



2025 Australia Day Awards

BE GREAT AND NOMINATE

Nominations close 4:30pm on Friday 8 November, 2024.

Upper Hunter Shire Australia Day awards recognise and celebrate those community members who have a consistent record of excellence, who have made outstanding achievements in their field and have contributed in a significant way to the community.

To receive an award you must be nominated by a community member.

Residents of the Upper Hunter Shire will be considered by the district Australia Day Committees for the following categories of awards:

Award Categories

Citizen of the Year awarded to an individual resident (or couple) in each district who is an inspirational role model and has made a significant contribution to the community in either a paid or unpaid capacity.

Young Citizen of the Year awarded to a resident in each district under the age of 25 (as at 26 January 2025) who is an inspirational role model and has made a significant contribution to the community.

Local Champion of the Year awarded to a resident or group of each district who is an inspirational achiever in any "open-age" category of sport, cultural, environmental, professional or other significant activity.

Sustainability & Environmental Achievement Award awarded to a business **within the Merriwa district** which is an inspirational role model in demonstrating best practice. This includes agricultural, manufacturing, financial, retail and all other types of business.

Shire Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Council select an overall Shire Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year from the winners of the above categories. District Australia Day Committees will determine the district awards.

Special awards may be presented according to an area of excellence, as identified on the nomination form, at the discretion of the District Committees and Council.

Guidelines

1. Nominees must be Australian citizens and relate to contributions to the Upper Hunter Shire.
2. Nominee achievements and contributions may be paid or unpaid. Nominees in a paid role must also demonstrate a high level of commitment to the community in a volunteer capacity.
3. Nominations must be signed by the nominator and contact details completed. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted.
4. Groups of people are eligible to be nominated on a single nomination form. Please attach a list of the names of the individuals in the group.
5. Nominations may be proposed by an individual person or any body being a club, sporting organisation, business, school or community group.
6. Self nomination or those made by close relatives will not be accepted.
7. Nominations cannot be made posthumously for the Citizen or Young Citizen of the Year awards.
8. Members of State or Federal Parliament and current Councillors are not eligible to be nominated.
9. Nominations will be judged on the information that is provided on the form. There is a minimum limit of twenty five (25) words and a maximum limit two A4 pages. Information should include examples to support your statements.
10. Evidence to further support your nomination may be requested. Contact with the nominator will be made during business hours.
11. The final decision regarding the category for which a nomination will be judged will rest with the district Australia Day Sub Committee and Council. If a nominee's category for nomination has been changed, the nominator will be informed.
12. At the discretion of the district Australia Day Sub Committees and Council, a nomination will remain valid for a two (2) year period if the nominee age and information still meets the criteria for the award.
13. All nomination information and material will become the property of Upper Hunter Shire Council and will be protected in accordance with Council's privacy policy.
14. Nominator details are kept confidential. Nominators may inform nominees of an award nomination at their own discretion.
15. The determinations of the District Committees and Council for recipients will be final, with no appeal provisions.
16. Nominations close 4:30pm on Friday, 8 November, 2024. Nominations should be submitted to any of Council's offices in Merriwa, Murrurundi or Scone, emailed to council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au with subject "CONFIDENTIAL – Australia Day Award" or posted to:

CONFIDENTIAL – Australia Day Award
Upper Hunter Shire Council
PO Box 208
Scone NSW 2337

Late nominations will not be accepted.
17. Nominees will be notified of their nomination following the close of nominations. Nominees will be invited and encouraged to attend their district Australia Day ceremonies in Aberdeen, Merriwa/ Cassilis, Murrurundi or Scone where district awards will be presented and the Shire awards will be announced and/or presented.
18. Upper Hunter Shire Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year will be selected and awarded by Council from the winners of these categories for each district.



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NOMINATION FORM

Return your completed entry by 4:30pm on Friday, 8 November, 2024.

1. Nomination District and Category

Which district is your nomination for?

- Aberdeen
- Merriwa
- Murrurundi
- Scone

Which category is your nomination for?

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Local Champion of the Year *Individual or Group*
- Sustainability & Environmental Achievement Award *Merriwa district only*

2. Nominee's Details *Complete all fields if possible - these details are used to contact your nominee*

Title Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr Other

First name Last name

Postal address

Daytime Ph: Mobile

Email

3. Your Details

Title Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr Other

First name Last name

Organisation

Postal address

Daytime Ph: Mobile

Email

Signature Date

Nomination continues overleaf

