



AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT AND AWARDS POLICY

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe the process and arrangements for the recognition of community contribution and events on Australia Day by the Rural City of Wangaratta.

Statement

Australia Day is a day on which all Australians should feel a degree of both national and civic pride. The recognition of community contribution by residents of the Rural City of Wangaratta via Australia Day Awards is, therefore, most appropriate.

Process

- 1 Council will recognise one official Australia Day event to be conducted in Wangaratta as its formal Australia Day ceremony for the presentation of Australia Day Awards to recognise outstanding community contribution by residents of the Rural City of Wangaratta. A number of rural community events, hosted by local rural community organisations, will be held in conjunction with the Rural City of Wangaratta formal Australia Day proceedings.
- 2 Council will assume responsibility for the management of the process associated with calling for nominations and selection of Australia Day Award winners.
- 3 The Council will be charged with responsibility to make the Award selections from nominations received
- 4 In addition to the presentation of Awards at the official Australia Day function, Council will conduct a Civic Reception to honour the Australia Day Award recipients each year.
- 5 Council will award on an annual basis the following Australia Day Award categories:
 - (a) Citizen of the Year
 - (b) Young Citizen of the Year
 - (c) Community Event of the Year.
- 6 Award winners are to be included on Council's official invitation list to attend civic functions, opening and reception throughout the year (and at Council's discretion) and to be part of the following year's Australia Day event/s.

Definitions

Nil

References

Nil

Judging Criteria

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

To be eligible, the person must:

- be 27 years or older on Saturday 26 January 2013;
- have made a noteworthy contribution during the previous year and/or have given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years;
- demonstrate excellence in their field and to the local community;
- make a significant contribution to the Rural City of Wangaratta;
- have significant involvement within the Rural City of Wangaratta community;
- actively participate in their community;
- serve as a positive role model;
- contribute on a voluntary basis or exceeds the normal requirements of the persons paid work; and
- have a supporting referee.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

To be eligible, the person must:

- be under 27 years of age on Saturday 26 January 2013;
- have made a noteworthy contribution during the previous year and/or have given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years;
- demonstrate excellence in their field and to the local community;
- make a significant contribution to the Rural City of Wangaratta;
- have significant involvement within the Rural City of Wangaratta community;
- actively participate in their community;
- serve as a positive role model;
- contribute on a voluntary basis or exceeds the normal requirements of the persons paid work or expected study commitments; and
- have a supporting referee.

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR:

To be eligible, the event must:

- have been conducted in 2012;
- have provided community benefit;
- have promoted positive outcomes for the Rural City of Wangaratta;
- have represented community values; and
- have a supporting referee

LOCAL ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

To be eligible, the person or group must:

- have made a noteworthy contribution to their local community;
- actively participate in their community; and
- serve as a positive role model.

Local Achievers can be eligible for the municipal awards of Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year or Community Event of the Year by checking the appropriate box on the nomination form.



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