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Subject: **International Day of People with a Disability Awards 2023
– open for nominations**

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The Rural City of Murray Bridge is celebrating the International Day of People with Disabilities by shining a light on the remarkable personal achievements of individuals with disabilities and celebrating exceptional community initiatives that highlight equity and accessibility through its prestigious awards program.

Council extends an invitation for nominations in two distinct categories;

1. Individual Achievement - dedicating a spotlight on individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary resilience, determination and advocacy; and
2. Disability-Inclusive Business, Program, or Organisation - for an organisation that has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to inclusivity and accessibility.

Mayor Wayne Thorley encourages the community to nominate those who deserve to be celebrated in these Awards.

"We are seeking nominations for those individuals who have not only overcome social and environmental barriers but also actively shared their experiences and expertise with others.

In addition, we are seeking nominations for organisations, businesses and programs that have gone above and beyond in creating a disability-friendly and accessible environment.

We invite all individuals with or without disabilities, disability service providers and all schools to participate. Our collective aim is to foster a positive image of people with disabilities within an inclusive community," he said.

These awards, now in their 20th year, are an integral part of Council's celebration of the International Day of People with Disability, which will be announced at the

official event to take place on **Friday 1 December 2023** from 10 am - 1 pm at Sturt Reserve.

It will be an engaging day of festivities for attendees, including food and prizes, with Genuine Support Services proudly sponsoring the event. Further details will be available closer to the day.

Nomination forms for the awards are available on [Council's website](#), for additional information, please get in touch with Simone Zrna on 8539 1100 or email council@murraybridge.sa.gov.au or visit www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au.

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