



Australia Day Awards 2024

Guidelines and Criteria

The *Warrumbungle Shire Council Australia Day Awards* are run in conjunction with the *NSW Local Citizen of the Year Awards*. Each year residents of Warrumbungle Shire are invited to nominate fellow citizens for the *Warrumbungle Shire Council Australia Day Awards*.

The *Warrumbungle Shire Council Australia Day Awards* are an opportunity to celebrate what's great about our local communities and recognize some for their outstanding achievement or contribution during the past 12 months.

Nominations are called for the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Environmental Citizen of the Year (open age)
- Young Environmental Citizen of the Year (school age)
- Australia Day Award – Senior Citizen of the Year
- Australia Day Award – Cultural Achievement Award
- Australia Day Award – Community Event of the Year
- Australia Day Award – Young Sportsperson of the Year

How to Nominate

Nominations can only be made by completing the official *Nomination Form*. Supporting documentation may also be provided. Please do not provide any originals with the *Nomination Form* as all documentation will be retained by Warrumbungle Shire Council.

Nominees are encouraged to provide as much information as possible on the *Nomination Form*. Not only will this assist the *Selection Committee* in making a decision but this information will form the basis of the citation which is provided with the award and any information provided to local media.

Nomination Deadlines

Nominations open on Monday, 25 September 2023. **Nominations close Friday, 24 November 2023 at 4.30pm.** Late nominations will not be accepted.

Nominations can be made online via the 'Have Your Say' tab on Councils website.

Electronic submissions must be received no later than 4:30pm on Friday, 24 November 2023, at info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au.

Nomination Forms submitted via mail must be postmarked on or before Friday, 24 November 2023, and addressed to:

Warrumbungle Shire Council
Australia Day Awards 2020
PO Box 191
Coonabarabran NSW 2357

Nominations can also be delivered in person at Warrumbungle Shire Council offices in Coolah or Coonabarabran. Nominations delivered in person must be received no later than 4:30pm Friday,

24 November 2023. Council Offices are located at 14 – 22 John Street, Coonabarabran, and 59 Binnia Street, Coolah.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be Australian citizens and be a resident of the Warrumbungle Shire at the time of nomination.
- Nominations must be made on the official *Nomination Form*.
- Self nominations will not be accepted.
- Awards will not be granted posthumously.
- Awards will be based on achievements and contributions in the last 12 months.
- A person cannot receive the same award more than once, but can be considered for recognition in another category. Information on previous recipients is available from Warrumbungle Shire Council.

Citizen of the Year: To be eligible for the *Citizen of the Year* award a person must be aged 24 years of age or older on 26 January, 2024.

Young Citizen of the Year: To be eligible for the *Young Citizen of the Year* award the person must be under 24 years of age on 26 January, 2024.

Sportsperson of the Year: To be eligible for the *Sportsperson of the Year* award the person must be 20 years of age or older on 26 January, 2024.

Environmental Citizen of the Year: to be eligible for the *Environmental Citizen of the Year* award the person must be 20 years of age or older on 26 January 2024.

Young Environmental Citizen of the Year: To be eligible for the *Young Environmental Citizen of the Year* award the person must be of under 20 years of age on 26 January, 2024.

Australia Day Award – Senior Citizen of the Year: To be eligible for the *Senior Citizen of the Year* award the person must be 60 years of age or older on 26 January, 2024.

Australia Day Award – Young Sportsperson of the Year: To be eligible for the Young Sportsperson of the Year award the person must under of age or older on the 26 January 2024.

Australia Day Award – Cultural Achievement Award: There is no age category for this award.

Australia Day Award – Community Event of the Year: To be eligible for the *Community Event of the Year* award the event must have been held in Warrumbungle Shire in the last year.

Selection Committee

The *Warrumbungle Shire Council Australia Day Awards Selection Committee* consists of Warrumbungle Shire Councillors and the General Manager (or delegate).

Selection is based on the information provided in the *Nomination Form*. The *Selection Committee* reserves the right to obtain more information about a *Nominee* from whatever source appropriate.

Warrumbungle Shire Council reserves the right to withdraw an award if further information or the recipients conduct brings the *Warrumbungle Shire Council Australia Day Awards* award into disrepute.

The decisions of the *Selection Committee* are final and no correspondence will be entered into in relation to the selection of award recipients.

Presentation of Awards

Award recipients will receive a formal letter advising them of their selection as an award recipient in the *Warrumbungle Shire Council Australia Day Awards*. Letters will be sent out following the

selection of award recipients in January 2024. Award recipients will be invited to receive their award at the Australia Day celebrations in their local town. Awards will be presented by the Australia Day Ambassador and a representative from Warrumbungle Shire Council.

Certificate of Recognition

All Award nominations who do not receive an Australia Day Award in each of the categories will be presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

Recipients will receive their Certificate in the mail.

A person can receive a Certificate of Recognition every year up until they receive an Australia Day Award. Once they are presented with a Australia Day Award they are no longer eligible for a Certificate of Recognition if they were to be nominated again in the same category.

A person cannot receive the same Australia Day Award more than once, but can be considered for an Award in another category. If they do not receive the Award they are still eligible for a Certificate of Recognition in that category.

More Information

For more information please contact Erin Player, Executive Assistant to General Manager, on erin.player@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au or on (02) 6849 2000.

