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The District Council of Grant AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS Guidance & Criteria

The Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards, Young Citizen of the Year Awards and Community Event of the Year Awards are presented annually to local citizens / groups who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

The Awards are provided by the Australia Day Council of South Australia (ADCSA) and are administered by Local Government Authorities throughout the State on behalf of ADCSA.

Categories:

- **Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award:**

The most outstanding Citizen for the local government authority

- **Australia Day Young Citizen Award:**

The most outstanding Young Citizen for the local government authority

- **The Community Event of the Year Award:**

The person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event or project during the year

Other award categories may be considered to reflect other achievement in the community.

Selection Criteria:

In choosing the recipients of the Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards, regard is given to the nominee's achievements in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the community.

An individual need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.

The selection criteria for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year are:

- Significant contribution to the community
- An inspirational role model for the Australian community
- The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area

The selection criteria for Community Event of the Year are:

- The quality of the event or project
- The scope of impact the event or project has on the local government area
- The project or event's contribution to the community

PLEASE NOTE it is not a requirement that the individual resides in the local government area. The focus should be on their SPECIFIC contribution to that local government area (e.g. an individual may live in a neighbouring council but has made a significant contribution to a community organisation within the respective council)

Selection panels will also give consideration to the following in assessing and comparing nominations against the above criteria:

- Personal, academic and professional achievements
- Contribution in the relevant field (how has the nominee or event 'put back' into their field to benefit others)
- Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity
- Contribution to development of regional community and/or economy
- Future goals and likely impact
- Degree of difficulty of the achievement and sacrifices made
- Previous awards and recognition
- Voluntary work beyond paid employment
- Nature and length of activity or service
- Achievements as an individual or as part of a group or organisation
- Availability and commitment to promote community pride and active citizenship throughout the year of the recipient's appointment

Eligibility Criteria:

- Nominees must be Australian citizens
- Awards will not be granted posthumously
- Self-nominations will not be accepted except for community event nominations
- Nominees must be at least 16 years of age in the year of the award presentation
- Nominees for the category of Young Citizen of the Year must be 30 years of age or less on 26 January in the year of the award presentation
- Sitting state and federal politicians, current vice-regal officers and current elected members of council are not eligible
- Retired politicians, elected members and vice-regal officers will be considered for work undertaken in addition to their official duties
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years
- Groups of people, organisations or couples will not normally be eligible for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year, though in exceptional cases the selection panels reserve the right to consider such nominations.
- Both individuals and organisations should be considered for the Community Event of the Year as this recognises the organising body or committee responsible for the event
- Absolutely NO weight is given to the number of times a person or organisation is nominated
- Previous recipients of the award categories may receive the award in the future however the work that this person or organisation made in receiving the original award may not be considered.
- Councils may choose to re-submit nominations that do not receive an award for future consideration in subsequent years of the program
- If only one nomination is received for an Award Category, the nominee is NOT automatically given an Award.
- The selection panel will determine whether each nomination meets the guidelines prior to consideration for an Award.

Nomination Period:

Nominations Open: 1st day of October

Nominations Close: 3rd Friday in November

Nominations received after the closing date will be carried forward to the next nomination period in the following year. When calling for Nominations:

- Advice is forwarded to Community Groups in the Council area.
- Public Notices are placed in the Border Watch, on Councils' website and social media sites, and on the Australia Day website.

Nomination Process:

Nomination forms will be available from Council offices or on Council's website and can be returned in person, by post, or by email to:

District Council of Grant:
324 Commercial Street West
(PO Box 724)
Mount Gambier SA 5290
EMAIL: info@dcgrant.sa.gov.au

Port MacDonnell Community Complex:
5 Charles Street
Port MacDonnell SA 5291

Nominations can also be made through the ADCSA online at www.citizenoftheyear.com.au

A maximum of five A4 pages of supporting information, photos and/or letters of support may be included with the nomination form.

Australian of the Year Awards nominations:

Each year the Australia Day Council of SA receives approximately 300 nominations for the Australian of the Year awards program which it also administers. All nominations that do not make the shortlisting will be forward to each relevant council for consideration of these nominations in the Citizen of the Year Program. The respective council that receives these nominations is not required to utilize these nominations however it is encouraged as there are many outstanding people amongst these nominations.

Selection & Announcement:

Award winners are decided at the first Ordinary Council meeting held after close of the nomination period, and announced and awarded at the District Council of Grant Australia Day Celebration held on January 26th annually.

State Awards:

An overall state award will be presented for each category. This presentation will occur at Government House in the week prior to Australia Day, with presentations made by the sponsor and the Governor of South Australia. All councils are encouraged to forward their winner in each category to be considered for the overall state awards. The closing dates for the state nominations is 9 December 2016.

The District Council of Grant award winners' nominations will be forwarded to the Australia Day Council of SA as consideration for the State Citizen of the Year Awards.