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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **COUNCIL WITHDRAWS AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD**

The Huon Valley Council at its 25 August 2021 Council Meeting determined to officially withdraw the 2015 Australia Day Sports Award that was presented to Mr Timothy Brown. This decision was taken in view of Mr Brown's criminal conviction.

Deputy Mayor Sally Doyle said Council recognises the ongoing impact on victims of sexual abuse crimes.

"The Council wishes to state emphatically that it does not condone criminal behaviour in any form against any individual."

Deputy Mayor Doyle said, "When Council considered this matter in June it had accepted that as Mr Brown had returned the award it had essentially been relinquished. However due to recent concerns expressed by members of the community, Council now accepts there was also a need for the award to be formally withdrawn."

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