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## Gawler Australia Day Awards

On 26 January the Town of Gawler, in collaboration with the Gawler Apex Club, extends an invitation to the entire community to join in the celebration of the Australia Day Breakfast in Apex Park.

### Key Points

- This special breakfast event hosted by the Gawler Apex Club and other local service clubs and community groups, will be followed by the Town of Gawler Citizenship ceremony and presentation of the local Australia Day Awards.
- Council is delighted to announce that Gary Wills has kindly accepted the invitation to be Council's Australia Day Ambassador for 2024.

Gary will be speaking at the Awards about his work and contribution to the community. Through our Australia Day awards, the Council recognises the significance of honouring individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to going above and beyond for the community. We also take great joy in welcoming and celebrating new Australian Citizens, who will be officially conferred on this special day.

The five categories of awards and winners that will be presented at this year's Australia Day ceremony are:

- Citizen of the Year - Joint winners **Anne McGonigal and Jayne Polito**
- Young Citizen of the Year – **Jade Hancock**
- Corporate Citizen of the Year – **Damian McGee**
- Community Event of the Year – **Villawood Christmas Parade**
- Community Group of the Year – **Willo's Men's Shed**

### Quotes attributable to Mayor Karen Redman:

I am personally looking forward to the event being back in Apex Park, one of our premier parks, a great opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours, welcome our new citizens, and congratulate our Australia Day award winners.

The Council is dedicated to promoting active participation in community life, and among us, there are numerous individuals making positive contributions to Gawler and the broader region.

### Quotes attributable to Acting CEO Andrew Goodsell:

Celebrations will be held at Apex Park on Julian Terrace Gawler, with breakfast being served from [7am](#). Guests are encouraged to arrive as punctually as possible, to ensure they don't miss out on the awards ceremony which will commence shortly after.

The morning is estimated to conclude at approximately [9:30am](#).

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