**Redland City Australia Day Awards 2016**

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| **Award Category** | **Award Winner** |
| **Citizen of the Year** | **Adrian Addicott**Adrian Addicott is a face well-known across the Redlands. He is a dedicated volunteer with a strong work ethic who devotes his time to helping out at community events across the city – events that rely on volunteers for their success. Organisers in the Redlands are fortunate that Adrian is almost guaranteed to be there lending a hand, be it lifting or carrying, putting something up, pulling something down, or collecting rubbish. He always has a smile on his face and nothing is too much trouble. Adrian’s nomination for tonight’s awards came from a member of the community who didn’t know Adrian’s surname yet knew his face from many events over the years, including RedFest, Redlands Easter Family Festival, Faith Funfest, and Relish Festival. Adrian also mows the grounds of the Lutheran Church in Cleveland and helps out at their monthly car boot sale. He even travelled to Brisbane to help out in the aftermath of the floods in 2011. In 2013, he notched up 30 years of service volunteering for RedFest, an initiative he commenced as an eight-year-old boy and one that was commemorated with a special plaque and commendation on the main stage during the event. He remains a member of the RedFest Committee. Adrian has worked for the Horizon Business Enterprises for the past 20 years and is a committed volunteer who enjoys helping the community. |
| **Young Citizen of the Year** | **Kirra Longmuir**Kirra Longmuir is no ordinary hairdresser – she is a role model for countless young Redlanders who are inspired by her wide ranging business and personal achievements. A successful young businesswoman, 28-year-old Kirra works tirelessly in fashion and modelling. She has operated her own hair salon since 2007 and is driven to turn her dreams into reality. Trendz Hair and Beauty Salon is now one of Redland’s busiest salons and Kirra has just opened a second salon on the Gold Coast. Her parallel modelling career has seen her among the finalists of Miss Indy and Miss F1 Australia, and she has featured in a range of lifestyle magazines. Kirra placed second in her first ever sports model competition, a result that saw her on stage in Las Vegas competing against some of the finest fitness models in the world. As a newcomer to the event, Kirra cracked the top 10, taking home 5th place in both the Tall Bikini America and the Model America classes. With her burgeoning international fitness modelling career and continued business successes in the Redlands, the future is bright for Kirra. |
| **Senior Citizen of the Year** | **Ken Thackeray OAM**Known for his big heart and outstanding charity work, which extends well beyond the boundaries of the Redlands, Ken Thackeray OAM is a driving force behind one of the largest cruise yachting networks in the country. A keen boatie, Ken founded the Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club in 2009, which raises funds for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and Volunteer Marine Rescue. He is one of its 2947 “vice commodores” from 14 nations. Since its inception, the club has donated more than $250,000 to the Prostate Cancer Foundation. A former president of the RAAF Association’s 2 Squadron, he has also served with distinction as the volunteer pensions officer for the South East District RSL at Greenslopes Hospital. Ken received an Order of Australia Medal in 2014 for service to charitable organisations and to veterans, yet remains very modest of his community achievements. |
| **Local Hero Award** | **Peter Gould**Currently acting as Local Controller for the Redland City State Emergency Service Unit, Peter Gould is on hand to respond to the Redland community during times of need, 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Leading more than 200 volunteers, his involvement in the SES dates back almost 25 years. Peter has worked to develop both the capability and capacity of our SES unit to serve the Redlands effectively by commissioning new resources and developing the skills of volunteers to be able to respond, lead and manage other volunteers. In recent years, he has worked hard to develop collaboration between the city’s volunteer emergency services so that they work closely and can respond effectively in times of need. He not only finds time to lead and manage the unit but is actively involved in the delivery for training courses for volunteers on a variety of subjects. In addition to his commitment to the SES, Peter is also the Regional Commissioner for Scouts Qld, leading in excess of 1300 members across the Brisbane eastern suburbs, Redlands and parts of Logan. In this voluntary role, Peter works with three District Commissioners to facilitate scouting in 23 groups across his region, as well as support the overall strategic direction of the organisation. He also finds time to be an Adventurous Activities Instructor and Assessor for bushwalking, canoeing, kayaking, sailing and sea kayaking for youth members and adults. Over the years, Peter has given service to the Australian Navy Cadets, Surf Life Saving Queensland, St John Ambulance, Volunteer Marine Rescue and the sport of sailing, in addition to his family responsibilities and full-time job in workplace health and safety. Peter has a long list of honours and awards to his name, including the Emergency Services Medal – Australia Day Honours List in 2012. |
| **Community Organisation Award** | **The CAGE Youth Foundation**The CAGE Youth Foundation is committed to Creating A Good Environment, in both name and spirit. This self-funded charity provides support and information for young people and their families across the Redlands. The CAGE provides youth engagement workshops and programs at local schools; counselling service, mentoring, personal development, life skills and art workshops; practical assistance and support; community events; music workshops and a recording studio; children’s and youth club and playgroup; and a fully equipped multipurpose centre available for hire featuring a BBQ area with playground, trampoline and volleyball court. Through their drug and alcohol-free events and direct youth engagement, the CAGE works towards re-establishing respect in our community – respect for what they are trying to do, respect for property, respect for others, and respect for ones’ self. Their counselling services specialise in crisis intervention, suicide prevention and practical support, providing a safe, non-judgemental environment where young people can feel heard. The service takes a holistic approach to empowering individuals for their best life. The CAGE is committed to making a difference for disengaged young people in the Redlands. Their Work for the Dole project focuses on personal development, to get young people work ready. Upcoming initiatives include a driver prepare program, in partnership with Yellow Cabs. |
| **Cultural Award** | **Anita Taylor**Local singer, songwriter and musician Anita Taylor has demonstrated significant achievement in producing and promoting outstanding creative work in the Redlands. Anita has combined her passion for music and community enrichment through the formation of the Redland City Choir in 2013. Under Anita’s leadership, this non-auditioned community choir has grown from a handful of members to a vocal ensemble of more than 80 members of all ages and abilities. Since establishing the choir, Anita has brought joy and artistic and cultural enrichment to countless audiences. Anita has also contributed to creating awareness of domestic and family violence and is helping to create a cultural change around the ‘secrecy’ of this issue. In 2014, the choir produced a CD with the support of a grant, with all proceeds going to the Redland Centre for Women. Proceeds from the latest CD, Mercy Tree, and sell-out concerts at the Redland Performing Arts Centre will go to the Redland Foundation to support an application for housing for victims of domestic and family violence.  |
| **Environment and Sustainability Award** | **Deirdre Hargreaves**Environmental advocate Deirdre Hargreaves is a powerhouse in the Redlands community. An enthusiastic and dedicated member of a variety of community groups, she is currently the co-ordinator of Friends of the Black Swamp Bushcare Group, president of The Friends of St Andrew’s, and member of the Ormiston Garden Club. Deirdre leads by example and has a unique ability to inspire others. As a founding member of Friends of the Black Swamp group, the earliest Bushcare group in the Redlands, she initiated a number of key projects including the construction of a boardwalk, viewing platform and signage. Passionate and knowledgeable about bushcare, Dierdre has worked with Redland City Council over many years on a range of issues, including the most effective means of controlling invasive weeds, new plantings, water quality monitoring, flora and fauna surveys, and signage wording. An active member of The Friends of St Andrew’s for more than 40 years, Deirdre has devoted many hours towards the preservation of one of Queensland’s oldest churches. She has been unwavering in her pastoral role at St Andrew’s, visiting the sick and arranging transport for those unable to get to church or visit family in hospital. Deirdre has long been associated with Cleveland Meals-on-Wheels and was appointed a life member in 2013, in recognition of more than 35 years of service, volunteering for double duty (and serving twice a month) for the past 15 years. Deirdre has been a member of the Ormiston Garden Club for more than nine years, including a three-year term as president, and has also volunteered at Redlands Museum for the past 10 years, working in the collections area once a week. |
| **Sports Award** | **Sandra Middleton**Sandra Middleton has become a major contributor to the surf lifesaving movement in the Redlands since she signed up with the Point Lookout Surf Lifesaving Club 18 years ago to help her children become surf savvy for their visits to the beach. At that time, she was not a confident swimmer in the surf, but by 2000, she had gained her Bronze Medallion and went on to play a role in many life-saving situations, as well as a nippers’ leader and club secretary before becoming president of the club five years ago. Sandra has encouraged many young Redlanders to become involved in the sport, as well ensuring the beaches of North Stradbroke Island are safer places for locals and residents alike. It was while training for her Bronze Medallion that the Ormiston College teacher began to fully appreciate what life savers were volunteering to do on patrol and wanted to help out where she could. Sandra has been involved in many rescues and was honoured with a Medal for Lifesaving Excellence by Surf Life Saving Queensland in 2014 for her role in recovering and resuscitating a fisherman who had fallen into the ocean at North Gorge the previous year. Sadly, the man died in hospital a few days later. Sandra’s contribution is one of high achievements in surf lifesaving, which has also involved significant community service and mentoring. The service that Sandra and her club provide is quite literally a matter of life and death. In 2014-15 alone, Point Lookout SLSC made 73 rescues, took preventative action more than 3500 times and administered 141 first-aid treatments. |

**Redland City Australia Day Awards 2016 finalists**

**Citizen of the Year Award**

* Adrian Addicott
* Michael Farnworth
* Lester McFadzen

**Young Citizen of the Year Award**

* Leah Lever
* Kirra Longmuir
* Shannon Sharman

**Senior Citizen of the Year Award**

* Ken Thackeray
* Catherine Thomas
* Ian and Judy Wintle

**Local Hero Award**

* Nyree Ewings
* Peter Gould
* Jill Lindley

**Community Organisation Award**

* Community Assist Redlands Enterprises Inc
* Redland City Choir
* The CAGE Youth Foundation

**Cultural Award**

* Melissa Anderson
* Anita Taylor

**Environment and Sustainability Award**

* Deirdre Hargreaves
* Maureen Tottenham

**Sports Award**

* Jake Eve
* Evie Massingham
* Sandra Middleton