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2018 Kangaroo Island Citizen of the Year Awards

Kangaroo Island Council is proud to announce the winners of the 2019 Citizen of the Year Awards.

Kangaroo Island Council Mayor Michael Pengilly said, "On behalf of Council I congratulate all the Citizen of the Year category Award winners.

"It is important that we note, posthumously, Beth Bald's exceptional contribution to the Community over many years.

"We also congratulate this year's Community Partnership Grant recipients.

"We look forward to seeing all the Award winners and their representatives at the Australia Day Ceremony at Hope Cottage and hope their families and friends come along to see them collect their Awards."

They are:

- 2019 Citizen of the Year – Elizabeth (Beth) Bald
- 2019 Project of the Year – Heartsafe KI
- 2019 Event of the Year – Parndana Museum Soldier Settlement Reunion and Concert
- 2019 Event of the Year Special Commendation – Variety Bash

Elizabeth (Beth) Bald: Beth was the quintessential quiet achiever who took on many roles but was always humble, professional, inclusive and nurturing. At the heart of the Parndana Community for over 50 years, Beth was made a Life Member of the Show Society to recognise her 40 years of service and long standing role as Treasurer. A key member of the Soldier Settlement Museum, Beth was instrumental in the process of accreditation for the Museum as well as securing numerous funding opportunities to enhance, expand and protect the collection. Beth also volunteered regularly at the Lion's Odd Shop.

As Deputy Principal of Parndana School, she mentored many young teachers and was herself an inspirational teacher to many generations of young children. Focussing on the early critical years of childhood, she set the foundations for learning but also established a strong sense of community in students. While her efforts were always done with little fanfare, they had a huge impact on the organisations she was involved with, and the Parndana community generally.

Heartsafe KI: Heartsafe KI is a project that is saving the lives of residents and visitors to Kangaroo Island by placing multiple defibrillators at easily accessible external locations across the Island.

Kangaroo Island has been recognized as Australia's first Heart Safe community due to the outstanding work of the individuals who have volunteered their time and expertise to drive this project. They are Dr Tim Leeuwenburg, Patricia "Trish" Leeuwenburg and Michael Berden.

Parndana Museum Soldier Settlement Reunion and Concert: The Parndana Reunion, an event which ran over 5 days, was the culmination of 12 months work which included building a shed to house a D7 dozer donated by Ken McWhinnie, the refurbishment of a Tobruk battle map, and new displays for the Museum – all in time for display at the 5 day reunion. Over 300 people came to the Island for the Reunion to reconnect with people and places from their past. Activities included a special ANZAC Day service attended by 500 people, the Jamie Larcombe match, tours and special events such as the musical tribute concert involving adults and children from the local Community. Being spread over 5 days, the reunion injected considerable funds into the local economy and reawakened a sense of pride in the soldier settler families. Spearheaded by Pat Brooksby, the Museum, Parndana Progress Association and Lions put in a huge effort to plan and organise the weeks activities and Parndana Sports Club catered for 210 people at the Sunday lunch.

Variety Bash: The Variety V2 Motorcycle Run donated \$30,000 to the Kangaroo Island community thanks to the funds raised at its 2018 event. The riders and their support team spent 3 days touring around the Island. The donations were announced a Community fundraising dinner held in the Kingscote Town Hall. The function was organised by Maree Baldwin through Junction Community Centre, supported by a team of dedicated volunteers (local businesses and individuals) showcasing the best food and wine the Island has to offer. The dinner was fully subscribed with tickets selling out 5 days before the event.

2018-19 Community Partnerships Grant Scheme

The successful recipients of the Kangaroo Island Council 2018-19 Community Partnerships Grant Scheme are:

- Kangaroo Island Road Safety Committee – Road Safety Messages via Food and Wine App
- Kangaroo Island Gymnastics – New Mats for Gymnastics
- Art Museum of Kangaroo Island Establishment Association – Purchase of Laptop and Software
- Parndana Progress Association - Town Hall & Museum Precinct – Construction fo 2 Garden Beds
- Parndana Sports Club Inc – Court Safety Project (Court Sweeper)
- National Trust SA KI Branch – Purchase of Computer Equipment
- Stokes Bay Community Hall Inc – Double Glass Doors
- Penneshaw Progress Association – Flagpole for inclusion of New Zealand
- Flag for ANZAC services.



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Council congratulates all Grant recipients and looks forward to seeing representatives of recipient organisations at the Australia Day Ceremony at **Hope Cottage, Centenary Avenue, on Saturday 26 January at 9:00am.**

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