

# 2018 Australia Day Awards

## ***What are the Australia Day Awards?***

Each year the Rural City of Wangaratta invites nominations for these local prestigious Awards which are presented to local individuals and community groups who have made an outstanding contribution to their community. These Awards are presented on Australia Day on behalf of the Australia Day Committee (Victoria).

## ***Who is eligible?***

The Awards are open to all residents of the Rural City of Wangaratta.

## ***What are the Award Categories?***

### ***Citizen of the Year Award***

To be eligible, the person must be 25 years or older on 26 January 2018; and have made a noteworthy contribution during the previous year/or have given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years. Recipients from previous years are ineligible.

### ***Young Citizen of the Year Award***

To be eligible, the person must be under 25 years of age on 26 January 2018; and have made a noteworthy contribution during the previous year and/or have given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years. Recipients from previous years are ineligible.

### ***Community Event of the Year***

Presented to the person/community group who has staged the most outstanding community event of the year; and has provided community benefit and promoted positive outcomes for the Rural City of Wangaratta. Recipients from previous years are ineligible.

### ***Local Achiever of the Year***

Presented to individuals or groups who have made a noteworthy contribution to their local community. These nominations may also be considered in the overall Rural City of Wangaratta Citizen & Young Citizen of the Year or Community Events of the year category if the nominee chooses to do so.

Please note that the Local Achiever of the Year awards will be presented in the following towns but are open for all individuals of rural areas of the Municipality to be nominated;

- Boorhaman
- Carboor
- Cheshunt (including King Valley, Edi, Myrree, Whitfield etc)
- Eldorado
- Everton & surrounds
- Glenrowan
- Greta/Hansonville
- Hamilton Park
- Milawa/Oxley
- Moyhu
- Murmungee
- Springhurst
- Tarrawingee
- Whorouly

## ***How does someone become nominated?***

Anyone can nominate by completing the nomination form and returning the form to the Council at the Wangaratta Government Centre.

## ***Nomination forms***

Nomination forms can be obtained from Council's Customer Service at the Wangaratta Government Centre or by visiting Council's website: [www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au](http://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au)

***Nomination forms are to be returned to:***

POST: Confidential – Australia Day Awards  
Care of Events Team Leader  
Rural City of Wangaratta  
PO Box 238  
WANGARATTA VIC 3676

EMAIL: [events@wangaratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@wangaratta.vic.gov.au)

DELIVER: Rural City of Wangaratta  
Wangaratta Government Centre  
62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta, 3676

***When do nominations close?***

**Friday 1 December 2017 at 4.00pm**

***What happens once someone is nominated?***

The nomination form is registered and a letter acknowledging receipt of the nomination is sent to both the nominator and the nominee. Acceptance of the nomination by the nominee will be necessary for nominations to continue through the process.

***How does the selection/judging process work?***

After the nominations close they are forwarded to the Australia Day, Citizen of the Year Judging Panel. The judges consider the nominations and decide on the award recipients. The Judging Panel's decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

***When are the winners announced?***

All nominees for the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year categories are encouraged to attend the Australia Day Awards ceremony on 26 January 2018 where the winners are announced. Information about the Awards Ceremony will be forwarded to the nominator and nominees prior to the event.

Nominees for the Local Achiever Award may attend the relevant local event for the presentation of the awards or if nominated for the overall Rural City of Wangaratta Citizen or Young Citizen of the Year category may choose to attend the Australia Day Award ceremony in Wangaratta.

A civic reception is also scheduled approximately two weeks after Australia day with the family and friends of all of the winners being invited to attend.

***Guidelines, Procedure and Process;***

- The awards are considered annually by Wangaratta Rural City Council;
- Open to all residents of the Rural City of Wangaratta;
- Advertising of the nominations will occur widely in the press and social media as well as letters to community organisations
- Any supporting documentation must be photocopies of originals as nomination forms and supporting documentation will not be returned.
- Winners will be advertised through the media; and
- Nominations that did not receive an award in the first year may be reconsidered in the following year.

**For further information contact the Rural City of Wangaratta's Event Team Leader on  
P: 03 5722 0888, or E: [events@wangaratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@wangaratta.vic.gov.au)**