

MEDIA RELEASE

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Australia Day 2023 Winners Announced

Congratulations to the following 2022 Australia Day Recipients:

Citizen of the Year – Brendan Laskey
Community Event of the Year – Colours of Orroroo Arts Exhibition
Merit Award – Ski for Life 2022

Presentation of the Awards will be made at the Australia Day
Breakfast held at the Lions Park, Orroroo on
Thursday 26th January 2023 from 8am.

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Citizen of the Year: Brendan Laskey



Brendan Laskey of Orroroo has been awarded the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton Citizen of the Year for 2023 in recognition of his service to the community.

Brendan (known to many as 'Fred') has volunteered with many community and sporting organisations over numerous years. Brendan has been volunteering with the Orroroo and Districts Lions Club since 2004 and has held several positions including President, Secretary and Treasurer during this time. He is always there to cook the BBQ or donuts at community events including Australia Day, Anzac Day, Carols in the Main and Christmas Pageant and football matches. The donut van also makes an appearance at the local school for special events with Brendan assisting in its transport and then the making of the donuts. When the Lions Club were the organising body for the Brush with Art event, Brendan would collect, erect, dismantle and return the screens to Peterborough, often without question and his own quiet way.

Brendan has also been involved in the Orroroo Darts Association as a player and as the official recorder/scorer and president.

Brendan has also been a member of the Pekina CFS Brigade since 2005 and has held the position of Lieutenant during this time. He has attended many fires during this time and been on strike teams out of the district.

More recently, Brendan also been involved with the Black Rock Dirt Circuit Club, firstly as a member and then taking on positions including treasurer, president and Association delegate.

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Community Event of the Year: Colours of Orroroo
Arts Exhibition

**Colours of
Orroroo Arts
Exhibition**



The Community Event of the Year Award has been awarded to the Colours of Orroroo Arts Exhibition held in the Orroroo Town Hall for 2 weeks during September and October 2022.

The exhibition, which has been running for 8 years, is a part of the Flinders Ranges A Brush with Art trail. The exhibition provided an opportunity for local and regional artists to display and sell their work, ranging in age from 4 to 96 years.

This year's event had a wonderful turn out of local, interstate and international visitors and also gave some local school students the opportunity to sell their art, much to their delight. The exhibition this year also provided visitors with the opportunity to design their own free tote bag.

From the passion of the Exhibition, the Colours of Orroroo Arts Hub have formed and developed. The Hub, a resource for the community and region, have a motto that *arts are for all, we pride ourselves on being welcoming, caring and inclusive for all.*

A massive congratulations to the hands-on organising committee of Ursula von der Borch, Brian Chaplin, Jacquie von der Borch, Carol Ackland, Wendy Amey, Belinda White.

Merit Award: Ski For Life 2022



This year a Merit Award has been made to Ski for Life and the 3 local teams that are part of this annual event. This year was the 10th anniversary for Ski for Life with the theme for 2022 being Resilience, Family and Friend!

The local teams of 'Slippery Skiers', 'Rooski' and 'Just 'Cause' raised nearly \$100,000 between them, a tremendous effort! The teams ski 456km along the Murray River between Murray Bridge and Renmark, all in 3 days in the hope of raising funds and awareness for mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention. Locals Ben Piggott, Sophie Gillies and Jaden Carey were able to ski the whole 456km with other team members skiing alongside of them.

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