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Burwood's Citizens of the Year announced

Burwood Mayor John Faker awarded two outstanding individuals for their vision, leadership, humanity and community spirit at Council's citizenship ceremony on Thursday, January 26.

Dr Christobel Llewellyn was awarded Citizen of the Year and John Gough-Fuller was awarded Young Citizen of the Year.

Dr Llewellyn founded the first jazz orchestra in the world for children in 1997. Kinderjazz is a 12 piece live jazz orchestra created specifically for children.

Dr Llewellyn has discovered exposure to quality music education nurtures children's brains in a way that enhances every aspect of their future. This research propelled her to spend her professional and personal time reaching out to the community with her music developments. Dr Lewellyn has achieved this through performing and teaching music for 38 years, along with committing her time to local schools and churches.

John Gough-Fuller has been a member of Western Suburbs Cadet Division of St Johns Ambulance Australia (NSW) since 2002.

During the last 9 years he has contributed over 2,200 hours of voluntary service as well as accepting leadership roles within the division. John has risen from Cadet to become second in charge of the largest St John Cadet Division in NSW.

He has contributed in a major way by mentoring and encouraging countless young people from the Burwood Local Government Area, not least in his own successful battle with Cancer.

"I would like to congratulate both Dr Llewellyn and John for their dedication and selfless contribution to our community," Cr John Faker said.

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Burwood Mayor John Faker with citizens of the year Dr Christobel Llewellyn and John Gough-Fuller

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