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PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

The purpose of these Awards is to recognise and celebrate the important contribution and achievements of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and organisations.

SCOPE

These guidelines apply to all nominees, nominators and others involved in administering and conducting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards.

GUIDELINES

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards will be presented annually. Council will also consider nominating recipients of this Award to the South Australian and/or National NAIDOC Awards. The timing of the Award will be the responsibility of the Director, Community Development, City of Port Adelaide Enfield in collaboration with Council's Aboriginal Advisory Panel and Cultural Diversity Officer.

The call for nominations will be advertised and promoted through appropriate networks. Presentation of the Awards will be hosted by the Council and the Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal Advisory Panel. When considering eligibility for an Award Council will reference the eligibility criteria contained in the [National NAIDOC Awards](#).

The following Award categories will be open for nomination:

- Elder of the Year
- Auntie Josie Agius Youth Achievement
- Person of the Year
- Sports person of the Year
- Contribution to the Arts
- Educational Achievement
- Lifetime Achievement
- Recognition of a non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person for their contribution to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
- Recognition of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group or organisation for their contribution to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community

Notwithstanding these Award categories Council may also recognise other individuals, groups or organisations for their outstanding achievements or contribution to the community.

Each nomination will be considered on its merits and based on the following criteria as assessed by the Selection Panel:

- The nominee is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent unless the nomination is for recognition of a non-Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as described above;
- The nominee is a resident or person who has a significant involvement in the Port Adelaide Enfield Council area, such as playing sport, working or going to school;
- The nominee is a resident or person who is considered to have made a significant contribution to the Port Adelaide Enfield community;
- A resident or person who is seen as a role model for their peers.

From time to time Council may refine criteria for nominations based on any changes to those used by the South Australian and/or National NAIDOC Award programs. This will be done in collaboration with the Council's Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Cultural Diversity Officer.

All nominations should be made by persons other than the nominee themselves and should include the contact details of the nominator and at least one referee able to confirm the accuracy of the information provided. Details of nominators and referees will be kept in confidence.

As part of the judging and selection process those responsible for the selection of an award may make enquiries of any person or group about a nominee's eligibility or suitability to receive the award. All such enquiries will be treated in confidence.

To inform their final decision, the Aboriginal Advisory Panel will provide informal feedback to Elected Members of Council on the merit of nominees. Awards winners will be decided upon at a Council meeting, with an Awards Ceremony to take place at appropriate time.

DEFINITIONS

NAIDOC Week – NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.