

Artwork by students from Adelaide West Special Education Centre





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.

This is a time where we as a community can gather together and celebrate the great contribution that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents, visitors, students and workers make every day to all of our lives. Often the actions of those who are nominated for an Award are done quietly, with the people involved not being high profile figures. But we cannot over-emphasise the importance and impact that their actions make on the lives of individuals and groups within the community.

These people represent such strong and positive role models for others. They demonstrate a true sense of pride and respect for traditional cultural values. And they appear to incorporate a sense of vision - a sense of true reconciliation where that pride and respect in culture will be reflected across the whole of community, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

Tonight is a special evening. With the permission of the family 2016 is the first year that we are presenting the Auntie Josie Agius Youth Achievement Award. Auntie Josie had such a strong commitment to our young people and we feel it is appropriate that this Award be named in her honour.

This is a happy night. It is a night of celebration where we have the chance to say thank you, and to congratulate each and every person who has been nominated. You are all heroes within our community.

And thank you also to those who support those who have been nominated. This includes their families, friends, teachers, employers, carers and so many more. To those who have taken the time out to nominate, thank you also.

To each and every one of you, on behalf of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield, I am really honoured to say thank you and congratulations and to wish you all the very best for the future.

Mayor Gary Johanson





Nominated by Kellie Dunn

Lynette, or as she is better known "Cookie" has worked for 16 years at Kalaya Children's Centre. Kellie says that Cookie provides Kalaya with cultural awareness, guidance and support. She prepares daily nutritious meals for the children with parents and staff often asking for recipes. At a time when there is such a strong focus on health and wellbeing Cookie inspires cooking at home which is so important.

She is seen as the "Heart of Kalaya", tuned in to family feelings and supports cultural identity and individual needs by providing support and encouragement to be great Nungas. She provides and teaches cultural awareness and respect for non-Aboriginal staff at Kalaya. Lynette is a devoted family member and foster parent, providing care, support and love to her family and friends.





Nominated by Yvonne Agius

Auntie Yvonne Agius describes Beth Turner as an "Angel in disguise". She is always on hand to help anyone, black or white. Nothing is too big or small for her. Recently Beth has set up a food parcel program for local ATSI giving out food to up to 60 people at a session. She also helped re-establish the Port Adelaide Men's Group. Beth has a strong commitment to Reconciliation and is dedicated to working for people around her.

One of her strengths is to bring in other people and agencies to work together to achieve goals of local community. Beth works fulltime with Relationships Australia as an Aboriginal Liaison Officer and is a member of City of Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal Advisory Panel and the Port Adelaide Suicide Prevention Network.





Nominated by Deanne Hanchant-Nichols

Iteka is a 16 year old, Adnyamathanha, Narungga Yarliyandi girl. She has been with Kurruru Youth Performing Arts since she was 5 years old. In 2009 Iteka was awarded a 12 month scholarship via Kurruru to attend mainstream Cirkidz program. She is currently a member of the Kurruru Dance Ensemble performing at the Port Festival, Come Out and Spirit Festival. She contributed as MC for Survival Day event and volunteered at Blak Nite. She has performed solo dance pieces at school Dance Showcase concerts and Awards Assembly, was a special guest at Le Fevre High Reconciliation Assembly and AIME University of SA Fundraiser. She has participated with her family in Inhaadi Adnyamathanha Ngawaria language class at Tauondi/Kura Yerlo.

She has always actively participated in the program, engaged with Elders and attended the Puliima Aboriginal languages conference in Melbourne, co-presenting with her father about a Claymation video she made in language class with her younger brother. She was interviewed by ABC reporter for National news. Iteka was a member of the Kura Yerlo AYAC 2013-2015. She has recently joined the Indigenous Athletics Academy at Port Adelaide Athletics Club. Iteka has submitted artwork for the 2016 SALA festival.

She is a strong and confident role model with a genuine desire to help others. She participated in AIME mentoring, Wingarra Jura Uni Sydney Summer School, Marni Wingku Adelaide University Holiday programme, Bangarra Dance Theatre Rekindle Youth Program 2015 & 2016 and was a semi-finalist in Channel.9 SA Young Achiever Award 2016. As a member of Surf Lifesaving she has assisted with the "On the Same Wave" program.



Nominated by Jenna Knapman

Jessica is a 23 year old Narungga/Nukuna woman who has worked Kalaya Children's Centre for the past 4 years. Jessica did school placement at Kalaya when she was 15, finished school, and then took a role as relief staff. She was awarded a contracted role in 2015 as an Early Childhood Worker. Jessica plays a leadership role in Kalaya's Inclusive Preschool Support Program supporting Aboriginal children with speech and language issues. She shares specialised support skills with Early Childhood Workers from other children's centres.

Jessica is an active community member playing netball at Bearcats Stadium. Jenna says she is an integral part of Kalaya team and plays a big role in supporting new staff to settle. She has a great way of working with children especially those with additional needs. Her patience, understanding and genuine love for children shines through every day.

She is a great sister and daughter who has supported her younger sister to enter childcare field. She helps her Mum take care of her sick father.

Jenna says Jessica is a great role model for other young people wanting to enter childcare. She is currently studying a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and eventually would like to pursue a career in teaching.



Nominated by Kelli Lewis

Danielle is a 15 year old Ngarrindjeri student at Mount Carmel College. Kelli says she is happy and willing to share culture with students and teachers and she is determined to succeed academically. Her attendance and work ethic are exemplary and she receives solid grades. Danielle has been presented with Academic Awards over the 3 years of her enrolment at Mount Carmel College. She embraces opportunities to participate in leadership programs that the Catholic Education SA ATSI Team offer students and cross sector programs designed for secondary ATSI students.

She is involved in CESA #Yarning up Working and Learning – post school pathways program; SACE Aboriginal Student Pathways Conference, supports and participates in events and days including sports Day JAM Day, Josephite Exchange, school retreats and excursions: National Apology Day, National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week. Danielle presented a speech at 2015 Reconciliation Breakfast in front of 1,100 guests talking about what reconciliation means to her and reflecting the school's "Proud Race Project". Danielle is actively involved in Western Jets Netball Club, Lefevre Portside Swimming Club and Port Adelaide Little Athletics. Kelli says she fully reflects the school's Vision Statement of Belonging, Diversity, Excellence and Relationships. Danielle wants to achieve SACE and study Architecture at University.



Nominated by Kevin Coleman and Cheryl Cairns

Shene'e is 21 years old. She was an active member of Kura Yerlo AYAC for 4 years. As a volunteer Shene'e developed many skills including self-empowerment and advocacy. She continued to work with young people as a coach for Semaphore Central Netball Club coaching the Under 13's.

Shene'e leads by example. Whilst studying at Tauondi Cert II in Business Administration she supplemented her income by working part-time at EB Games and Boost Juice. She focussed on employment and was successful in her application for Business Administration Traineeship at Nunkuwarrin Yunti. Due to this success other Tauondi students were encouraged to apply for part-time or full-time work and continue with their studies.

Shene'e is currently enrolled in Cert III Bus Admin as part of her traineeship. Her long term goal is to be a qualified Aboriginal Health Practitioner to allow her to continue contributing to Aboriginal health and the community.

She has also worked as a volunteer with Ocean View College Child Care Centre, Man Alive Semaphore and Semaphore Centrals Netball Club.



## Nominated by Kylie O'Loughlin LLB

At 23 years old, Kyran is combination of strength, hard work, determination and commitment. He is also very well rounded, polite and respectful.

Kyran played and represented the Port Adelaide Football Club. He leads by example in his sports and sportsmanship both on and off the field. He studied the University of Adelaide Bachelor of International Studies graduating this year. Whilst studying Kyran became very ill but he did not allow this to prevent him from achieving his dream. He has represented SA at the 2016 World Indigenous Cancer Conference speaking about his journey with blood cancer and continues to promote healthy living amongst youth.

While at University, Kyran was the 2011-2014 Co-President of Uni Student Assoc; 2013 Reconciliation Award for outstanding student UoA joint award winner with Auntie Josie Agius. In 2015 he participated and displayed leadership qualities in the "Being Indigenous in a Global World Study tour' to NZ and Canada, Kyran was a 2014 recipient

of a Port Adelaide Enfield Council Indigenous Scholarship; Student Leader at Wirltu Yarlu Aboriginal Education Unit; and he promotes healthy lifestyles through participation in the Uni Games and representing Port Adelaide Football Club. He has completed a cadetship at Ernst and Young throughout his degree and awarded graduate position in 2016. He is also the captain for the Narungga Football team . Kyran was awarded Principal Awards in both Year 11 & 12 at Mount Carmel College for contribution to his community, leadership and reconciliation.

Kylie O'Loughlin says she felt it was important to nominate Kyran because he succeeded against all odds, odds that our children are unable to succeed being raised in a home solely headed by a woman. He displayed resilience against an illness that has the possibility to take the lives of our young, the ability to stay focused to achieving his goals considering all that is stacked against our youth. He has overcome many of the obstacles that many of our youth face. Despite the disadvantage he has soared to become an exemplary role model to inspire our youth.



Nominated by Lawrie Shem

Shaqualla is 22 years old. She plays women's AFL football for West Croydon Hawks and basketball. Shaqualla completed schooling at Mark Oliphant College. She is best described as "The Quiet Achiever".

She moved from Alice Springs at 17 years of age with her family. After completing school she was a little lost but, based on experience working as an assistant Tour Guide in Alice Springs and also at Kmart, she thought she would like to try a position in hospitality industry.

Shaqualla completed hospitality training program for ATSI job seekers and earlier this year she secured an Administration Traineeship working full time for Dept Premier & Cabinet as Trainee Payroll Officer which she really enjoys and is committed to. Lawrie describes her as having a calm, quiet and caring nature and is softly spoken but very respectful of all around her.



Nominated by Cr Carol Martin

The Kilburn Football & Cricket Club Inc recently received some negative publicity due to Anangu people camping on the grounds. The negativity being displayed in the community was starting to affect the boys playing footy at the Club. Bruno, proud of his heritage and culture, forged on to mentor and bring his young players together through AFL footy, delivering positive energy. He was a proxy stand in Coach delivering the Auskick program at Blair Athol North School in partnership with the Club.

Bruno knows well how sport can change lives and wanted to get on board to encourage the broader community to play footy. Soccer is now the preferred junior sport in the area but this didn't stop Bruno supporting and encouraging young ATSI kids to play AFL. Bruno was captain of A grade and won the best and fairest for the senior side. He played a role in bringing everyone together at a time when the negative publicity could have seen all the players leave the Club. He supported Dale Agius to play in 2016 Indigenous Round and designed the Guernsey and polo shirts for the dreamtime round.



Nominated by Cr Carol Martin

Jamahl has recently moved back to Adelaide from interstate. This is his first year at Kilburn Football Club. In the past playing reserve footy there has been a lack of respect for turning up to training. Jamahl was a leader for all the B grades to attend training and be at the games early. He has also contributed to getting the ATSI players to play in good competitive spirit.

The role he took in guiding and bringing the players together was significant in earning the respect of the players. He built a trusting and supportive relationship with the players. Although only 23 he played the role as a caring adult.

He picked up quickly some young people who were disadvantaged or at risk, knowing they would benefit from extra support and guidance from a person who is outside their immediate family. Carol says he should probably win the B grade best first year player and supported the dreamtime game as B grade captain.



Nominated by Michael O'Brien

Tahlia is a young Aboriginal woman who has excelled in her chosen sport of basketball. She plays for the local team, the Bearcats, as a junior and senior player. She supports and mentors younger players. She is a young woman who sees the value to give back to her sport.

She enjoys mentoring, coaching and umpiring players. Michael says Tahlia inspires young Aboriginal children at her local school – Portside Christian College.

Her achievements include Under 16 State Basketball in 2013, Under 18 State Basketball in 2015, Premier League Open grade womens team for Bearcats 2016, All Stars starting five in 2016, Merv Harris MVP Under 21.

Tahlia has now been selected for WNBL pro team WA Perth Links.



Nominated by Kevin Coleman

Terri-Lee is currently studying Cert II Hospitality at Tauondi. She participates in all Tauondi activities such as Reconciliation Day, NAIDOC events and Open Day by giving her time to community events. She also promotes the College and Port Adelaide by doing events off site in the Little Caravan of Fun, making coffees/events at Tandanya/Raising of the Flag Ceremony at Adelaide Town Hall.

Terri-Lee was diagnosed in 2005 as having a learning disability and was put on a pension for the rest of her life. She came to Tauondi in 2015 and asked if she could enrol in our ESD class (numeracy and Literacy). When asked why had she changed her mind, as she had been in a few years earlier but didn't come back to finish the enrolment process, she said – "People have told me that I can't learn and that I will be on a pension for life, well I don't want to do that. I don't want to waste away sitting at home, that's not good enough. My attitude has changed and I want to gain better skills in Numeracy and Literacy. I want a job".

She did gain those skills and finished the ESD class in 6 months, moving into Certificate in Hospitality. "As I gain the skills I discovered that I have a passion for reading and maths. I studied really hard and gained my certificate in Education and Skills Development. Doing Hospitality, Kitchen Operations was the best choice for me as I am really happy working in the kitchen and knowing that I am achieving". Terri-Lee has tackled discrimination as a person with a disability and overcome this by being part of the community, facing fears and gaining skills to better herself.

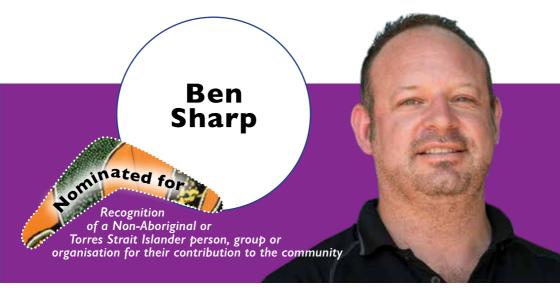
Kevin says she is a role model for all people who have learning disabilities to see her confidence grow and how she interacts with all the students at Tauondi. She has had paid work in several organisations including Womadelaide, Close the Gap, Spirit Festival and has her sights on an apprenticeship in the future or work as a Trainer at Tauondi, Hospitality.



Nominated by Patricia Warria-Read

At 75 years old Margie works with Aboriginal women who are facing court and women who are in prison. She transports Aboriginal women to their appointments, assists them by arranging food parcels to their families and encourages these women to keep safe. Margie has worked many years supporting Aboriginal women. Her time has been spent supporting and encouraging ATSI women who are in prison to rebuild their lives on the outside and to connect to their children and families. She has built a relationship with respect and love.

Margie advocates for women on Parole Board interviews; speaks to legal professional people for our women, collects our women on release from prison after 5pm, supports our women out of her own resources and organises bus tickets and food packages for women. As Pat says, Margie respects, cares and is committed in assisting our Aboriginal women.



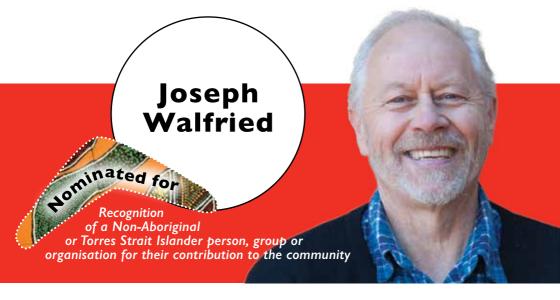
Nominated by Alex Houthuysen

Ben, is the State Training Manager
Commercial Cookery at Career
Employment Group who have successfully
partnered with First Australians and
the communities they live in to deliver
meaningful and lasting employment,
training and career pathways. He has
negotiated MOU with Ocean View,
Harborview, Le Fevre High schools and
Portside Christian School to provide
hospitality training.

Ben has trained many students who are from varying backgrounds including those who are disadvantaged, from low socio-economic demographic, isolation, language barriers. He has worked in hospitality around country including acting Head Chef at The Manse Restaurant. Ben has delivered Voc. Ed programs for 12 years in a secondary school context, creating vocational pathways that have secured his students positions at Adelaide's leading hospitality establishments.

The diversity in training that is provided by Ben is credited to the combination of his Education degree and his Cert IV in Workplace Training and Assessment which combined with his own experience and expertise creates an exceptional learning experience. This knowledge and skill level is transferred into his greatest passion of teaching young students the fine art of Cookery.

Ben shows patience and perseverance to ensure students who are experiencing difficulties can achieve their goals. He is able to change his delivery style to suit the needs of the student. He has provided Career Employment Group with extensive experience in developing and delivering successful Indigenous employment and training projects specifically tailored to the needs of Aboriginal job seekers and local employers.



Nominated by Michael O'Brien

Joe has, for over 20 years, provided professional support as a personal trainer as a volunteer to the Kura Yerlo Gym. Joe's continual service has been a passion to serve the Aboriginal people in the community to improve health and fitness.

Michael says he has, and continues to encourage and guide all ages and genders to understand the benefits of health and fitness as an instructor but also as a teacher in becoming an instructor.

Joe's commitment to support Kura Yerlo, to seek funding and equipment and to manage and lead community members to the Kura Yerlo gym is his life and he is there from morning to night.



Nominated by Mark Elliott

Turkindi has been associated with the Port Adelaide Enfield Council for more than two decades promoting Council events through its information network, providing cultural assistance and having its members support local events. Turkindi provides an information service on a voluntary capacity as a service to the Aboriginal community in a friendly yet professional manner.

Turkindi has assisted many people/ young people to employment and further education. Turkindi models professionalism and community involvement to all. Ivan Copley and Mia Fantasia-Copley have given freely of their time to ensure the success of Turkindi which currently sends out emails to more than 1,700 recipients on a daily basis to share information on events, services, employment opportunities etc.





Nominated by Lynette Burke

ANTAC is the first organisation of Aboriginal traditional healers in Australia. They came together to reach out to any one in need of physical, emotional and spiritual healing. They also provide support for families and provide cleansing of their houses.

ANTAC facilitates the maintenance of the sacred Aboriginal medical knowledge system and provides a platform for the delivery of Aboriginal traditional healing to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. They provide ongoing training and employment opportunities for Aboriginal traditional healers.

The Ngangkari work hand in hand with western medical practitioners and health professionals to provide a two-way health care service. ANTAC engages in educational events to promote the understanding of Aboriginal Traditional Medicine in today's health care system including presentations at Close the Gap Ten Year Anniversary at Uni of Sydney and the 7th Biannual Key Thinkers Forum.



Nominated by Kevin Coleman

Lisa is a Yunkunjtjantjara Pitjantjatjara woman, born in Murray Bridge, with a strong cultural connection to country and culture. Lisa moved to Port Adelaide when she was 14. She now lives in Largs Bay with her two sons. At 14 Lisa joined Kura Yerlo AYAC where she became a leader within her school and Port community. She later used skills gained from life experience and her involvement with the AYAC to enter the workforce at Kura Yerlo as a Youth Worker and was much respected by the youth that attended the community centre.

Through her work with YWCA Lisa has run Leadership Programs for young ATSI women and facilitated these programs all over SA. She has been a mentor for young ATSI people for over 20 years.

Lisa also works at Uni SA as a Research Assistant, Social Epidemiology and Evaluation in the School of Health Sciences, Lisa has become a force to reckon with, a role model to all young women and men who have come in contact with her. She volunteers on State Aboriginal Women's gathering delegate working group member, Council Aboriginal Advisory Panel, Northern Solutions Group Aboriginal Advisory Panel, Mawson Lakes Uni Science, Technology, Engineering Maths Initiative Community Member and community rep on Comorbidity Action in the North. Lisa has presented papers at many conferences nationally and internationally and contributed to several published reports/papers.



## Nominated by Elouise Grose

Lynette is a Narungga/Nukunu and Yankunytjatjara woman who identifies strongly with her Aboriginal heritage. She lives in Semaphore and works at Kalaya Children's Centre where she has been the Director for 9 years. In that time she has had a huge impact on the lives of many children and their families as well as being a great leader for staff at the Centre.

Lynette also plays an active role in the Port Adelaide Softball Club where she is currently a life member, president of the committee, assistant coach of the A Grade Team and player.

Elouise says Lynette exemplifies a great leader – great role model and always happy to help others pursue their personal and professional goals. She is well respected amongst staff and community. She is a great support person for everybody who comes to Centre, always willing to lend a listening ear. Her resilience, warmth, sense of humour and infectious laugh have helped many through difficult times.

Through her role on the LeFevre Peninsula Partnership (network of public education schools and preschools) she is a very strong advocate for Aboriginal children in the West. A mother of 4, her daughter says 'she is a really good mum who does a lot for our family'. As a Granddaughter of the stolen generation she has profound insight into Aboriginal disadvantage and is a strong and determined advocate for social justice and progress of the community.

Significant achievements at Kalaya include staff retention, supporting families holistically which has greatly improved preschool attendance, boosted the profile of the centre to a stage where they are full and have a waiting list; oversaw the redevelopment of the Kalaya building and in 2015 took on the role of Results Plus Preschool Leader with the LeFevre Peninsula Partnership. Before working at Kalaya Lynette worked in Aboriginal Housing for over 9 years and advocated for Aboriginal families who were homeless. Lynette's commitment to social justice shines through in all that she does.



Nominated by Tina Quitadamo/Kalari Ritchie (Kura Yerlo Inc)

Tracy is from the Narungga, Kaurna and Ngarrindjeri Nations and has close relationships with other Aboriginal groups across SA. She has been serving in a voluntary capacity on Kura Yerlo Board of Management for over 6 years, as Chairperson for the last 3 years during which time she has been stoic, well considered decision maker that saw the successful amalgamation of Kura Yerlo with Kurruru. This was done in the interests of local ATSI youth, their families and the Port Adelaide Aboriginal community whilst working fulltime in a senior position. Tracy has also been instrumental and participated actively in Kura Yerlo achieving its Service Excellence Certificate and a key driver in Kura Yerlo developing its ambitious 20+ Year Intergenerational Plan.

Tracy has had a lifelong association and commitment to Kura Yerlo. She once worked in Children's Centre. Intergenerational cultural teaching, language and knowledge transmission is of significant importance to Tracy as she works in all sorts of capacities to ensure these cultural aspects remain strong in the community for the health, wellbeing and future of our community.

Tracy respects the legacy of those before her in ensuring that Kura Yerlo remains an organisation that both ATSI and non-ATSI can access and be proud of.

She is employed as Principal Aboriginal Consultant with Families SA and has worked in Social Justice area for nearly 30 years to advance the rights and wellbeing of ATSI families. She has presented countless workshops, guest spoken at numerous events and been on countless advisory panels, reference groups, steering committees and involved in important inquiries as it relates to child welfare and protection. She believes it is essential for ATSI people to contribute to community.

Tracy is a current member of SA Aboriginal Advisory Committee (Ministerial appointment) and is on SA Women's Honour Roll. She has been a lifelong advocate to keep ATSI children and young people safe and be able to grow up strong. She provides strong mentorship, advice, support to many including the current CEO of Kura Yerlo and she provides informal and formal mentoring to ATSI people in the discipline of Aboriginal welfare.



Nominated by Cr Carol Martin

Dale is the immediate past President of the Kilburn Football & Cricket Club, a life member and current player, current Captain of the B Grade and has played more than 250 games. He has been the driver of the inaugural and past 4 dreamtime games at KFCC to pay tribute to his cultural heritage. Dale's accomplishments have inspired others to achieve over many years.

Carol says that with his leadership skills he has opened the door and welcomed his brothers and showed them life can deal you with some lows, but showing them through sport and friendship it can deliver the highs. Dale uses his own mother's passing at a time when Dale was enjoying the love and support of her watching him play footy and walking side by side with him.

He had just started Uni then his world collapsed with her passing but he took the path that he wanted to show her and his nana and extended families, that he wanted her to look down from heaven and see that he was going to make her proud.

He is a community leader in the Aboriginal community and he keeps the Aboriginal players coming together at the KFCC. He has mentored many young players, assisting those who have gone off the rails to come back because of his support. Dale started the conversation around the Let's Recognise campaign through the Club and the SAAFL.





## Nominated by Cr Carol Martin

Josie is a single mother and a role model in the Aboriginal community who is continuously putting effort into sport and events for her son and other young Aboriginal kids. She has been a strong supporter of the KFCC for many years.

Carol says that at the Club many families wanted to leave and go to larger clubs as the families didn't have the time to participate in their child's sport. At larger clubs there were plenty of volunteers and parents could simply be spectators. Unlike others Josie did not turn away from the Club; instead she stood firm and put her hand up to help and assist the junior's teams. She is the first point of call for any kids with problems in the team, their boots, their Guernsey, socks and access into the Club. Josie also showed strong understanding for families who were having difficulties getting their kids to training or attending the Club on game day. She became the pickup parent for many kids and also organised special events at the Club for the parents to attend. Josie organised a junior breakfast before the kids played to allow families of the kids to get together and enjoy a healthy meal before supporting their team.

Josie continues to support children and has gained fulltime employment with Ed Dept where she works as Aboriginal Support Officer across multiple schools helping disadvantaged children to keep enrolled at school. Josie is a role model for the future women in netball. Too often the support for men's sport is there but not often enough for women in the Aboriginal community. Josie has shown commitment to organising women's netball at a social level and for the State Aboriginal football and Netball Carnival. She coordinates sometimes 3-4 teams to include as many female participants in the carnival as she possibly can.

Josie has a strong sentimental connection to the Aboriginal State Football and Netball carnival as the winners of the netball carnival play for the Josie Agius Cup. Josie is named after this most respected Aboriginal Elder and is the great niece of the Auntie she is named after.





Nominated by Karen Clark and Becc Clark

Aged 59, Sandy has been an ACEO (AEW) since 1991 working at many schools including her current school Woodville Gardens, Mansfield Park, Gepps Cross, Warrapendi and Underdale High. She has been an active member in the Indigenous Community for a number of years organising events and activities for Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC Week and many more including numerous excursions to Tauondi College and Camp Coorong. She works hard to give back to the community for no other reason than she truly cares about our community.

Sandy organises parents groups every Monday and is an active member of AEU often rallying for better educational opportunities for ATSI students and families. She is very supportive of students making sure they attend school and get a good education, including supporting their parents.

She even keeps in contact with parents after the students have left school to make sure they are alright.

Sandy always conducts herself with dignity and shows great respect to everyone. She models respect and love for culture in all that she does and stands up and fights with great positivity for our community whenever needed.

Sandy regularly attends Rosewater junior football games to show her support for her grandson and other students that play. She is currently working on getting her Bachelor of Early Childhood.

Becc Clark says "I was a parent at a school where Sandy was an ACEO. Sandy brought the whole community together to create an ATSI parent and community group. Sandy convinced me that we can support our community in more ways and I went on to further my education and to become an ACEO also."

Members of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal Advisory Panel

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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.

