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Australia Day honours

A passionate volunteer who has spent 50 years researching local history and a teenager who has overcome a disability to help others have been recognised in the City of Marion's Australia Day Awards.

Marion Mayor Kris Hanna presented the awards at a special Australia Day ceremony at Glandore Community Centre today. The winners are:

- **Citizen of the Year** – David Jarman
- **Young Citizen of the Year** – Aidan Barry
- **Community Event of the Year** – Marion Historical Village Intergenerational Games Day
- **Sportsperson/team of the Year** – Sturt Marion under 17 girls soccer team

In front of about 120 family and guests, Mr Hanna congratulated the awardees for their outstanding community service.

Mr Hanna said David Jarman, 72, had lived in Marion for 50 years and had devoted his life to volunteering for community groups.

"David is a powerhouse of energy, dividing his time between the local Rotary Club, the Marion Historical Society and the Marion Historical Village," Mr Hanna said. "His love of history has inspired others with the same passion, creating events and records that ensure our past is preserved forever."

Mr Hanna said Young Citizen Aidan Barry was an extraordinary 17 year old who was a role model for others with a disability.

"Aidan is a remarkable young man who was born without arms and has complex heart, lung and vision problems. He has bravely put that aside to help others deal with cyberbullying and establishing a No Handicap Golf Club for all players," he said.

Mr Hanna said the Intergenerational Games was a project involving the Marion Historical Village teaching "old-fashioned games" such as quoits, marbles and knucklebones to students at Marion Primary School. The event was held in October last year and attended by more than 200 people.

Mr Hanna said it was fitting the Sturt Marion girls' soccer team was named the inaugural Sportsperson/Team of the Year after winning the under 17 cup – the first trophy the club has won since 1997. Mr Hanna said he wanted to thank all Australia Day nominees for their community work.

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