

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

‘Citizen of the Year’, ‘Citizen of the Year – Youth (under 25 years)’, Citizen of the Year – Senior (over 65 years)’ and ‘Active Citizenship – Group or Event’

1. Background

Council holds an annual Australia Day function on 26 January in conjunction with the Town of Mosman Park and Shire of Peppermint Grove. Included in the format are Citizenship Ceremonies and presentation of awards for ‘Citizen of the Year’, ‘Citizen of the Year – Youth’ Citizen of the Year - Senior and Active Citizenship – Group or Event.

2. Objectives

To provide guidelines:

- to local groups and individuals who are nominating candidates for selection; and
- to the selection panel for assessment of those nominated for the awards.

Encourage local groups and individuals to nominate candidates for the awards.

Foster a sense of community.

3. Nominations

- Nominations will only be accepted on the official nomination forms.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Judging will be undertaken by a Committee appointed by Council who will provide a recommendation to Council for its consideration.
- Winners will be notified prior to the event to allow recipients to invite friends and family to the presentation at the Australia Day Barbecue Breakfast.

3.1 Citizen of the Year Award

Recognises personal endeavour achievement and worthwhile community input from individuals.

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen and resident within the Town of Cottesloe, or work/participate in the Town of Cottesloe district.

3.2 Citizen of the Year Award – Youth (under 25 years)

Recognises personal endeavour achievement and worthwhile community input from individuals under the age of 25 years.

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen, under 25 years of age and resident within the Town of Cottesloe or work/participate in the Town of Cottesloe district. In addition to the usual gifts/certificates provided to award winners, Council will contribute to a maximum of \$2,000 to this award winner for a personal or professional development program that will benefit the winners long term career aspirations i.e. a trip on the STS Leeuwin or a contribution to study fees.

3.3 Citizen of the Year – Senior (over 65 years)

Recognises personal endeavour achievement and worthwhile community input from individuals over the age of 65 years.

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen, over 65 years of age and resident within the Town of Cottesloe or work/participate in the Town of Cottesloe district.

3.4 Active Citizenship – Group or Event

Presented to a community group which has staged the most outstanding local community event during the preceding year or recognises the achievements of a group within Cottesloe and may be a specific community project which deserves recognition, or the continuous work of a local organisation.

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CRITERIA

Selection Guidelines

In choosing the recipients of the Community 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.

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

Recipients will have been judged to have shown,

- Significant contribution to the local community over and above what is normally expected from their paid employment/business.
- Demonstrated leadership on a community issue resulting in the enhancement of community life.
- A significant initiative which has brought about positive change and added value to community life.
- Inspiring qualities as a role model for the community.

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees should reside or work principally within the local authority making the award.
- Awards may be granted posthumously in recognition of recent achievements.
- Groups of people or couples will not normally be eligible except when meeting the criteria for a community group.
- A person may receive an award on more than one occasion in recognition of their particularly outstanding community contribution or involvement in an alternative initiative.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated in future years.
- Nominations must be apolitical in their nature and should not in any way bring the awards program or local government area into disrepute.
- Sitting members of State, Federal and Local Government are not eligible.

Auspire encourages all nominators to recognise and acknowledge those in their community displaying ideals of social justice, cultural diversity and social inclusion. We also want to highlight the importance that the reconciliation process plays in enabling people to feel valued and contribute more positively towards society.

Reference: www.citizenshipawards.com.au/criteria



CATEGORIES

There are four categories;

Citizen of the Year

A person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community.

Citizen of the Year – Youth.

A young person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community and to be eligible, the person must be under 25 years of age on January 26.

Citizen of the Year – Senior

An older person you believe has delivered outstanding service to his or her community and to be eligible, the person must be over 65 years of age on January 26.

Award for Active Citizenship

A group doing outstanding work or for an event staged in the community during the past year.

Reference: www.citizenshipawards.com.au/about/categories/