

Artwork stories - Fred Agius

#### Tjilbruke & Urebilla

Tjilbruke, an important Creation Ancestor of the Kaurna people, looks after the sea - the Kaurna coastline. Urebilla, Tjilbruke's half-brother, a great Ancestral Warrior, looks after the land - the Mt Lofty Ranges.

This painting depicts that Urebilla passed away before Tjilbruke, but that these half-brothers are together forever in spirit.

## The City of Port Adelaide Enfield and the Aboriginal Advisory Panel are proud to once again present the annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards.

The ATSI Awards are a celebration of the selfless contribution and great achievements that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island residents, visitors, students and workers provide to our community, making a difference to the lives of many others. These awards not only recognise high profile achievers within our community, but also those who quietly go about their business at a very grassroots level, without any recognition.

This booklet provides a background to the individuals and groups that have been nominated for the 2014 Awards.

On behalf of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield I congratulate each and every one of those who are nominated. I would like to offer my thanks for their contributions, congratulate them on their achievements, and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Wally Iasiello
Acting City Manager

# Hominated for

Recognition of a Non-Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, group or organisation for their contribution to the community



Nominated by: Narisha Cash on behalf of Tandanya NACI

### Whitelion Inc

Whitelion is a non-profit community organisation which provides role modelling, mentoring, employment, indigenous programs, outreach services, prevention programs and projects aimed particularly at young people at risk; helping them to reconnect them with their community and society through the delivery of youth-focused, gender and culturally specific programs.

One current project has been "Looking Back on Future", which was delivered at Tauondi College, where the group were taught by an elder, Margaret Brodie, who has traditional ties to the Port Adelaide Enfield, and Christopher Crebbin and Nish Cash, painting techniques and new mediums. They were inspired to paint elements of the Port Adelaide region. It was also an opportunity to discover local Kaurna history. The work achieved has been outstanding, and is currently on display at Tandanya. It will be shown at the Our Mob exhibition at the Festival Centre.

Whitelion has run many programs around health, wellbeing and positive lifestyle choices, and lays the foundation for life skills for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth who have been at risk.

Narisha commends the hard working team at Whitelion for being driven to give their clients opportunities for maintaining a positive life, for motivating participants and engaging them in projects. Whitelion as an organization consists of many individual workers who are great role models and in turn have shown a great deal of understanding towards each young person under their guidance.

Whitelion has shown a real passion for helping young people to achieve. Taking time to invest in the young people and ensuring that they are cared for is something Whitelion does selflessly.

Whitelion opens doors to opportunities, relationships and community for these young people. It gives them the chance to 'break the cycle'.



Recognition of a Non-Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person

Nominated by:

Ilka Bridgewater on behalf of Tauondi College



Tadashi is the Business Developer & IT Manager at Tauondi College. Ilka has said that the number of ways Tadashi has contributed to the Aboriginal Community is numerous. She says he has worked tirelessly for the past 10 years developing programs in the areas of literacy and numeracy, healthy lifestyles, hospitality and IT education to name a few.

In the last year alone Tadashi has made several successful programs possible by securing funding and organised partnerships in other programs which not only help Tauondi, but also for the Aboriginal community. These include "Lil Caravan of Fun", "Close the Gap", "Keep it Corka", "Give Up Smokes For Good" and "Healthy Community Day", promoting healthy lifestyles.

Ilka has stated that Tadashi is dedicated to his work with the Aboriginal community. He is a great career role model as he is always dependable, efficient and punctual. He makes the impossible possible, his willingness to take on difficult programs and see them through successfully.

Tadashi also projects a warm, cheerful attitude to staff, students and clients, handling difficult situations with remarkable patience and admirable tact. He is positively relentless and relentlessly positive.

Tadashi is a big part of the community at Tauondi College. He also plays a big part in their offsite programs in remote and rural areas. He is seen as the face of Tauondi and is given much respect from all of the Aboriginal communities that he works with.

Another staff member of Tauondi College, Jack Buckskin, says that Tadashi's attitude shows true reconciliation, and that his commitment towards supporting Aboriginal people with further education and employment shows through his strong work ethic and that as a community they are honoured to have a passionate working ally on their side.



Kellie has been working and volunteering at Kura Yerlo for 13 years. Her main role has been as Cook, providing nutritious and healthy meals for children daily. Kelly significantly contributed to Kura Yerlo Children's Centre being the first Aboriginal Centre to receive its 'Start Right Eat Right' accreditation, and continues to maintain this approach.

Tina has nominated Kellie for her countless acts of charity, selflessness, time and dedication, and because she "walks the talk". She says Kellie is a shining exemplar of a non-Aboriginal person who has a great respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and them for her. In her time with Kura Yerlo, Kellie has set up a Catering Service for Kura Yerlo, coordinated and prepared countless fundraising efforts to raise money for the Children's Centre and Kura Yerlo, including organising and preparing countless BBQs, raffles, and selling boxes of chocolates. She has also arranged donations from Foodbank. For 13 years in her own time she has made countless trips to collect bread from Bakers Delight for community members to help themselves, and families in need.

Kellie is always sourcing things that are in the interests of benefiting ATSI community members from furniture to consumables (for emergency food parcels), free Show tickets for ATSI families, donations for BBQs, donations for the Kura Yerlo Children's Centre Christmas party, and free movie tickets. Kellie has been backup Gym Volunteer Supervisor after hours for the Kura Yerlo Gymnasium.

Kellie has continued to up-skill herself with Kura Yerlo support, and has gained her Certificate IV in Community Services. She is currently undertaking her Diploma in Children's Services, and has gained her Bus Driving Accreditation and as such has been able to provide backup relief driving for both Kura Yerlo Children's Centre and Kalaya Children's Centre, often with little notice.

Tina says that Kellie is also part of the Port Power Cheer Squad, and is as dedicated to this as she is to Kura Yerlo.

Kellie is finishing with Kura Yerlo shortly to take up the position as Bus Driver for Kalaya Children's Centre, but Tina and the staff of Kura Yerlo would love for Kellie to be recognised for her legacy to them, her inspiration to them, and for her efforts in an often thankless role as a Cook.



Since formed in 1999, Grannies Group has supported hundreds of families with a range of factors affecting their children, grandchildren and their community. They provide peer support, assistance, and opportunities for grandparents to access outreach support, and financial assistance. They support people exiting prison, create awareness of drug related issues, and aim to reduce drug related deaths in the Nunga community, by empowering, and achieving a sense of community and care for community.

Nicole has commended Grannies Group as a welcoming and supportive group for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander grandmothers, providing a story of hope and assistance within the grandparenting role.

Patricia has commended the Grannies Group Elders for being vital role models to our youth, families and women's groups. She also commends the DVD they have developed on giving insight on substance abuse in the Aboriginal community and its devastating effects. The DVD is now presented at local schools and to service agencies.

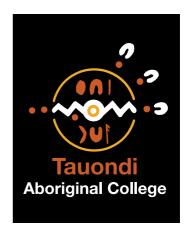
Grannies Group brings a range of organisations together including government, non-government, Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander and community groups.

The group is active in advocating and encouraging change in the criminal justice system to improve the circumstances for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and focus their efforts in the Western region of Adelaide, the Port Adelaide area in particular.

## Nominated for

Recognition of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group or organisation for its contribution to the community

Nominated by: Anne Russell



### Tauondi Aboriginal College

Tauondi Aboriginal College, established in 1973, is an independent registered training organisation for Aboriginal adults in South Australia.

"Tauondi" is a Kaurna word meaning "to penetrate or break through".

The college offers teaching in a manner which recognises, promotes and delivers respect of Aboriginal culture, laws and customs as integral components of the curriculum.

They learn through both informal and formal situations and experiences, such as role models and the sharing of understandings.

Anne nominated Tauondi Aboriginal College, stating that the aim of Tauondi is to build a better future for Aboriginal people by leading in delivery of training, health and wellbeing programs, cultural services and employment services. With this holistic philosophy, Tauondi offers a range of nationally accredited training programs in various industry fields, as well as pre-vocational training in numeracy and literacy.

Tauondi also offers Adult Community Education (ACE) which offers lifestyle programs for the Aboriginal Elders within our community.

Tauondi works collaboratively with a range of organisations, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, to improve its training for those students wishing to transit to employment and/or further education. It also provides mentoring into employment.

Tauondi contributes to the community through: offering the College as a venue for community events and meetings; leading.

Reconciliation offering cultural awareness training within Port Adelaide and across the state; working with the wider community, offering off-site programs which benefit Aboriginal communities around South Australia; and being the point of contact regarding Aboriginal sites within South Australia.

# Nominated for

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Nominated by: Tina Quitadamo



#### Kura Yerlo Inc.

Tina Quitadamo, CEO of Kura Yerlo Inc. nominated Kura Yerlo Inc in light of recognising the commitment and the consistent quality of service.

The services collectively provided by Kura Yerlo board of management, staff and volunteers include the Children's Centre and preschool program, Aboriginal Youth Action Committee, Aged and Disabilities Service, Anangu Ninti Tjuta, Extreme Team, Gymnasium, Kanyappa Healing and Wellbeing Program, and supports other programs including Inhaadi Ngawarla Adnyamathanha Language Program, and Perentie Dreaming Trail Documentary (for Two Brothers Walking).

Tina praises Kura Yerlo Inc. as a good role model for all not for profit community centres and for small business and other services. Kura Yerlo undertakes and demonstrates commitment to recruiting/training/investing in ATSI employees, Student Placements, volunteers, traineeships, the principles of Reconciliation, successful auspicing arrangements, high quality culturally appropriate programs for ATSI and non-ATSI community members, and involvement in the community.

Kura Yerlo is a place of cultural significance and healing, supports the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal Advisory Panel, and partners with a number of organisations.

Kura Yerlo is the only not for profit Aboriginal community centre in the Western Adelaide Region. There are many programs that are worthy of an individual nomination, however, it is the organisation's collective work that has enabled it to strive, survive and thrive in tough times.

Kura Yerlo also supports families when their loved ones passes away; creates food parcels for individuals/families who are experiencing extreme poverty/ hardship; and for 10 years have collected bread from Bakers Delight which is provided to community.

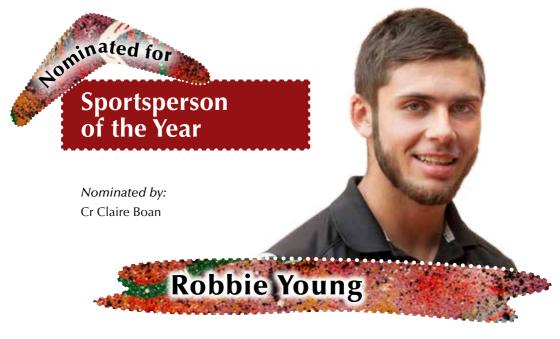


Charlene, 30, works at Tauondi College, and has recently completed her Certificate II in Hospitality Kitchen Operation.

Vicki has commended Charlene on her persistence in completing her studies, creating a major change in her life despite the many challenges she faced.

Charlene has demonstrated to her large family and her friends that through persistence your goals can be achieved, and is a demonstration of dedication to family enabling her to give back.

Vicki praises Charlene as a valued member of the Tauondi staff, that she is reliable and trustworthy, and continues to learn on the job.



Robbie, 19, plays league Aussie Rules for the Port Adelaide Magpies. He started with Rosewater Juniors and joined the Port Adelaide development squad aged 12.

He works for Power Community Ltd promoting healthy lifestyles, club tours, footy clinics, programs for primary schools, high schools and the elderly.

Cr Claire Boan has praised Robbie for showing true leadership skills since she taught him in primary school, and that he constantly demonstrates discipline, regardless of the situation. Robbie grew up with his Nanna and helped with raising siblings and cousins.

He completed school at Alberton Primary School and Le Fevre High School. He completed Certificate III in Business through the SANFL traineeship, and has his own young family.



Rachel, 16, is currently ranked #1 for Australian Cadet Women's Epee Fencing blade class.

She was chosen to represent Australia in the 2014 Cadet Fencing World Champion, held in Bulgaria.

She has also been selected to represent the Australian Junior Fencing Team in 2015 to compete in the Asian Junior & Cadet Championships in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates and also in the World Junior & Cadet Championships, in South Korea.

Her good sportsmanship was commended by the referee in the 2013 Fencing Junior World Cup, held in Sweden.

Rachel was nominated for the Junior Olympic Fencing Team, and received the inaugural coaches award from SA Fencing 2013 Best & Fairest.

John has praised Rachel for her caring and giving nature, knowing the importance of giving back, her dedication and discipline, and her commitment to training between school, homework and competitions.

He has also noted that Rachel is proud of her Ngarrindjeri heritage and her connection to the Stolen Generation both in her immediate and extended family. She is an advocate for her people and reconciliation. She is committed to the process of closing the gap, and stands firm in her beliefs.

She was chosen to be part of Reconciliation Day ceremony at St Mary's College in 2013 and 2014 and to journey to Oak Valley Community as part of St Mary's College social justice program.



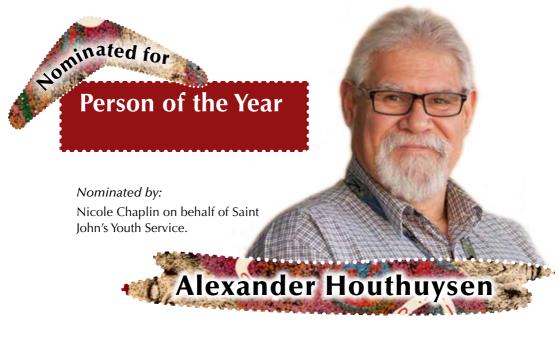
Bonnie has nominated Kylie for Person of the Year, as she is a valued member of Ladder St Vincent Street (St John's Youth Services). Kylie is a vital part of the running of this service, and it is with her knowledge and connections to the Port Adelaide Enfield community that Ladder St Vincent Street is able to create a positive, safe and sustainable environment for young people.

Kylie is highly respected amongst the community and provides a supportive and important link between the community, Ladder St Vincent Street and St John's Youth Service.

Kylie is a strong positive role model both within Ladder St Vincent Street and the wider Port Adelaide Enfield community. She consistently projects a warm and cheerful attitude towards others, lifting the overall spirit of the Ladder community. In her interactions with young people Kylie continues to uphold traditional customs and language, supporting Aboriginal residents and engaging non-Aboriginal residents.

Kylie is always willing to have a yarn and regularly shares her perspectives and experiences on identity, history and Aboriginal culture; contributing to both young people's cultural awareness and staff professional development.

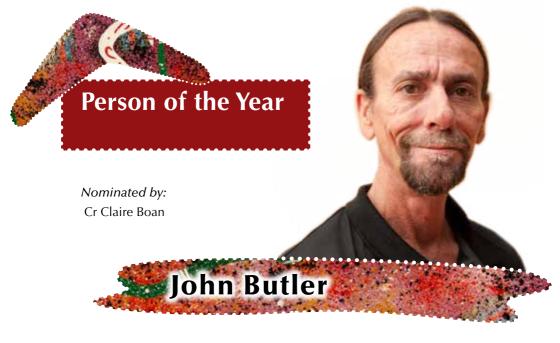
Kylie has facilitated the beginning of a strong relationship between Ladder St Vincent Street, St John's Youth Services and the female elders (Grannies Group) of the community.



Alex has worked in the Port Adelaide area at both Tauondi College and St John's Youth Services through Ladder St Vincent Street over the last two years. During that time he has mentored and supported young people to connect and maintain education, become job ready and gain employment, enabling young people to contribute to the Port Adelaide Enfield community.

Nicole states that Alex is of a strong character, leading by example for young people and the community.

His relationships are extremely respectful, being a great role model to his contacts. Alex demonstrates cultural and professional excellence in all his dealings with community, organisations, employers, educational facilities & individuals. Alex inspires all that work with him, demonstrating by example the greatness of the Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.



John worked with the Aboriginal Childcare Agency from 1988 to 1997. He also worked at Alberton Primary School for 17 years, supporting Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. Cr Claire Boan says that his role at Alberton Primary School has been diverse, but he has always been in a mentoring role, teaching at risk students landscaping, fixing bicycles, mosaics, and making bird boxes. He has also driven for Tauondi College for special events.

Cr Claire Boan commends Johnny for continually encouraging children and teens to be involved with sports and music.

She says that Johnny helps to bridge so many gaps, he believes in people and does anything to help them achieve. He is a constant and positive man.



Patricia has nominated Auntie Roslyn for encouraging women in the Aboriginal community to discuss their cancer, which had previously not been spoken about openly in the community.

Patricia respects Roslyn as being a great role model to her peers by her ways of encouragement and sharing information.

She has said that Roslyn takes the time to share her experiences, how she dealt with these issues, and progressed to be cancer-free.

Roslyn is a recovering cancer patient, and established an Aboriginal women's group within the Port Adelaide area. She encourages and supports those who are currently going through cancer, and understands how it affects their wellbeing.

In 2006 Roslyn, with a group of 3 other Aboriginal women, were on the state-wide cancer conference working party for the very first Aboriginal women's cancer conference.

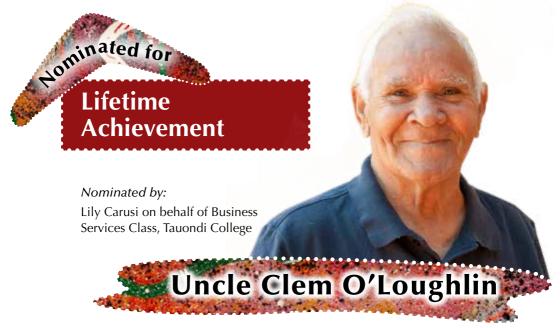
Roslyn also sat on the national body, Cancer Australia, for 3 years as a national advisory to the Health Agenda.

Roslyn is on the SA Cancer Council to represent Aboriginal people and the ways it affects people spiritually and culturally.

Roslyn now sits on the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute's (SAHMRI) monthly committee, discussing Aboriginal cancer stories and collecting data.

Roslyn also sits on the Nunga Court Bench with the magistrate and speaks to young men and women with words of enlightenment and encouragement to turn their lives around.

Roslyn is also involved with the Aboriginal Elders Visiting Program, a group of 4 elders who go out to visit groups in correctional facilities and sit down with them to discuss current events in the Aboriginal Community and changes happening in the wider community to keep them connected for when they come out.



Uncle Clem was one of the first students enrolled at Tauondi Aboriginal College in 1973. In 1974 he joined the administrative staff as General Assistant.

In January 1975 he qualified as a professional driving instructor, becoming the first Aboriginal person in South Australia to do so. He continued in that role until 1978.

From 1979 - 1999 Clem worked as a General Assistant for the college. During that time he also conducted cultural awareness programmes at primary schools.

Lily states that Clem has always been an active community member and attends community days/events in the local area. His contributions on behalf of the college help strengthen community interaction and reinforce the fact that the College "belongs" to the community and is there to meet its needs.

Clem has also contributed to developing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community at the State and National Level. Clem inspires people to believe, that even if you have been born into an underprivileged life you can still be successful and achieve.

Clem has travelled all over SA to support his family. He took on numerous jobs including as a shearer, fisherman, fruit picker and more.

Clem inspires younger students to follow his example of being committed to attend every day. He stills regularly attends the Lifestyle Program at Tauondi Aboriginal College at the age of 80 years. He is always punctual, dresses appropriately, has a positive attitude, a delightful sense of humour and even though at times, he may be unwell he still makes the effort to attend College. Lily also says that he is always happy for people to come and yarn with him. In all the years she has known him, she has never heard him utter a nasty word about anyone.

### Members of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Advisory Panel 2014

Michael O'Brien

Tina Quitadamo

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Kevin Coleman

Terry Stewart

Janine Deverix

Jasmine Tonkin-Croft

Kellie Graves

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Tiffany Downing







This booklet is based solely on the information that has been provided on the nomination forms and it is recognised that there many other areas in which those nominated are involved either currently or in the past which are not included.



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