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Marion salutes its community heroes

A teenager who sends 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 are among 35 recipients of this year's Unsung Heroes Awards.

The awards pay tribute to individuals and groups for their community spirit, bravery, contribution to sports and the environment.

The awards were presented by Mayor Kris Hanna during a ceremony at a packed Marion Cultural Centre on Thursday, 23 July.

Mayor Hanna said this year's event highlighted the people who give their time to make the community a better place.

"It was an honour to present 35 awards to some outstanding people who make Marion a very special community," Mayor Hanna said.

"To hear about 15-year-old Owen Smith who is collecting used soccer tops and sending them to young people in Zimbabwe shows our community is in safe hands.

"The ANZAC Day dawn service at Hallett Cove foreshore would not have happened without the vision and effort of Graeme Botting from the local Lions Club."

Other awardees included Janice Green who has clocked up 25 years as a volunteer for Warradale Meals on Wheels.

Local historian Jennifer Vincent was recognised for finding an honour board commemorating Edwardstown residents who served in World War One that had been missing for more than 30 years.

Awards were also presented to 18-year-old William Crouch who apprehended a man who assaulted a 93-year-old woman, Ms Rae Campbell who set up South Australia's first koala hospital and John Myers, a Rotary Club volunteer of 30 years.

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

- Sport – Creina Dawson, croquet hall of fame inductee
- Business - Marie Soliman, chair Hallett Cove Business Association
- Business - Kosette Lambert, co-chair Edwardstown Region Business Association
- Environment - Rae Campbell, founder Adelaide Koala and Wildlife Hospital
- Role Model – Owen Smith, for donating soccer shirts to children overseas
- Role Model - Pastor Carolyn Atkinson, for mentoring young women
- Role Model – Janice Hedger, Active Elders
- Role Model – Valda Dangerfield, Retirees and Friendship Club
- Community Spirit - John Myers, Rotary Club volunteer of 30 years
- Community Spirit - Rick Davey, Marion Tennis Club
- Community Spirit – Trevor Wigg, president Hallett Cove BMX Club
- Community Spirit – Anne Tonkin, Marion Tennis Club
- Community Spirit – Graham Cocks, Lions Club of Hallett Cove
- Community Spirit - Eric Ebelthite, Hallett Cove Meals on Wheels
- Community Spirit – Margaret Sparrow, Lions Club of Hallett Cove
- Community Spirit – Malcolm Sparrow, Lions Club of Hallett Cove
- Community Spirit - Mark Rogers, Rotary Club of Brighton
- Community Spirit – Alison, Rogers Rotary Club of Brighton
- Community Spirit – Meridith Beaston, Rotary Club of Brighton
- Community Spirit – Monica Wood, support for Lions Club of Hallett Cove
- Community Spirit – Graeme Botting, Lions Club of Hallett Cove
- Community Spirit – Mary Burford, Warradale Meals on Wheels, Zoos SA
- Community Spirit – Peter Burford, Warradale Meals on Wheels, Neighbourhood Watch
- Community Spirit - Pam Boulden, Warradale Meals on Wheels
- Community Spirit – Janice Green, Warradale Meals on Wheels
- Community Spirit – Margaret Bulger, 50 Plus Activity Club
- Community Spirit – Geoff Jarrett, Hallett Cove Estate Community Association
- Community Spirit – Ethel Sparre, Mitchell Park Community Association
- Community Spirit – Jennifer Vincent, tracked down Edwardstown WW1 honour board
- Community Spirit – Linda Batten, bone marrow donor
- Community Spirit - Jean Haynes, Rajah Street Reserve Project Group
- Community Spirit – Geoffrey Richards, Neighbourhood Watch
- Community Spirit – Ray Nourse, Riding for the Disabled
- Community Spirit – Jeannie Gill, Australian Air Force Cadets
- Bravery - William Crouch, for stopping assault on 93-year-old woman