

## MEDIA RELEASE

# INTRODUCING OUR NOMINEES FOR THE 2017 SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The nominations have closed for the Lower Eyre Peninsula Sports Person and McDonalds Junior Sports Person of the Year and Sporting Volunteer Awards and the selection panel have selected the best from the best to be announced at the Awards dinner on Friday 5 January 2018.

A total of 21 nominations have been received with four nominations for the Sports Person of the Year, ten for the McDonalds Junior Sports Person of the Year and seven nominations for the Sporting Volunteer Award.

The 2017 Sports Person of the Year Award nominations are:

- Jade Calverley – Swimming
- Ilka Curtis – Netball
- Dean Miller – Football
- Alana Janke – Softball/Gymnastics/Netball

2017 McDonalds Junior Sports Person of the Year:

- Lacey Murnane – Netball, Football and Tennis
- Amelia Rusden – Netball and Softball
- Bridie Mickan – Swimming
- Cambell Waller – Hockey
- Bryce Hammond – Swimming
- Jamie Ford – Swimming
- Harry Stockham – Hockey
- Shakaya Walsh – Netball
- Alyssa Kelsey – Sailing
- Max Williams – Football and Basketball

2017 Sporting Volunteer Award:

- Brook Neindorf – Softball and Netball
- Joanne Franklin – Netball
- Barry Kearsley – Lawn Bowls
- Sonia Ford – Swimming
- Matthew Hamnett – Swimming
- Kerry-Anne Casanova – Football
- Warren Clements – Football

Darren Allard from the Lower Eyre Peninsula 2017 Sports Person of the Year Awards Committee said “The Committee had a tough decision in choosing the category winners with many outstanding achievements made over the past year. I look forward to celebrating their successes at the Awards night in January”.

This year the Committee decided to include another award category to acknowledge and recognise volunteers within sport, the Sporting Volunteer Award. Seven nominations were received; however there are many people out there that deserve recognition and this Award highlights the importance of volunteers in our sport.



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Mayor Bruce Green said “It’s exciting to acknowledge such achievements in our community, and to celebrate the nominees and volunteers on their achievements at the Awards dinner”.

The nominees will be acknowledged and the award winners will be announced at the Awards dinner on Friday 5 January 2018 at the Ravensdale Community Sports Centre. Special guest Olympian and AFLW player Erin Phillips will present the awards to the winners. Tickets to the Sports Person of the Year Awards dinner can be purchased online at [www.satickets.com](http://www.satickets.com).

The award winners will also be acknowledged and presented to the public as part of the City of Port Lincoln Australia Day Awards Ceremony on the Port Lincoln Foreshore on 26 January, 2018.

For further information on these Awards you can contact Darren Allard at Magic 89.9/5CC on 8682 5000.

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