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Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



Let's celebrate what it means to be Australian!

It's about living in a culturally diverse country, our unwavering commitment to the community and our resilience and mateship – being Australian is about being a good 'mate' and helping the local community is a part of that.

With Council's Australia Day Awards nominations now open, I encourage everyone to think about that person who has made a real difference in the community and nominate them for a special honour.

These awards will be my first as Mayor and are special to me, because I know through my volunteering work how many deserving people we have in our City. People from all walks of life who do what they do out of love and a commitment to helping others.

Carers of the elderly and the disabled, volunteers, community leaders, mentors and role models. People who have made a real difference to your life, or the life of others.

We all know that a little recognition can go a long way, and these selfless local heroes deserve our gratitude and thanks in our Australia Day honours list.

You can choose from – Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Organisation of the Year and the Jack Munday Environment and Heritage Award.

And this year, we've included an additional category for Woman in the Community, to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of women across our City.

For more information on the awards, and to nominate, visit **cb.city/AustraliaDayAwards**

I look forward to meeting all the recipients and hearing their stories.

Regards



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