

Australia Day Awards

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Objective

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the recognition of individuals and organisations who have made significant contributions to the Shire of Chittering's (Shire) community, through annual awards presented on Australia Day.

Policy

The Shire of Chittering are members of the Australia Day Council of WA (Auspire) Citizen of the Year program. Auspire manages and delivers a number of recognition programs with the objective of profiling leading citizens who are role models.

The Australia Day Council of WA (Auspire) facilitates the provision of these awards each year for presentation to the Shire of Chittering on Australia Day.

Each year three local citizens and one local community group or event in the Chittering Shire will be eligible for the Australia Day WA Citizen of the Year Awards in the following four categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Citizen of the Year – Senior (over 65 years of age)
- Citizen of the Year – Youth (under 25 years of age)
- Active Citizenship Award (to recognise a community group or event)

The recipients will be selected from people and groups who have made a noteworthy contribution since the closure of the previous nomination period, or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years through active involvement.

Nominations open on 1st September and close on 31st October each year.

Nominations will be advertised from when they open - in Chatter, eChatter, Shire of Chittering website and Facebook.

These prestigious awards are only available to one recipient in each category in each year.

The Shire of Chittering will hold the award ceremony on Australia Day (26 January) on a rotational basis in the localities of Bindoon, Muchea and Lower Chittering. Details of the event will be published in the Northern Valleys News.

Prize

Nominees will receive a certificate of recognition; with the winners receiving a certificate and a medallion.

Scope

In choosing the recipients of the Australia Day WA 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:

- A positive contribution to the Chittering community
- 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

Nominees should reside or work principally within the Chittering Shire. 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.

Selection

A confidential officer report will be submitted to Council seeking their recommendation as to the winners of the awards.

School Citizenship Awards

The Shire's School Citizenship Awards are determined by the three local schools, with nomination forms sent to the schools' Principal seeking nomination details. The winners receive a framed certificate and a glass award.

Award Ceremony

An invitation to attend the ceremony is to be sent to the Freeman of the Shire.

Details of the Australia Day Awards recipients are published in the first available edition of "Chatter" following the Award ceremony.