Australia. In the year 2021 – 2022 the Board comprised the following members:

Mr Peter Tsokas (Chairperson)

Mr Aashish Wagley (Treasurer)

Ms Michelle Cox
(Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Bruce Djite

Ms Ali Lockwood

Cr Simon Hou

Ms Sarah Hooper

Ms Antonietta Cocchiaro

Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross
– appointed March 2022

Mr Brad Manuel
– resigned 13 December 2021

Ms Fiona Dorman
– resigned 13 December 2021

Mayor Erin Thompson
– resigned March 2022 due to State
Government Election

Hon Jing Lee MLC
– resigned March 2022 due to State
Government Election

The ADCSA Board met on 6 occasions. Meetings were held on Wednesday evenings at ADCSA Offices, 240 Currie Street Adelaide, or via Teams meetings.

Committees

The Sponsorship, Membership and Merchandising Committee has met on three (3) occasions during the last 12 months. The purpose of the Committee is to provide assistance and expertise in the development and implementation of effective Sponsorship, Membership and Merchandising plans for the Australia Day Council of SA Inc (ADCSA Inc) in support of the organisation's goals and Strategic Plan and to oversee successful ADCSA Inc events.

The Committee comprises four (4) Board Members and two (2) external members.

The Governance Committee has met on two (2) occasions during the last 12 months. The purpose of the Corporate Governance Committee is to assist the Board of Management (The Board) to fulfil its corporate governance responsibilities. The Committee comprises two Board members and one external member.

BOARD ATTENDANCE – 2021 AND 2022

Member	September	November	January	April	June	July
P Tsokas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
F Dorman	✓	✓	Resigned 13 December 2021			
M Cox	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
A Wagley	-	✓	✓	Apology	✓	✓
S Hooper	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apology
S Hou	✓	-		-	✓	-
E Thompson	✓	Apology	Apology			
B Djite	✓	Apology	✓	✓	Apology	-
A Lockwood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
A Cocchiaro	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
H Holmes-Ross	Appointed March 2022			✓	Apology	✓
Hon Jing Lee	Apology	Apology	Apology			
B Manuel	-	Apology	Resigned 13 December 2021			

Rotunda Lantern and Nylon Zoo

Aus Lights on the River
22-26 January 2022





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Algo Más Marketing

Assoc. of Independent Schools of South Australia

Boomerang International Educational Services

Centennial Park Cemetery Authority

Community Corporate

Crosby Dalwood

Des's Minibus

Entrée Recruitment

Multicultural Youth SA

Romeo's Foodland North Adelaide

SA Shoulder Pavers Pty Ltd

Terry White Chemist – Cumberland Park

Community Membership

Heart and Soul Group

Multicultural Communities Council of SA

Government Entity

City of Unley

Life Members

Mr Ron Green

Mr Steve Maras

Councils

City of Adelaide

Adelaide Hills Council

Adelaide Plains

Alexandrina Council

Barossa Council

Barunga West Council

Berri Barmera Council

Burnside City Council

Campbelltown City Council

Ceduna District Council

Charles Sturt City Council

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Cleve District Council

Cooper Pedy Council

Coorong District Council

Copper Coast District Council

District Council of Coober Pedy

District Council of Mount Remarkable

Elliston District Council

Flinders Ranges Council

Franklin Harbour District Council

Gawler Town Council

Goyder Regional Council

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Kangaroo Island District Council

Karoonda-East Murray District

Kimba District Council

Kingston City Council

Light Regional Council

Lower Eyre Peninsula District

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Marion City Council

Mid Murray District Council

Mitcham City Council

Mount Barker District Council

Mount Gambier City Council

The Rural City of Murray Bridge

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Onkaparinga City Council

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Streaky Bay District Council

Tatiara District Council

Tea Tree Gully City Council

Tumby Bay District Council

Unley City Council

Victor Harbor City Council

Walkerville Town Council

Wakefield Regional Council

Wattle Range Council

West Torrens City Council

Whyalla City Council

Wudinna District Council

Yankalilla District Council

Yorke Peninsula District Council

74 individual members



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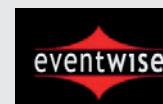
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