

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Bayside Council announces Citizen of the Year 2019**

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**EMBARGOED UNTIL 10am AUSTRALIA DAY 2019**

Marion Cartwright was named as the 2019 Bayside Citizen of the Year at Bayside Council's Australia Day ceremony in Depena Reserve.

Mayor Bill Saravinovski presented Marion Cartwright with the award in recognition of her dedicated community work. For over 15 years Marion Cartwright has nurtured a local community informally by creating a garden which provides a space for the Department of Housing estate residents to congregate.

Cooper Kilpatrick was named Bayside Sportsperson of the Year 2019. Cooper Kilpatrick has played AFL for Ramsgate Rams Junior AFL from age 3 and now plays at UNSW Senior AFL Club. Cooper is currently the games record holder at Ramsgate JAFCL.

Winola Su is the 2019 Bayside Young Citizen of the Year. Since 2016 Winola Su has been involved in various community development projects for 2Connect Youth & Community Service (formerly known as St George Youth Service.)

Details of the 2019 Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year are attached.

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### **Citizen of the Year 2019**

*Marion Cartwright*

Marion Cartwright is recommended as 2019 Bayside Council Citizen of the Year.

For over 15 years Marion Cartwright has nurtured a local community informally by creating a garden which provides a space for the Department of Housing estate residents to congregate.

Marion also assists residents and who do not speak English as a local advocate.

She also coordinates access to the estates community room for residents.

As an older resident and despite health issues she continues to work to create a beautiful community space for everyone to enjoy largely by herself.

She facilitates a regular community coffee morning and is often helping residents with their needs and problems.

### **Sportsperson of the Year 2019**

*Cooper Kilpatrick*

Cooper Kilpatrick has played AFL for Ramsgate Rams Junior AFL from age 3 and now plays at UNSW Senior AFL Club. Cooper is currently the games record holder at Ramsgate JAFC.

Cooper is an all-round sportsman, who now focuses on AFL and Oztag.

During 2018 he made his senior debut for UNSW AFL earning him a Rising Star nomination and was selected for Sydney Swans Academy Under 18's.

His other main achievements during the year included debut with Sydney Swans Reserves and being selected for the Australian and Australian Indigenous Oztag teams for World Cup.

In 2017 Cooper was Ramsgate JAFC Footballer of the Year.

Cooper has recruited many friends to play AFL, captained his team at local, school and NSW level and has represented his club, school and association consistently throughout his career.

He demonstrates a sense of fair play and inclusion are unrivalled. He encourages others to participate.

At the age of 18 Cooper has had a long career in representing schools, and other clubs and associations in other sports as well as AFL, Oztag, Swimming, Athletics, Cricket, Cross Country and Touch Football and NRL.

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## **Young Citizen of the Year**

*Winola Su*

Since 2016 Winola Su has been involved in various community development projects for 2Connect Youth & Community Service (formerly known as St George Youth Service.)

The projects included two Peer Education projects and she is also an active member of the Arncliffe Youth Committee which organises activities and events for young people in the Arncliffe and surrounding areas.

As a committee member Winola is also involved in conducting youth consultations, undertaking leadership training and event management. She was also involved in the Youth Respecting Cultural Connections and Anti Racism project.

At Kogarah High School she was active member of the Student Representative Council which organises raising awareness through events for White Ribbon Day, Harmony Day and RU OK Day. She was also House Captain.

She has been awarded Zonta Club of Botany Bay Inc. "Young Women in Public Affairs 2018" Award which aims to empower young women through service and advocacy.

The award recognises a young woman each year aged 16-19 who demonstrates superior leadership skills and commitment to public service and civic causes.

Along with 26 youth recipients In 2017 Winola was awarded the John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award at New South Wales Government House for community service.

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