



## Australia Day WA presents the Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Your local government invites you to nominate an outstanding individual or group for one of this year's Community Citizen of the Year Awards to be presented on Australia Day 26 January. The awards foster, recognise and celebrate significant contributions to community life and active citizenship in all local government areas of Western Australia. Her Excellency the Governor of Western Australia is the Patron and signatory for the awards.

### Guidelines and criteria

Each year three local citizens and one local community group in each local government area will be eligible for the Community Citizen of the Year Awards. The recipients will be selected from people and groups who have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year, or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years through active involvement.

Australia Day WA (ADWA) provides four awards each year for presentation in each local government area. These prestigious awards are provided to your local government for presentation during Australia Day celebrations.

### Nomination Process

Your local government invites nominations for the awards from community groups and private citizens. At the council's discretion, a committee comprised of people from community organisations and citizens, will be appointed to encourage and promote nominations. The committee or your local council may also make nominations based on local knowledge and experience.

Nominations open on 1 September and close on 31 October and can be received in hard copy on the original nomination form or online at [www.citizenshipawards.com.au](http://www.citizenshipawards.com.au).

Nominations received after the closing date will be ineligible for this year's awards.

### Selection Criteria

The winners will have been judged to have shown active citizenship and:

- Significant contribution to the local 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.

### 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.

### The four award categories

- Community Citizen of the Year
- Community Citizen of the Year (Senior)
- Community Citizen of the Year (Youth)
- Active Citizen Award (Group or Event)