



City of
Wagga Wagga

2026 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Each year the people from Wagga Wagga Local Government Area are invited to nominate fellow citizens for the Australia Day Awards. The aim of the awards is to recognise outstanding contributions to the local community in 2025 and/or contributions to the local community over a number of years.

Nominees will be assessed on the basis of information provided in this nomination form and attachments. Nominators are asked to take care in completing this form and are encouraged to provide legible (preferably typed) and accurate information about the nominee. It is strongly recommended that nominators make a time to meet with Council's Event Officer to discuss their application prior to submission.

Please select the category are you nominating for:	
Citizen of the Year (<i>Individual nominees must be 27 years & over on 26/01/2026</i>)	Young Citizen (<i>Individual nominees must be 27 years & under on 26/01/2026</i>)
Ted Ryder Sports Memorial Award <i>To acknowledge individuals who have significantly contributed to sport within administration and general service fields, not for sporting achievements.</i>	Walk of Honour (<i>any age - living or deceased</i>). <i>Recognising substantial contributions to the city. Consists of brass plaque in Baylis Street.</i>
Environmental Citizen of the Year Award <i>Recognising individuals and/or organisations for addressing issues that effect the diversity and sustainability of our natural environment.</i>	

1. COMPLETING THIS FORM

How to Nominate

- Nominations must be received by midnight, Sunday 23 November 2025.
- Nominations must be accompanied by supporting information providing a clear understanding of the nominee's achievements and reason for nomination.
- Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year must include a biography of the nominee.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be Australian Citizens and reside in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area.
- Individuals and organisations cannot nominate themselves.
- Members of the Australia Day Community Committee are unable to nominate for any award.
- Walk of Honour nominees must have resided in the Wagga Wagga Local Government area for at least 5 years.
- Only the Walk of Honour Award can be granted posthumously.
- Sporting Associations may only nominate one member for the Ted Ryder Sports Memorial Award.
- Selection for the Awards will be made on the basis of service to the local community in any field considered appropriate by the Selection Committee and may also take into account acts of compassion, generosity, bravery, etc.

- Nominees must have contributed significantly to the local community over and above what is normally expected from their paid employment/business.
- If a nominee has received a taxable income for work in a related area, please explain in detail why their nomination should be considered.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years by filling out a new nomination form, previous year's nomination forms will not be accepted.

Assessment

- All nominees who meet the criteria of the award will be notified and invited to the Australia Day Awards Ceremony to be held on Sunday 25 January 2026 where the successful award recipients will be announced.
- Award recipients will be selected at the discretion of the Selection Committee. If nominations for a particular category are unsuitable, the Committee reserves the right not to select an Award recipient or consider the nomination under another category.
- The Selection Committee reserves the right to obtain more information about each person from whatever source appropriate.
- The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into on the subject of decisions made.

Enquiries

Please contact Council on 1 300 292 442 or via email australiaday@wagga.nsw.gov.au. Nominations can be completed online at www.wagga.nsw.gov.au/AustraliaDay or via hard copy. Hard copy nominations can be submitted in one of the following ways:

- via email to australiaday@wagga.nsw.gov.au
- via post, marked CONFIDENTIAL, Australia Day Awards, PO Box 20, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Please ensure hard copy nominations that are sent via post arrive to Council prior to Monday, 17 November 2025. Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.



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2. DETAILS OF PERSON BEING NOMINATED:

Surname

Given Names

Address

Telephone

Mobile

Email

Age at 26 January 2026 Occupation

Have the services/contributions been made in the Wagga Local Government Area? Yes No

Does the nominee live in the Wagga Wagga City Council Local Government Area? Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS:

Why do you believe this nominee should receive an Australia Day Award in the selected category?

Please include details of involvement, achievements and contributions made including any outstanding contributions over the past year or number of years to the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area.

Did the nominee receive a taxable income for their services in a related area? Yes No

If yes, please explain why their achievements have been more than what is normally accepted for someone receiving this income and why they should still be considered for this award.



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What impact or contribution did the actions of the nominee have on the community?

How is the nominee an inspirational role model for their community?



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Additional Information - Please use this space for any additional information you feel may assist in the judging of your nominee eg. Administration positions held, awards received.

4. DETAILS OF NOMINATOR:

Surname

Given Names

Organisation (if applicable)

Address

Telephone

Mobile

Email

Referees/Persons who can verify contributions or service of the nominee:

Name

Phone



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I declare that the information contained in this nomination regarding the candidate is, to my knowledge, true and accurate.

I confirm that I have spoken with Amy McDonnell, Council's Events Officer, and have been advised that my application is in the correct category and meets all eligibility requirements.

Signed

Date

Is the nominee aware of the nomination? Yes No

Details of person attending Awards Ceremony on Behalf of the Nominee:

Surname

Given Names

Address

Telephone

Mobile

Email

Where did you hear about the awards process?

For example: TV, internet, Facebook, newspaper or other.