

Australia Day

Award Categories and Terms and Conditions

Overview

Each year, we invite the community to submit nominations for the Council's Australia Day Awards, our most esteemed recognition of individuals who make a significant impact in the Tamworth region. These awards celebrate exceptional volunteer contributions in various fields such as education, health, fundraising, charitable services, sport, arts, the environment and other sectors that advance the wellbeing and development of our community.

The Australia Day Awards, presented by the Australia Day Council of NSW and coordinated by local councils, highlight outstanding examples of citizenship and achievements within the current year or acknowledge years of dedicated service to the community beyond regular professional duties.

We encourage you to nominate a family member, friend, community leader, or colleague who has gone above and beyond in their service to the Tamworth Region in 2024. Self-nominations are also welcome.

Nominations for 2025 are now open.

Terms and conditions

1. Nominees must be an Australian Citizen and a resident of Tamworth Regional Council.
2. By completing and submitting a nomination form, each nominee and nominator agrees to be bound by the Tamworth Regional Council Australia Day Awards Terms and Conditions.
3. Council does not take any responsibility for lost, late, incomplete or misdirected nominations.
4. Council may vary the Terms and Conditions at any time in its absolute discretion.
5. A person/community organisation who has won an Australia Day Award in the past is not eligible to be considered for nomination in the same category again. As an example, a Citizen of the Year cannot receive the Citizen of the Year award again.
6. A person/community organisation receiving an Australia Day Award in the Community Event of the Year category will not be eligible to receive this award again for a period of 5 years.
7. Nominees for Australia Day Awards must be Australian Citizens.
8. The Australia Day Working Group/Committees takes into consideration that the nominee may have had to leave the LGA in order to undertake the activities that have led to the

- nomination. An independent panel will select award winners. The panel's decision will be final.
9. The Australia Day Working Group/Committees has the right to vary the category for which a nomination has been made if a different category is more appropriate.
 10. Special Awards may be given to nominees at the discretion of the Australia Day Working Group/Committees.
 11. Text supplied as part of the nomination process may be used in the selections process and used for promotional purposes (e.g. newspaper editorial)
 12. The Australia Day Working Group/Committees and Tamworth Regional Council reserve the right not to present an Award.
 13. The winners will be announced at their respective Australia Day Awards ceremony.
 14. Nominees will be notified of their nomination for an award if deemed eligible and invited to attend the awards ceremony. Nominees reserve the right to refuse nomination.
 15. The nomination process is confidential. Council reserves the right to deem any nomination ineligible if the nomination does not meet the criteria, or contains false or misleading information.
 16. Awards will not be granted posthumously.
 17. All panel members must declare any conflict of interest, regarding any nominees prior to commencing voting.
 18. Nominations must be received by COB, Thursday, 21 November 2025.

Award Categories

TAMWORTH AWARDS

- For more information, please contact m.millstead@tamworth.nsw.gov.au
- Young Citizen of the Year and Mitchell Brady Encouragement Award nominees may be called to interview with judges to confirm and provide further details on their nomination.

Citizen of the Year Award

26 years and above as at 26 January 2025.

The Citizen of the year is a person who has, on a voluntary basis, contributed to the welfare and betterment of the people within the Tamworth community, demonstrating selfless commitment, application, dedication and involvement in activities that promote the welfare and wellbeing of the Tamworth community during the year and/or over a number of years.

Young Citizen of the Year Award

17-25 as at 26 January 2025.

The Young Citizen of the Year is an inspirational role model for their peers and the community who demonstrates leadership, innovation, creativity and displays a selfless contribution to the Tamworth community in a volunteer capacity. The Young Citizen of the Year may also show

outstanding achievements in one or more areas including academic, cultural, environmental or civic responsibilities during the year and/or over a number of years.

Mitchell Brady Encouragement Award

16 years and under as at 26 January 2025.

The Mitchell Brady Encouragement Award honours the memory of Mitchell Brady, a talented young entertainer, bush poet, broadcaster and public speaker known for inspiring others and his extensive community involvement. This award recognises nominees who display enthusiastic commitment to the community, echoing Mitchell's role as a positive role model for young people. Nominees should be individuals who are actively engaged in community work and demonstrate a similar spirit of inspiration and service.

BARRABA AWARDS

- All residents of Barraba and district are eligible to be nominated, as are events conducted within Barraba and district.
- Nominees cannot have received a Citizen of the Year, Frank Darlington Young Achiever of the Year Award or Community Event Award within the past 5 years.
- For more information, please contact placemanagement@tamworth.nsw.gov.au

Citizen of the Year Award

The Citizen of the year is a person who has, on a voluntary basis, contributed to the welfare and betterment of the people within the Barraba District, demonstrating selfless commitment, application, dedication and involvement in activities that promote the welfare and wellbeing of the Barraba District during the year and/or over a number of years.

Frank Darlington Young Achiever Award

23 years and under as at 26 January 2025

The Frank Darlington Young Achiever Award is designed to recognize young individuals, 23 years and under, who have made significant contributions to their community or achieved outstanding accomplishments. The award honours those whose efforts have been voluntary and not conducted as part of their normal employment. This recognition aims to celebrate the dedication and impact of young people who are shaping the future through their commitment and achievements.

Community Event of the Year Award

The Community Event of the Year Award is presented to recognise an event that has made a significant positive impact on the Barraba community. This award honours events that bring people together, foster community spirit and often raise awareness or funds for important causes.

MANILLA AWARDS

- All residents of Manilla and district are eligible to be nominated, as are events conducted within Manilla and district.
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Citizen of the Year Award

26 years and above as at 26 January 2025.

The Citizen of the year is a person who has, on a voluntary basis, contributed to the welfare and betterment of the people within the Manilla community, demonstrating selfless commitment, application, dedication and involvement in activities that promote the welfare and wellbeing of the Manilla community during the year and/or over a number of years.

Young Citizen of the Year Award

25 and under as at 26 January 2025.

The Young Citizen of the Year is an inspirational role model for their peers and the community who demonstrates leadership, innovation, creativity and displays a selfless contribution to the Tamworth community in a volunteer capacity. The Young Citizen of the Year may also show outstanding achievements in one or more areas including academic, cultural, environmental or civic responsibilities during the year and/or over a number of years.

Community Event of the Year Award

The Community Event of the Year Award is presented to recognise an event that has made a significant positive impact on the Manilla community. This award honours events that bring people together, foster community spirit and often raise awareness or funds for important causes.

Achiever of the Year Award

The Achiever of the Year Award is a prestigious recognition given to an individual who has demonstrated remarkable success, excellence, and dedication in their chosen field or in service to their community. This award honours those who have made a significant impact through their achievements, whether in professional endeavours, community service, or personal accomplishments. Recipients of this award are often those who have set themselves apart through their outstanding contributions, leadership, and commitment to making a difference.


NUNDLE AWARDS

- Nominees must live within the boundaries of the former Nundle Shire
- All nominees must have served in a voluntary capacity.
- For more information, please contact placemanagement@tamworth.nsw.gov.au

Community Recognition

The Community Recognition Award honours individuals, students, groups, or organizations that have made significant contributions in various areas, including:

- Individuals who have achieved high academic standards while actively participating in school and contributing meaningfully to the community.
- Students or school teams that have made noteworthy contributions to their school and/or community in one or more impactful ways.
- Community members, groups, or organizations that have significantly contributed to the betterment of the community through their efforts.

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- Individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in sports, either consistently over several years or in the past year.
 - Individuals or groups that have shown leadership in championing environmental causes.