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2022 Gawler Australia Day Awards and Breakfast

On Wednesday 26 January, the Town of Gawler, in partnership with the Apex Club of Gawler, is excited to be able to once again invite the community along to an Australia Day Breakfast.

In a break from recent tradition where the breakfast was being held at Apex Park, this year the Australia Day event will be held at Princes Park, Nixon Terrace, Gawler.

As per previous years, the local service clubs will all be involved by cooking a free breakfast for you.

A large screen on Princes Park will live broadcast the Awards and Citizenship ceremonies that will be occurring in a Covid-safe environment from within the Gawler Sport and Community Centre.

"Princes Park is an excellent venue to hold this year's Australia Day Awards and Breakfast," Mayor Karen Redman said.

"With the entire park being fenced, this ensures we can still hold an event that recognises and celebrates the wonderful contributions our award recipients have made to Gawler, in a COVID-safe setting."

With significant risks in holding large-scale events due to possible changes to pandemic restrictions, Council and the Apex Club made the joint decision to relocate the event rather than cancel it.

"The community can still enjoy the Australia Day Breakfast and Awards Ceremony but this year, the outdoor component of the event will be set up in 'family pods' to enable groups to sit together but be distanced from other groups," Mayor Redman said. As the entire event will be capped at 1,000 people, we encourage you to get there early.

Council is pleased to announce that Dr Helen Wilmore is Council's Australia Day Ambassador for 2022.

"Helen has helped protect, publicise and encourage others to enjoy Gawler's amazing heritage through her promotion of ecologically sustainable development and conservation, coordination of the creation of two invaluable Gawler history research resources and taking on important executive roles within several local cultural heritage organisations," Mayor Redman said.

Dr Wilmore will be speaking at the Awards about the importance of community.

Council acknowledges the importance of celebrating those who have been especially involved with going the extra mile for the community as well as welcoming and rejoicing our new Australian Citizens who will be officially presented on the day.

"Council is committed to encouraging involvement in community life and feels honoured that we have so many people in our midst making a positive contribution to Gawler and the wider region," Mayor Redman said.

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

- **Citizen of the Year:** Mr Ian McDonnell
- **Young Citizen of the Year:** Mr Ethan White
- **Corporate Citizen of the Year:** Dr Naomi Rutten
- **Community Event of the Year:** Spring Back to Gawler
- **Community Group of the Year:** Gawler Quilting Circle



"Each year I look forward to this event as it is a great opportunity to welcome our new citizens and congratulate our Australia Day award winners," Mayor Redman said.

Breakfast service will start at 8am with the official ceremonies being broadcast from 8.30am.

The morning is estimated to conclude at approximately 9.30am.

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