

MEDIA RELEASE



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INSPIRING residents will take centre stage at Edwards Square this year for the Rural City of Murray Bridge Australia Day Awards, where we honour the contributions and achievements of outstanding members of the community.

Mayor Wayne Thorley said that Australia Day Awards are important as they acknowledge the triumphs of community members who go above and beyond to help our community thrive, it's a cause for celebration.

"It's a day for those in our council area from all backgrounds and communities to come together to embrace our diversity, enjoy our lifestyle and celebrate our unity," he said.

"We have witnessed how resilient our community is in the face of adversity, especially during the recent high river flows.

"Recent events have shown that we support and protect each other, an important ingredient for a thriving community.

"We acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of our First Nations people, the Ngarrindjeri, who have been here thousands of years, and those who have come from all corners of the globe to call this place home.

"We welcome new citizens who share our ideals and contribute to the diverse fabric that makes Australia such a wonderful place to live.

"The common ideals of friendship, community and innovation unites us all as Australians."

Breakfast will be provided by local service clubs for a gold coin donation and barista coffee will also be available for coffee connoisseurs from 7am.

The official ceremony will begin at 7.45am with a Welcome to Country, award presentations and a citizenship ceremony.

Australia Day Award categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Award for Active Citizenship, and Community Event of the Year.

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