

Mildura Rural City Council's Australia Day Awards celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals and community organisations or groups in our region. These prestigious awards are one of the highest honours Council can bestow to publicly acknowledge local heroes, whose dedication and contributions may otherwise go unnoticed.

This information is to aid in the completion of the **Mildura Rural City Council Australia Day Awards 2021 Nomination form**.

Award Categories

Citizen of the Year

Young Citizen of the Year

Community Project or Event of the Year

Citizen of the Year

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Citizen of the Year Award, nominees must:

- Be an Australian Citizen;
- Be a resident of the Mildura Rural City Council area (when nominations close);
- Be 25 years of age or older on 26 January of the year the award is given;
- Not have received the same award in the past five years; and
- Not have been a Councillor in the past two years.

Selection Criteria

When considering nominations for this award, the selection panel shall have regard to the following criteria:

- Has made an outstanding contribution to the community in a voluntary capacity;
- Has been an inspiration/role model to the community; and
- Has demonstrated a commitment to enhancing the welfare and wellbeing of the community that have short or long-term benefits for others.

Young Citizen of the Year

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Young Citizen of the Year Award, nominees must:

- Be an Australian Citizen;
- Be a resident of the Mildura Rural City Council area (when nominations close);
- Be under 25 years of age on the 26 January of the year the award is given; and
- Not have received the same award in the past five years.

Selection Criteria

When considering nominations for this award, the selection panel shall have regard to the following criteria:

- Has made an outstanding contribution to the community in a voluntary capacity;
- Has been an inspiration/role model to others; and
- Has shown achievements in community activities, academic, sporting, personal, cultural, environmental and/or social responsibility.

Community Project or Event of the Year

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Community Project or Event of the Year, the award must be for four or more people who conduct a successful not-for-profit project, event or activity, perform a service to the community, raise funds for a community charity, event or project, or bring recognition and credit to the community through a cultural, environmental or sporting achievement within the municipality of the Mildura Rural City Council.

The project or event is to:

- Have been completed (or the completion of a stage), or held in the year immediately before the award is given; and
- Not have received the award in the past five years.

Selection Criteria

When considering nominations for this award, the selection panel shall have regard to the following criteria:

- The purpose and outcomes of the event or project;
- The impact the event or project has/had on the community; and
- The ongoing benefit to the community.

How to Compile your Nomination

Nominations must be submitted on the official Mildura Rural City Council Australia Day Awards 2021 Nomination Form (*refer to the Nomination Form for information on how to submit your application*).

The answer to the question, *‘Why are you nominating this person/project/event?’* requires a minimum of 100 words. Include as much detail as you can in this section as this forms the majority of the material to be assessed by the judging panel.

Additional details can be included in a separate document along with details/copies of any other awards or supporting documents (i.e. newspaper or magazine articles about the Nominee and their achievements).

Please provide all required information on the nomination form. Failure to provide complete information may result in the nomination not being considered.

Selection Process

Following the close of nominations, the Australia Day Awards Selection Panel will score nominations based on the Selection Criteria.

In the event that no nominations are received in any of the categories, the Australia Day Awards Selection Panel reserves the right to grant the award to a group, project/event or citizen of its choice.

The decision of the Australia Day Awards Selection Panel is final and no additional correspondence will be entered in to.

Award Ceremony

Award recipients are announced on 26 January 2021. All nominees and nominators will be invited to attend the award announcements (subject to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions).

Further Information

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