

MEDIA RELEASE

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Australia Day 2020 Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following 2020 Australia Day Recipients:

Citizen of the Year – Kym, Christine & Heather Bertram

Community Event of the Year – Orroroo Health Service Centenary Celebration

Presentation of the Awards will be made at the Australia Day Breakfast held at the Lions Park, Orroroo on Sunday 26th January 2020 from 8am.

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Kym, Christine & Heather Bertram – Joint Citizen of the Year



Heather, Kym & Christine Bertram

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Kym, Christine and Heather Bertram of Orroroo have been jointly awarded the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton Citizen of the Year for 2020 for their service to the community.

Together, Kym, Christine and Heather have operated the Orroroo Caravan Park since 2003. From that time they have developed the Park and encouraged tourism to Orroroo and the greater community. They support community events through offering free accommodation to visiting contractors when they finish late at night.

Kym has dedicated many years to the Orroroo Football Club as Secretary of the Club from 2007 to 2015 and Bar Manager from 1985 to 2017. Whilst in the role of Secretary, Kym also served with the Northern Area Football Association as a Board member. He has been recognised for his commitment to the Club with a Meritorious Award in 1993 (jointly with wife Christine) and Life Membership in 2013.

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Kym has also been a member of the Black Rock Dirt Circuit Club and has won a State Title representing the Club. Kym was also a member of the Orroroo Area School Governing Council when his children attended the school.

Christine has also dedicated many years to the Orroroo Football Club and is still the Ladies representative with the Club's Executive Committee and kitchen representative for the Football and Netball Clubs.

Christine is a founding member of the Orroroo Carols in the Main Committee, assisting with the organisation of the event each year which is a large community event in Orroroo each December and has just celebrated its 14th year.

Christine is also the Booleroo Centre Pekina Parish Pastoral Council Secretary and has volunteered many hours to many organisations and functions assisting in catering and helping where she can.

Heather has been an excellent advocate of tourism within the district, encouraging visitors to stay longer and make a return trip. Her enthusiasm and passion to building tourism in the district is to be commended.

Orroroo Health Service Centenary Celebration – Community Event of the Year



Fiona Dignan, Rose Catford, Rob Gibb, Steve Richmond
and Joan Luckraft

Orroroo Health Service celebrated their Centenary on 5th April 2019. It was a very successful day, despite the wind and dust and well attended by past and present employees and doctors and community members. People from across Australia returned to Orroroo to reminisce about their time in Orroroo and connection to the hospital and health service.

Approximately 100 people had a 'Walk through of the Hospital' observing the many changes and renovations over the years. This was followed by a light lunch at the Golf Club for past and present staff members, Board members and invited guests, catered by the Orroroo Hospital Ladies Auxiliary.



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An Official Celebration was held at the Orroroo Town Hall which included the unveiling of a painting of the original Hospital by Ross (Bud) Stephenson from Black Rock.

200 people attended and enjoyed afternoon tea and a comprehensive display of photos and memorabilia over the last 100 years in the Town Hall.



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