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Race to find Marion's community champions

The race to find Marion's community champions will begin when nominations open for this year's Unsung Heroes Awards on Monday, 30 May.

The awards salute the men, women and youths who make Marion a better place with their generosity and courage and commitment to the environment, sport and the arts.

Mayor Kris Hanna urged people to celebrate the achievements of volunteers, role models and people who have shown courage and bravery.

"I urge people to pay tribute to our community champions by nominating them for an Unsung Heroes Award," Mr Hanna said.

"The awards are an important way of saying 'thank you' to the individuals and groups who make our community a better place."

The theme for this year's awards is *Inspiring Communities* and entries are being sought in 10 categories:

- **Arts and culture** – Significant achievement in this area.
- **Bravery** – Unflinching commitment that helped save a life.
- **Business** – Outstanding contribution in innovation, philanthropy or international achievement.
- **Community spirit** – Selfless achievement that has enriched or improved the quality of life for the community
- **Courage** – Triumph over adversity.
- **Environment** – Commitment and care for the environment.
- **Fair Go** – Migrant who has bettered the community since their arrival.
- **Innovation** – New ideas or programs to enhance the community.
- **Role Model** – Common sense, compassion and wisdom while mentoring or coaching others.
- **Sports** – Significant achievement in this area.

The Unsung Heroes Awards are held annually and every person or group nominated will be recognised at an event on Thursday, 28 July, at the Marion Cultural Centre.

A teenager who sent soccer shirts to underprivileged children overseas, a man who was the driving force behind the first ANZAC Day dawn service at Hallett Cove foreshore, and a woman who tracked down a lost World War One honour board were among 35 recipients of last year's awards.

Nomination forms are available from City of Marion's libraries, neighbourhood centres and offices and online at marion.sa.gov.au

Entries close on Monday, 11 July.

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