



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Marion salutes its community heroes**

An 81-year-old volunteer who customises wheelchairs for people with a disability is among 37 recipients of this year's Unsung Heroes Awards.

The awards salute individuals and groups for their community spirit, contribution to the environment, arts and culture and sport.

The awards were presented by Mayor Kris Hanna during a ceremony at a packed Marion Cultural Centre on Wednesday, 19 July.

Mayor Hanna said the event saluted the people who make the community a better place.

"It was an honour to present the Unsung Heroes Awards to so many people who give so much to our community," Mayor Hanna said.

"The story of Bill Black is inspirational. At 81 he is volunteering his time to modify wheelchairs and design and build equipment to make life easier for people with a disability.

"Lamya Hazim is helping new arrivals access services in our community by involving them in a program to ride bikes safely.

"The work of Alan Wilson and his wife Chris Waugh as Friends of Marino Conservation Park is improving people's understanding of our natural environment."

Other awardees included Bruce Hunter who has clocked up 25 years as a volunteer for Marion LIFE Community Services.

Local artist Zoe Ingram was recognised for achieving international success for her work in creating fabrics and wallpaper.

Awards were also presented to the nine members of the Morphetville Park Football Club's women's team who won the inaugural women's AFL Grant Final with the Adelaide Crows.

The full list of Unsung Heroes and the categories they were awarded in are:

<b>Community spirit</b>	Lyn and Keith Dansie	Combined 116 years voluntary service with St John Ambulance
<b>Community spirit</b>	Rima Haddad	Running lunches to generate donations of toiletries for female victims of domestic violence
<b>Community spirit</b>	Laurie Wallace	Tennis club volunteer of 56 years
<b>Community spirit</b>	Bruce Hunter	Marion LIFE volunteer of 25 years
<b>Community spirit</b>	Elaine Murton	Marion LIFE volunteer of 10 years
<b>Community spirit</b>	Bill Black	Customing wheelchairs and Men's Shed volunteer
<b>Arts and culture</b>	Kerrie Polkinghorne	Runs Vocalize Community Choir for 75 members aged 30 to 80
<b>Arts and culture</b>	Zoe Ingram	Artist and illustrator enjoying international recognition
<b>Business</b>	Kelly Keates	Owner of Zonge Engineering and mentoring women into science
<b>Business</b>	Brad and Gaylene Clark	Owners of expanding website builders Company Hub
<b>Business</b>	Judy Forbes	Runs Once and Again Book Café which passes on customer donations to good causes
<b>Business</b>	Bridget Hogg	Owner of HR Development at Work and volunteer for Wellbeing Foundation
<b>Business</b>	Ben Heide and James Mungall	Winemakers securing international awards for Patritti Wines
<b>Role model</b>	Lamya Hazim	Helping new arrivals access services by encouraging them to ride bikes
<b>Role model</b>	Chance Ndune	Migrant who volunteers linking young indigenous people to education
<b>Role model</b>	Aidan Barry	Plays golf and battles his disabilities to advocate for people with a disability
<b>Environment</b>	Alan Wilson and Chris Waugh	Husband and wife Friends of Marino Conservation Park volunteers who led construction of botanic trail
<b>Environment</b>	Chris Teale, Michelle Parsons, Gemma Farrow, Linda Thurlow, Rosana Cohen, Lorraine Pulsford, Kinda Snyder	Marino Community Garden Committee members who have turned land into thriving garden for 50 residents and planning community music event
<b>Sport</b>	Georgia Bevan, Courtney Cramey, Deni Vernhagen, Danna Cox, Ebony Marinoff, Anne Hatchard, Justine, Mules, Jessica Sedunary, Jenna McCormick	Members of Morphettville Park Football Club women's team who represented Crows in first women's AFL season