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Waratah-Wynyard Acting Mayor Mary Duniam today announced the winners of the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year as part of Australia Day celebrations in Wynyard.

“I am pleased to announce Richard Lewis as our Citizen of the Year, Angus Thomson as our Young Citizen of the Year, and the Boat Harbour Craft Group International Women’s Day Event as our Community Event of the Year,” Cr Duniam said.

“Richard has had a long time involvement with the Riding for the Disabled group as well as agriculture, and the Wynyard Yacht Club and at 95 doesn’t seem to be ready to stop helping the community just yet, which is fantastic.”

Cr Duniam said Angus was a good role model for other young people, with his involvement in various sectors.

“Angus is not only helping train others at the Wynyard Yacht Club, but is also involved in supporting the work of the North West Residential Support Service, the Boat Harbour Surf Life Saving Club and more,” Cr Duniam said.

“The fact that Angus has also been nominated as a School Captain at Marist Regional College this year is further testament to his achievements.”

Cr Duniam said the Boat Harbour Craft Group's International Women's Day Event had been recognised for not only the significant funds raised, but also the wider benefits to the community.

"Having held the first International Women's Day Event last year, the Boat Harbour Craft Group has come to attract more than 200 women to the area to raise funds, offer support and to build their own community," Cr Duniam said.

"It is this inspiring work and the many thousands of dollars raised to benefit a number of causes in Africa, that is also why this very worthy organisation receives this recognition today."

Cr Duniam also welcomed four new citizens as part of today's celebrations.

"Today we welcome four new citizens from Vietnam, Thailand and China in to our community," Cr Duniam said.

"Their commitment to our country is to be congratulated and I thank them for taking this opportunity to join with us in this fantastic part of the world."

Cr Duniam also presented a cheque to beyondblue as a result of funds raised at the Bloomin' Tulips Festival Colour Run.

"I am very pleased to present \$3969.40 to beyondblue and thank all the participants of last year's Colour Run for helping raise these funds for this very worthy cause," Cr Duniam said.

Cr Duniam took the opportunity to thank Australia Day Ambassador Brian Ritchie for his presentation.

"Brian has helped lift not only the profile of the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), but also Tasmania, and for that we are very thankful," Cr Duniam said.

"Having someone of this calibre visit us on such an important day demonstrates that the continuing optimism of this community is paying many dividends."

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