

ATSI



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WARNING: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander viewers are warned that the ATSI Awards publication may contain images of deceased persons.

Marni niina Kaurna yarta-ana Pudni Pukipirra tarrkarri mankutitya`dlu...

It's good that you came to Kaurna land. Learn from the past so that we can grasp the future.'

We would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we stand, the Kaurna People of the Adelaide Plains. It is upon their ancestral lands that the Port Adelaide Enfield Council meets. It is also The Place of the Kardi, the Emu, whose story travels from the coast inland.

We pay respect to Elders past and present. We respect their spiritual beliefs and connections to land which are of continuing importance to the living Kaurna people of today. We further acknowledge the contributions and important role that Aboriginal people continue to play within our shared community.



Mayor's Foreword

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards is an important occasion, and presents the ideal opportunity to acknowledge and reflect on the achievements of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are an integral part of the fabric of our community.

The City of PAE and the Aboriginal Advisory Panel are once again, proud presenters of these awards, and tonight is a very special evening, as we celebrate the 20th Anniversary.

The first Awards presentation night was held at the Parks Community Centre in 1999, and every year for the past 20 years we call for nominations. We rely on our Aboriginal Advisory Panel and PAE to recognise the great contribution our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents, visitors, students and workers alike make to all of our lives every day.

These people are the silent achievers who contribute in a quiet and consistent manner. They are not usually high-profile figures, however the importance and impact that their actions have on the lives of individuals and groups within the community cannot be over-emphasised.

They demonstrate a true sense of pride and respect for traditional cultural values, and represent strong and positive role models for others.

They have a true sense of vision and reconciliation where their pride and respect in culture can be reflected across the whole of community, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

I congratulate each and every person and group who has been nominated, and thank you for being heroes in our community.

I also thank those who have taken the time out to nominate, and those who support those who have been nominated. This includes families, friends, teachers, employers, fellow workers, carers and so many more.

As the Mayor of the City of PAE, I am honoured to acknowledge you all, and thank you for your contribution to the goodwill and recognition that these Awards bring.

I wish you all the very best for the future.

Mayor Claire Boan



ATSI Awards Background

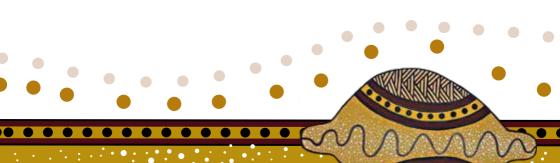
In 1998, members of the Aboriginal Advisory Board the late Aunty Josie Agius, Aunty Pat Waria-Read and Susan Dixon - approached the City of Port Adelaide Enfield to highlight and promote the great contribution and outstanding achievements by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the City.

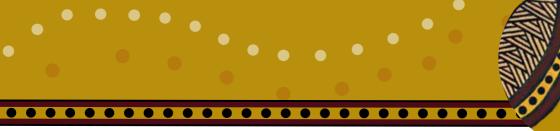
A sub-committee was formed by Aunty Josie, Aunty Pat and Susan with support of the previous Mayor, Johanna McCluskey, and Cr Carol Martin, in consultation with the Aboriginal Advisory Panel.

A proposal was then put forward for an annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards night, which was endorsed by the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Elected Members.

In 1999, the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards were held at the Parks Community Centre.

This annual awards night is now a highly anticipated event that is celebrated by both the Indigenous and Non-Indigenous community as we walk together as one, in the spirit of goodwill and reconciliation.





2019 is the year of the ATSI Awards 20th Anniversary Celebration.

The Inaugural ATSI Awards took place in 1999 by the first Aboriginal Advisory Panel. The original members were: Lewis O'Brien, Pauline O'Brien, Josie Agius (deceased), Veronica Brodie (deceased), Patricia Waria-Read, Kym Hunter(deceased), Donna Akcelcen (deceased), Donna Henry, Trisha Mailing, Susie Dixon and all were supported by past worker Yvonne Agius.

As part of the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the ATSI Awards, we are reaching out to the founding Aboriginal panel members (or for those who have passed, a representative from their family), to attend the awards night so that their contribution can be recognised.



Awards Night Program

Awards Opening - MC Kevin Kropinyeri Welcome to Country - Jack Buckskin Minute silence City of PAE Mayor Claire Boan 20 Year ATSI Awards Anniversary Acknowledgment

Award Presentation

- Elder of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement
- Educational Achievement
- Sports Person of the Year

Performance - Kevin Kropinyeri

Dinner Served



Awards Night Program

Award Presentation

- Person of the Year
- Contribution to the Arts
- Recognition of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group or organisation for its contribution to the ATSI community

Performance – Kevin Kropinyeri

Award Presentation

- Recognition of a non-Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, group or organisation for their contribution to the ATSI community
- Aunty Josie Award

20th Year Anniversary Recognition of Outstanding Cultural Contribution

Performance - Tony Minniecon and 3rd Degree

Close





Elder of the Year Heather Agius

Nominated by Grannies Group

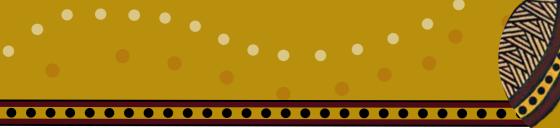
Heather (Aunty Heather) has been advocating for Aboriginal justice and social justice for 50 years. She continues to be outspoken and has no fear challenging Ministers, CEO's, managers, and particularly systems that hinder and or impact Aboriginal people. She has worked many years as an Aboriginal Education Worker and as a Regional Family Engagement Officer. She is one of three Elders who started the Grannies Group in 1999 and this year they are celebrating their 20 year anniversary.

Currently she is listed on the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Kaurna Register. Heather is involved in Nunga Court and at 'section 22' hearings (both of these programs are designed specifically for the sentencing of Aboriginal people).



She is part of the Aboriginal Legal Rights as a Visiting Inspector in prisons advocating on behalf of Aboriginal prisoners and she sits on the Family Matters, an independent committee for children who are removed from their family.

She represents the Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation, Repatriation Committee and sits on Tirraapendi Wodli Aboriginal Leadership Group Justice Reinvestment Port Adelaide. She continues to be a Grannies Group member and continues to work with the courts as an Elder in the Magistrates Drug Court.



Lifetime Achievement Patricia Waria-Read

Nominated by Tina Quitadamo

Aunty Pat is regarded as a living icon of the Port Adelaide area and beyond. Aunty Pat is a well-known, hardworking, passionate activist for the community she loves. Aunty Pat is well respected at national, state and particularly local grass roots level where she has continuously volunteered her time and knowledge on numerous boards, committees and groups. She has represented Aboriginal people on Council's Aboriginal Advisory Panel, been involved with the community in prisons, churches, schools and non-for-profit organisations. In 1998 Aunty Pat was a founding member of the Aboriginal Advisory Panel.



Aunty Pat and several others formed a sub-group and in 1999 and implemented the ATSI Awards, the City of Port Adelaide's first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community awards and recognition program. Aunty Pat returned to serve as an Aboriginal Advisory Panel member in 2018.

Lifetime Achievement Diana Sansbury

Nominated by Harold Rankine

Diana (Aunty Diana) has lived and worked in the Port Adelaide Enfield region for the majority of her life and has continued to make a valuable contribution to the lives of Aboriginal people through undertaking various roles in a voluntary capacity. Due to her own lived experience she is a role model and supports others in the areas of domestic violence and general family issues.



Aunty Diana has over 20 years' experience working with Salvation Army, Correctional Services and Nunga Mi:Minar. Currently Aunty Diana is involved in the Nunga Court and Court Section 22's, a member of the Grannies Group and a volunteer for the Corrections Visiting Elders Program.



Lifetime Achievement Rosemary (Rosey) Agius (deceased)

Nominated by Tiraapendi Wodlie

Rosemary (Rosey) was a formidable advocate for the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Rosey was instrumental in providing a voice and representation as she worked within difficult cultural intersections however, she always delivered successful outcomes. Her impeccable knowledge of mainstream Australia and First Nations made her an effective cultural mentor. Working from Alberton Primary School, Rosey was the longest serving Aboriginal Community Education Officer in the state. Rosey knew that children's educational successes depended on their families feeling powerful and safe.



Rosey was relentless in her pursuit for visible representation, she advocated for a School /Aboriginal Centre, and in April 2019, Rosey managed to get a new Centre (at Alberton Primary School) which arrived five weeks prior to her passing. Consequently, she never got the opportunity to enjoy the building and celebrate her amazing accomplishment. However, the building stands as a testament to her favourite saying "stand up for yourself".

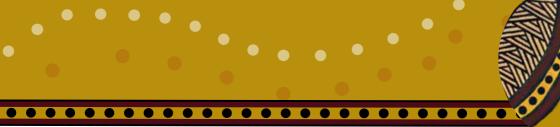


Educational Achievement Miriam Highfold

Nominated by Desma Moshou and Kevin Coleman

Miriam began study at Tauondi college in 2019 where she enrolled in a Certificate L and 2 in Business and has fast tracked into a Certificate 3 in Business. Miriam dropped out of school as a young girl and by the age of 28 had four daughters and also cared for her parents. Miriam is now a role model for her sisters and nieces, who have also enrolled at Tauondi College. She has to manage her studies as well as being a mum, supporting her four daughters through school and sports. She has organised a "Dress for Less" program that helps other students get access to outfits suitable for work placements and interviews.

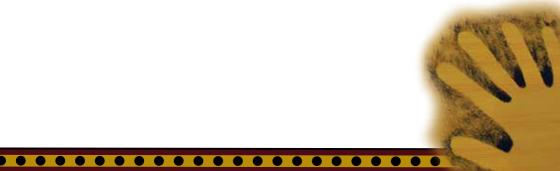
Miriam supports the Elders group with food packages once a fortnight. After 17 years out of school, Miriam has found a purpose through education and had her first work experience this year with the City of Port Adelaide Enfield.



Educational Achievement Ursula Sampson

Nominated by Desma Moshou and Kevin Coleman

After leaving school in 2011, Ursula started at Tauondi in 2019 in a Certificate 2 in Business. Since commencing at Tauondi she has excelled and moved quickly to a Certificate 3 in Business. She has also achieved her Senior First Aid certificate, undertaken Reporting Abuse and Neglect and completed her work placement at Gowrie Community Centre. Ursula has secured a casual position at Gowrie for 2 – 3 days a week. Ursula continues to bring up two young children, is working part time and has utilised education as a way to improve her prospects and benefit her health and wellbeing.



Educational Achievement Megan Butler

Nominated by Kaylene Stapenell

Megan comes from Tiwi Islands and was attempting to travel between Tiwi and Darwin to complete her education. Megan fell on some difficult times, and with the support of her father, eventually relocated to Adelaide for a fresh start. She arrived in Adelaide with her two children, not knowing anyone, yet she wanted to continue her education. She found herself at Tauondi College, where she began a foundation skills course, and progressed into achieving her Certificate 3 in Community Services. She did this during a period of transitional, housing and financial hardship and has managed to build a life in Adelaide for herself and her family.



Sports Person of the Year Rikki Wilson

Nominated by Mayor Claire Boan

Rikki is an inspirational woman who is business minded and growing in confidence and aspiration. Rikki went to New York to complete the New York Marathon in 2018 as a part of the Indigenous Marathon Project - it was this moment in time that has her continue her achievements across her life. Rikki has completed a Certificate 4 in Sport And Recreation and Mental Health Training Certificate, and now runs her own business "Tribes United Fitness", turning quality of fitness into lifestyle. Rikki maintains that her own life was a struggle and what she recognises in experience is what she and her business want to share with the community.



Rikki's confidence and networks have strengthened and she is now training for the Egypt Marathon.

She is a young mother who is a great role model and encourages all those she meets to be stronger and healthier. She currently runs fitness classes at Kurruru, Aboriginal Health Service Port Adelaide and across some local high Schools.



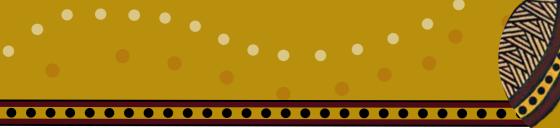
Sports Person of the Year Temaana Sanderson-Bromely

Nominated by Pt Adelaide Athletics Club

Tamaana loves his sports, including; football, basketball and athletics and is currently a member of the Port Adelaide Athletics Club (PAAC) Aboriginal Athletics Squad. He competes regularly with Athletics SA, interclub competitions representing PAAC and has travelled Australia at state level and is also certified in Level I Community Coaching. He is looking forward to All School Nationals in Perth WA in December 2019. Tamaana is a role model to others and has developed a real team oriented attitude that he shares at the club and also at the West Adelaide Bearcats Basketball Club.



His confidence has motivated him to take a lead role in developing others and he takes pride in celebrating their achievements. Tamaana has a great maturity in leadership with a high level of commitment and dedication with a positive attitude.



Sports Person of the Year Luis Lawrie-Lattanzio

Nominated by April Lawrie

Luis is a proud Nunga youth who has a passion for soccer and athletics. He has represented Australia in the National Australian School Boys Soccer Team that toured the UK. He has also played the New Zealand soccer team in Sydney, and was asked to attend Canberra to train as a member of the Australian Joeys training Squad, for the FIFA Youth World Cup in Brazil this year. The Australian Joeys squad travelled to London in September playing countries like Korea, Brazil and England. This is an exceptional achievement for a 17 year old fan of soccer. He has grown into a young role model for his family and community and amongst the multicultural community, especially with in the area of Kilburn where he has lived all of his life.



Luis has been involved with Enfield Athletics Club (EAC) for 15 years and in 2019 he was awarded a life time membership. He volunteers and continues to be a role model for the younger generation attending the EAC. Luis has a Certificate 3 Physical Fitness and Education, and volunteers as a youth soccer coach in the "soccer2sports" program. Luis is currently playing with Adelaide United U/21 team and is currently registered with the Port District Aboriginal Athletics Academy.

Person of the Year Lisa Warner

Nominated by Tina Quitadamo

Lisa lives and works in the Port Adelaide Enfield region; she brings a strong focus to Aboriginal women and champions the development of Aboriginal women in leadership. Employed at the Young Women's Christian Association Australia, she coordinates the Aboriginal Women's Leadership Program. In the last 2 years Lisa has managed an annual Aboriginal Women's Leadership gathering that allowed for the development of leadership skills and cultural exchange between women from many Aboriginal nations. Lisa has a passion for Aboriginal community, Aboriginal women and Aboriginal culture; she engages with numerous committees, groups and presents at conferences and seminars.



Lisa's passion can be vocal and confronting yet she does this exuding humility and love for the community. She coordinators the Aboriginal Women's Leadership – Advisory Group, a Member of the Australasian Evaluation Society, a Board member of Nunga Mi:Minar: Northern Regional Aboriginal Domestic and Family Violence Service. Lisa is a long-time member of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal Advisory Panel, and she has facilitated workshops with Aboriginal women to help identify their needs and interests to add value to the Councils planning.

Person of the Year Michael O'Brien

Nominated by Tina Quitadamo

Michael O'Brien is a Port Adelaide Enfield local through and through. He is a Senior Kaurna man and Kaurna Ambassador. Michael enjoys the opportunity to be a cultural facilitator engaging people to learn, or allow him to impart a cultural story or two. Michael continues to serve on boards, advisory panels, and committees. He has spent 12 years with the City of Port Adelaide Enfield's Aboriginal Advisory Panel and is also a Committee Member of the Kaurna Warra Karrpanthi Aboriginal Corporation.

He has had Honors and Awards with an Australia Day Service Award and as an Ambassador for foster care.



Michael has delivered countless Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training and Welcome to Country' sessions with audiences of up to 2000 people in attendance; including the Reconciliation and Apology Day breakfasts and the recent 8th National SNAICC I Conference. Michael is a foster parent of seventeen years, to three beautiful children. He has travelled across Australia, living and working in a number of Aboriginal communities. He is a recipient of the Rotary Club Courtesy Award, for community involvement in working with youth.



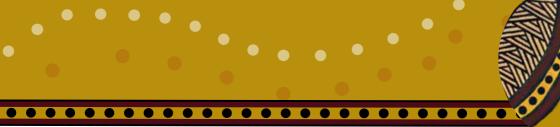
Contribution to the Arts Of Desert and Sea Dance Group

Nominated by Haydyn Bromely and Lele Sanderson

Of Desert and Sea Dance Group are a cultural contemporary dance company of Aboriginal females aged between 18 and 26. This ensemble emerged out of the need to have a professional dance company for young women. The women represent several Aboriginal language groups and through dance they express their cultural connections to country, kinship and survival. All women grew up in the Port Adelaide area and have been amongst dance and have connections with Kurruru Arts and Culture Hub. They are hardworking dancers who particularly provide a strong message to Aboriginal women by showing pride in identity and cultural connections.



During 2018 and 2019 they have made a mark in the Arts arena, receiving invitations to perform locally and across the states of South Australia and New South Wales. They are currently working on a full length production called "Beautiful" which is about the strength, resilience and beauty of Aboriginal Women, to be performed at the 2019 Tanarinthi Festival.



Contribution to the Arts Scott Rathman



Nominated by Renee Romeo

Scott is a local resident and artist. His art work generates relationships with community and fosters cross cultural understandings of Aboriginal representations, truth telling and story telling. Scott's art reminds us of the land people are connected to and acknowledges the custodians of the land. Scott uses his art as a platform to support other local and emerging Aboriginal artists as a way to connect across generations. Scott provides Art workshops and murals for schools, councils and as a part of initiatives like The Wonderwalls Festival, NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week.

Kalaya Children's Centre

Nominated by Georgia Heath

Kalaya Children's Centre has been in operation since 1975. They are an Aboriginal Childcare Centre that puts Aboriginal culture front and centre of the Centre's Education Program - with Aboriginal stories and songs shared proudly. Kalaya is inclusive of all family backgrounds and seeks to engage the broader community in their education and centres children's health and wellbeing, sharing their cultural learnings with external community groups and through participation in local events.



Kalaya has a reputation for strengthening and connecting the community and promoting culture. The Centre has a high retention of staff and generational family engagement.



Tauondi Aboriginal College

Nominated by Tina Quitadamo

Tauondi Aboriginal College started its humble beginnings in 1973. Tauondi is an Aboriginal Community Organisation leading the way in delivering training, health and wellbeing programs, cultural services and employment services. Tauondi is a college recognised not only for education but also for community development and social action. Courses are designed to foster career pathways and increase employment. Training courses are delivered and assessed in culturally appropriate ways, within a culturally safe and supportive learning environment.



Tauondi's philosophy is to support Aboriginal cultures and identities in ways that respect Aboriginal lore and customs and the diversity of students' experiences and ambitions.



Salt and Pepper Outreach Team

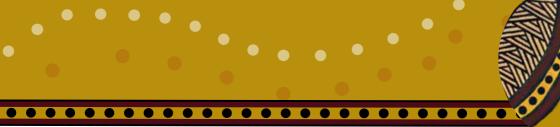
Nominated by Patricia Waria-Read

The Salt and Pepper Outreach Team (Margie Callaghan and Patricia Waria-Read) is a program for Aboriginal women in prison and on their release from incarceration as a volunteer group. They have been in operation since 2006. The Salt and Pepper Outreach team are committed to supporting and advocating for Aboriginal women and families and operate on call, when there is an emergency, on weekends, as well as carry out home visits during the week, or when required.



The aim is to engage with Aboriginal women to facilitate rehabilitation and prevent re-offending, through connections to services and personal development.





Workabout Centre Western

Nominated by Carrie Fleming

The Workabout Centre provides young Aboriginal students with pathways to training, education and employment. They have been in operation for many years; however they have only been operational in the western suburbs for the past 12 months. They facilitate relationships between Aboriginal young people, education providers and industry including both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations. The centre aims to empower Aboriginal youth to set high expectations for themselves, while achieving SACE accreditation.



Western Workabout supports 14 Secondary Schools, and has a proven record for students receiving SACE accreditation and for engaging Aboriginal youth back in school.

Port Adelaide Athletics Club

Nominated by Mayor Claire Boan

The Port Adelaide Athletics Club is in its fourth year for its Aboriginal Athletics Squad. They have 90% of their membership who live within the City of Port Adelaide Enfield and the committee is made up of Aboriginal parents. There is no cost for membership, uniforms or fees associated with competitions. They have a structured carpooling program for those that need transport and the squad have dedicated qualified mentors to support members. They have also introduced a healthy eating program and an active for life program. They have employed two Aboriginal coaches and are currently training two more.



The club has become well established in the athletic/sporting arena, involved in state championships, all schools national championships, hosted the Deadly Fun Run, and have members accessing targeted talent programs and being recognised by other sporting groups.

Tadashi Nakamura



Nominated by Shaylem Wilson

Tadashi is the Deputy CEO of Tauondi College, and has been recognised as someone who goes above and beyond to keep Tauondi running for and on behalf of the Aboriginal community. Tadashi continues to build relations and partnerships to enhance Tauondi's services and community engagement. He has been instrumental in supporting the revitalisation of Aboriginal language and employment pathways and is dedicated to helping organise an international 2020 World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education. Tadashi is often the go-to person at Tauondi and continues to maintain Aboriginal community respect by his peers, Tauondi students and the broader Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community.

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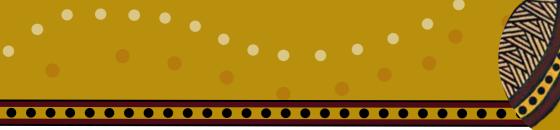
Chris Vass



Nominated by Josephine Kunde

Chris is a retired Magistrate who was instrumental in establishing the (Magistrates) Nunga Court in Port Adelaide. Chris is recognised as a champion of the Aboriginal Justice cause. He was someone who ruffled the Court's mainstream process and had his colleagues question his intent to establish an Aboriginal Court. Through his persistence to act on the advice he received from the Aboriginal community, the Nunga Court began in 1999. Since then the model has been implemented across South Australia, in Ceduna, Port Augusta Murray Bridge and Yalata. The program is replicated at Elizabeth and Adelaide Magistrates Court.

This model further inspired the Higher Court and Supreme Court to implement Aboriginal Sentencing Conferences called "section 22". Both models engage Aboriginal cultural concepts and Aboriginal Elders, allowing for greater dialogue between all parties, including the defendants and their family, community agencies and Elders in direct discussions with police, court staff and the Magistrate.



Marilyn Bevan

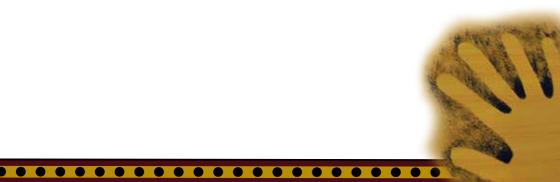
Nominated by Linda Wandana, Tracey Lyon and Felicity Bevan-Giles

Marilyn is 73 years young and has committed herself to Kura Yerlo. Marilyn formally coordinates the Kura Yerlo community gym including overseeing the gym's volunteers, and for over 20 years Marilyn has done all of this as a volunteer herself. Marilyn has gained accreditation as a personal trainer, and continues to support tailored gym sessions, along with swimming, walking, canoeing and even crabbing groups.



Marilyn has been inspirational to Kura Yerlo Staff and those that come into Kura Yerlo for her dedicated contribution and commitment to Aboriginal people, culture and improved healthy lifestyles.

Marilyn is considered an Elder to the Kura Yerlo community and is cared for and respected as one.



Yanni Voutiros

Nominated by Shaylem Wilson

Yanni has been a committed staff member of Tauondi College for eight years. Yanni has a passion for assisting and supporting Aboriginal activity. He has travelled and transported Aboriginal staff and trainers across the state and up through the APY lands. Yanni has developed good relationships and been a role model for community engagement, particularly with the Barista Training Van at community training and events. Yanni is widely accepted and has a good rapport with many Aboriginal community groups and individuals.



He helps where he can and never judges a situation; he engages in conversation with staff, students and others that attend Tauondi on a daily basis.



Aunty Josie Agius Youth Achievement Award Shaylem Wilson



Nominated by Tadashi Nakamura

Shaylem is an Administration Assistant at Tauondi College where she began and completed a Traineeship Certificate 3 Business. Shaylem has worked above and beyond her role, where she has taken on additional activities to support Tauondi events and engage in an Aboriginal Youth Engagement Project which was to explore the concept of a youth voice, consulting over 100 youths ranging from the ages of 12-26, where she helped provide a final report to the Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP). As a result of this consultation the CCYP will implement an Aboriginal Youth Summit in 2020.

Shaylem has continuously demonstrated organsational, communication and time management skills at a high level. Shaylem is Tauondi's first point of contact and is an exceptional, respectful representative of Tauondi and what Tauondi stands for.

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Aunty Josie Agius Youth Achievement Award Noah Ah Chee



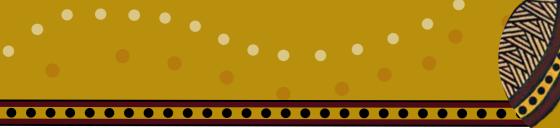
Nominated by Dudley Ah Chee

Noah is a proud Aboriginal youth who has represented SAPSASSA sporting events in softball, tennis, golf, crosscountry and athletics. He has gone on to represent his school and the South Australian Team. Noah is a member of the Adelaide and Grange Golf Clubs and is a young boy who has represented South Australia in the Golf State Championships, winning the junior category.

Sports have encouraged Noah to be the best he can be, which is reflected at school and has also benefited his social and emotional wellbeing. Noah also has a love for football at school and for Port Districts.

He participates in the Junior Aboriginal State Football carnival and has a goal to play AFL football for Port Adelaide Football Club.

This year Noah will represent South Australia by competing in the National Aboriginal Golf Championships to be held this November in Ballarat.



Aunty Josie Agius Youth Achievement Award Dom Barry



Nominated by Mayor Claire Boan

Dom is from the Fregon community within the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands. He has had an inspiring career in football where he played for the AFL's Melbourne Football Club. Dom now resides in Port Adelaide and plays football with the Norwood Football Club. Even though Dom is a talented footballer, he is nominated in this category as a young man who has become the co-founder and co-chair of Iwiri, a Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara dance and singing group. The group was formed to encourage and maintain Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara culture for those living in Adelaide and to help to strengthen his community.

Dom is a mentor to the younger children and is a recognised role model by his peers who are united in ages from young to old who share and continue their culture with others through lwiri.

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20th Year Anniversary Recognition of Outstanding Cultural Contribution

In the 20th year of the ATSI Awards, the City of Port Adelaide Enfield's Aboriginal Advisory Panel and Council's Elected Members consulted with Kura Yerlo and the Kura Yerlo Elders Group to commemorate the anniversary by recognising the outstanding cultural contribution of a named person for their cultural knowledge and the advice that he/she has bestowed upon the City of Port Adelaide Enfield.

This person should be regarded as a local icon of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield; they must represent as a proud and knowledgeable Aboriginal person. They would have contributed to the City of Port Adelaide Enfield over many years, by imbedding culture into landscapes and spaces across the city and advocating for Aboriginal harmony.

This person will be regarded as a mentor, a guide and be a sought after representative of the Aboriginal community.



Reconciliation Statement

Niina Marni, Puki Puki tampi`dlu nartangka wapi`dlu marnintyaria tarrkarri tai`dlu. Welcome. Let us recognise the past, act in the present and build a better future. The City of Port Adelaide Enfield is located on the lands of the Kaurna People.

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield recognises Aboriginal people as the first Australians, with a unique culture and spiritual relationship to the land and sea that they have strived to retain through the period of non-indigenous settlement. Council is strongly committed to work with and support the cultural, spiritual, health, emotional and economic wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people in this region.

In consultation and collaboration with the local Aboriginal community Council will:

- Be a region which exemplifies pride in and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture including language, arts, story telling, song and dance;
- Build on a partnership between the City of Port Adelaide Enfield and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community which is respectful and collaborative;
- Advocate for the allocation of resources and services based on a sound understanding of the demographic profile, the strengths and needs of the Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community;
- Facilitate opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to benefit from economic growth within the region by supporting employment, education and training initiatives;
- Promote a community that is racism free, safe, welcoming and inclusive for all;
- Collaborate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and agencies, and the wider community to implement measures to "Close the Gap" in relation to disadvantage within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.



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