## **Media Release**

## **Be Great and Nominate**

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Mayor Cr David Pollard is calling on the people of Buloke to be great and nominate the community's finest for the 2018 Australian of the Year Awards.

"The Australian of the Year Awards program relies on the public to submit nominations for people deserving of recognition, so now is the time for us to play our part by nominating the people who make our country great", said Cr Pollard.

"It only takes one nomination for someone to be considered for the Awards, but there must be a nomination submitted for them to be in the running".

"It's up to all of us to nominate the people in our community who make a difference, whose achievements we admire and who are helping others".

"The 2018 Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year of Australia's Local Hero could be from our own community, so get those nominations in before midnight on Sunday 6 August 2017".

Nominate online at <u>australianoftheyear.org.au</u> or call 1300 655 193 for assistance in submitting your nomination. Nominations close midnight on Sunday 6 August 2017.

Nominees must be Australian citizens. Nominees for Young Australian of the year must be aged between 16 and 30, while nominees for Senior Australian of the Year must be aged 65 and over.

Approximately 3,000 individuals are nominated for the Awards each year, with 128 of these extraordinary Australians recognised as State and Territory finalists. Those selected as State and Territory Award recipients go on to be finalists for the national Awards which will be announced on 25 January 2018 in Canberra.

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