



Media Release

Australia Day 2019 Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following 2019 Australia Day Recipients:

Citizen of the Year – Malcolm Byerlee
Young Citizen of the Year – Kate Case
Community Event of the Year – Paint Orroroo Pink

Presentation of the Awards will be made at the Australia Day Breakfast held at the Lions Park, Orroroo on Saturday 26th January 2019 from 8am.

Malcolm Byerlee – Citizen of the Year

Malcolm Byerlee of Orroroo has been awarded the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton Citizen of the Year for 2019 for his service to Local Government and the wider community.

Encouraged by several people in the Carrieton area, Malcolm nominated and became a Councillor on 4th May 1987 for the District Council of Carrieton. He held this position including a time as Chairman and Deputy Chairman until amalgamation with Orroroo in 1997. Continuing with the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton as Chairman for one term and Deputy Chairman for several terms, Malcolm has only just retired as Councillor on 10th November 2018 – some 31 ½ years in total.

Whilst being on Council, Malcolm was involved with many extra Committees such as Central Flinders Soil Board, Upper North Animal & Plant Board, Northern Regional Development Board, Central North East Farm Assistance Program, Locust & Plague Grasshopper Reference Group, Northern & Yorke Natural Resource Management Board, Section 41 Committees of Council (Water, Works, etc), Orroroo Silo Committee, Orroroo Hospital Health Board, Northern Passenger Transport Committee, to name a few.

Malcolm has volunteered with many community groups over numerous years including the Carrieton Rodeo Club, Carrieton School Council, Orroroo Area School, Carrieton Centenary Committee, Carrieton Swimming Pool and Carrieton Recreation Grounds.

Malcolm's volunteering commenced with the Carrieton Rodeo Club as a 19 year old helping to build the original Carrieton Rodeo complex. Since then he has always been involved with replacing, rebuilding, repairing and volunteering for the Rodeo Club, also Treasurer for some years during the 1960's.

With his 4 children all attending school at Carrieton from 1969 onwards, Malcolm was a Member of School Council, holding several Office positions over the years. This continued on at the Orroroo Area School as well. Busy Bees, building, establishing the School Oval at Orroroo, including the watering system and greening of the Oval. He was School Council Chairman during this period which managed to establish Year 12 & Ag Studies.



In 1976 the Carrieton Centenary Committee was established to plan for the Centenary held in April 1978, Malcolm was Chairman of this Committee involving lots of meetings, research, planning and organisation for the three day event which was very successful.

Around the same time as this after transporting children in very hot weather, in overloaded cars for a number of years it was decided that a Public Pool was required and would be built at Carrieton. Malcolm was involved with the Committee that was formed to achieve this goal, holding several Office positions. The Change Rooms, Canteen building and fencing was all built by local volunteer labour. Other Carrieton building activities that Malcolm was involved with were Recreation Clubrooms, Memorial Hall, Council Depot/CFS Works Shed and many Community Ablution buildings.

With the new Tennis Courts at the Carrieton Recreation Grounds having failed, it was decided to relay them with cement. Malcolm along with others took on a major role in laying two new concrete courts and preparing for the following two courts, which were laid by contractors.

After being approached by the District Council of Carrieton in 1982 to sharefarm areas of the Stock Route for a Community fundraiser, Malcolm and his family offered to do the farming on a costs only basis not sharefarming. This led to areas being fenced and stocked for this purpose. This is still an ongoing and substantial money raising venture for the Community.

Malcolm has also taken on the role of Public Officer with the Orroroo Equine Club and is encouraging and helping to revitalise the Club, making it more family friendly and better use to the local youngsters and their horses. A little known fact is that Malcolm is allergic to horses and cows!!

Kate Case – Young Citizen of the Year

Kate Case has been awarded the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton Young Citizen of the Year for 2019 for her representation of the Orroroo community through various sports and involvement in school events.

Kate, 15 years old, is about to commence Year 11 at the Orroroo Area School and is a very talented sportswoman playing several sports including netball and football. Playing for Orroroo and representing Orroroo in the Northern Areas Netball Association (NANA), Kate has been successful, winning the Best and Fairest Award for her grade.

Kate's biggest sporting achievement to date has been in Women's AFL football, having been selected in the South Australian Under 15s Girls team after playing in the local Women's league where she won the Best & Fairest Award and Most Goals. This led to her being selected to represent Australia to play in an International Hybrid Rules competition being held in Europe in January 2019.

Kate has also achieved in athletics, representing Mid North Secondary Education Cluster (MNSEC) in Adelaide with a 2nd Place in Hurdles.

Her dedication to sport is huge, travelling to Adelaide each weekend for training for whichever discipline, doing her homework in the car on the way down and still achieving high grades.

Kate also excels in her schooling with a role on the Student Representative Council (SRC) and being an officer bearer with her sporting house. Her dedication was acknowledged in 2018 when she won the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership & Team Award at the Orroroo Area School. The Award recognises students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader community and who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and mateship.

In 2018 Kate undertook a Community Studies Project with the marking of unmarked graves at the Hammond Cemetery. The project has pushed Kate outside of her comfort zone, writing letters to Council, working with local historians to obtain information on the graves and seeking quotes for materials for the crosses that she has placed to mark the 56 graves.



Paint Orroroo Pink - Community Event of the Year

Paint Orroroo Pink has been awarded the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton Community Event of the Year for 2019.

The event, organised by the Orroroo Regional Tourism Group, was a huge success, raising \$8,050.60 for the Pink Ribbon Foundation.

Paint Orroroo Pink held during October 2018 was a month long celebration of all things pink. Businesses, sporting clubs and residents all got on board, holding events, dressing up and decorating their properties. The main street of Orroroo was decorated with pink ribbon along with the entrances to Orroroo including the kangaroos and horses.

The event kicked off with the Pink Tennis Tournament hosted by the Orroroo Tennis Club followed by 'A Day of Elegance' including a fashion parade, Bra Lady popup shop and hand massages.

Pink Day was held on 26th October which included a cake stall, strawberry fete and a Pink Parade involving the Orroroo Area School students. Competitions for the best dressed individual, best dressed group, best decorated business and best decorated house/street were awarded.

The Pink Breakfast, hosted by the Orroroo Hotel, was also well received with a good number of attendees supporting the event.

Businesses also got behind the event, with the sale of some items donated to the cause. The Orroroo Quilters Group donated 12 quilts to the McGrath Foundation which were displayed in the Town Hall during the month. Some quilts will be auctioned at the McGrath High Tea to raise money for the Breast Care Nurses Australia wide with the remainder gifted to volunteers or used as picnic rugs at the Pink Boxing Day Test Match.

'Glam the Bra' was another event that was held during the month with bras decorated and displayed in the Town Hall with members of the public voting to determine the winner, with all monies donated to the event. Raffles and colouring in competitions were also held.

The event gained wide community recognition with Southern Cross Television and the Flinders News attending, promoting the event and our community to the broader public.

To quote Chairman Kathie Bowman in her Editorial published in the November 2018 Goyder's Line Gazette:

'So many events, so much community pride and spirit on show, so much interaction, such a wonderful streetscape in Second Street and homes and businesses entering into the spirit of the whole celebration make being part of a small rural community such a satisfying feeling.'



Orroroo Regional Tourism Group
Corey White, Lynette Bollinger,
Margaret Wilson, Joy Ford, Kathy Hearn
& Belinda White

Absent: Wendy & Peter Amey

Friday, 21 December 2018