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AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

Copper Coast Council is pleased to announce the 2021 Copper Coast Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award has been jointly claimed by Linda and Malcolm Kinch.

This is the first time the award has been jointly shared since 2012, when Barbara Schilling and John Price proved deserving winners.

Immigrating to Australia in 2007 and becoming citizens in 2013, the pair fast made the Copper Coast home.

“It’s certainly been a blessing to have Linda and Malcolm in our community, and many in the public would agree,” Mayor Roslyn Talbot said.

The couple joined a KWM Band on the brink of the group folding and has turned it into the lively band heard today.

They have also revitalised the Kadina Croquet Club and making sure Sing Australia Kadina are always onstage performing.

Having held countless roles in each group, Mayor Talbot said it’s not just their hard work and dedication behind the scenes which has made them so popular with residents.

“After reading the nominations, the pair may do a lot of handy work and organising to help these groups, but many speak volumes of their bubbly, friendly and humorous personalities,” Mayor Talbot said.

Youngest Kadina Apex branch member Jacob Venning earned himself Young Citizen of the Year honours.

The 2019 Apex Australia Best First Year Apexian carried on with his good deeds in 2020, including rebuilding fences after bushfires in Edithburgh, delivering hay to drought communities with Apex and involvement in numerous local events and projects.

“Jacob is a true role model on the Copper Coast and it’s great to see someone who is not only improving our local community, but helping others who need it during hard times,” Mayor Talbot said.

“With his generosity and community pride, it will be exciting to see what else this young man can achieve in 2021 and beyond.”

The 2021 Community Event of the Year was the Camelot Garden Stroll, and for good reason.

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The annual two-day event raised \$8,000 for the Cancer Council SA in 2020 and has raised more than \$64,800 in the past 10 years for various charities

"This is a private garden our own Councillor Dean Rodda and his wife Helen have designed, created, shaped and constructed, and it continues to evolve," Mayor Talbot said.

"What's best is that all the proceeds go to their charities of choice, with volunteers from those charities also assisting on the day.

"It's a great value for money experience, with the \$10 entry including Devonshire tea served from their custom-built kitchenette within the garden."

Last, but not least, is the Community Club of the Year recipient-Northern Yorke Peninsula Branch of the Cancer Council SA.

The branch raised \$4,560 during the annual Daffodil Day in 2020 through the distribution of 420 bunches of daffodils, largely due to the efforts of local and generous florist owner Mel Taylor.

The group also raised further funds through the Camelot Garden Stroll event, and have raised an average of \$16,114.35 since their creation in 1993.

"It's extraordinary to read this branch started with District Council of Kadina Mayoress Joyce Wearn and has grown to what it is today," Mayor Talbot said.

"They have long been a strong part of this community and their money raising efforts continue to be invaluable to Cancer Council SA's research into a cure for cancer."

These awards will be officially celebrated at this year's Copper Coast Australia Day Celebrations at the Wallaroo Town Hall, with the ceremony beginning from 9.15am.

"I encourage the entire Copper Coast community to come down and help celebrate the achievements of these individuals who continue to give to our region," Mayor Talbot said.

"It's a family fun filled day with plenty of entertainment and activities for people of all ages from 7.30am to 3pm."

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