



REC09 AUSTRALIA DAY WA COMMUNITY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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| Aim | To outline the criteria for providing recognition of individuals and organisations that have made noteworthy contributions to the community of the Shire of Ashburton, through the Australia Day WA Community Citizen of the Year Awards. |
| Application | General Public |
| Statutory Environment | Not Applicable |
| Principles | Strategic Community Plan 2017 – 2027 (Desktop Review 2019) Goal 01 Vibrant and Active Communities Objective 1 Connected, caring and engaged communities |
| Approval Date | OMC 17 December 2019 (MINUTE: 722/2019) |

OBJECTIVE

The Shire of Ashburton annually acknowledges citizens and groups who have made noteworthy contributions or given outstanding service to the community, by presenting awards on Australia Day in each of the four towns in the following four categories:

□ **Community Citizen of the Year**

Presented to an individual who has delivered outstanding service to his or her community.

□ **Community Citizen of the Year (Senior)**

Presented to an individual over 65 years of age, who has made an outstanding contribution to the local community.

□ **Community Citizen of the Year (Youth)**

Presented to an individual under 25 years of age and who has delivered outstanding service to his or her community.

□ **Active Citizenship (Group/Event)**

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

GUIDELINES AND SELECTION CRITERIA:

Award recipients will have been judged to have shown active citizenship and meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Nominees should be residents of the Shire of Ashburton; or have coordinated a community event within the Shire of Ashburton, or be members of a community group whose principal activities are conducted within the Shire of Ashburton;



- A person cannot receive the same Award twice, but can be eligible to receive for another Award
- Sitting members of State, Federal and Local Government are not eligible to receive an Award
- Shire of Ashburton staff acting in their role or performing duties required by their employment with the Shire are not eligible to receive an Award
- Unsuccessful nominees may be nominated in future years.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

Nominations are invited from community groups and private citizens via advertising and promotions preceding the annual Australia Day ceremony held on 26 January. Nominations will open and be advertised from October each calendar year, closing in November.

Nominations are to be submitted on the official Shire of Ashburton nomination form, available at all Shire Offices and Website www.ashburton.wa.gov.au or by contacting Community Services.

JUDGING PROCEDURES:

Judging panel will comprise of:

- President, Shire of Ashburton
- Local Ward Councillor(s)
- Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Ashburton or their delegate

Nominators are excluded from the judging process, if this results in a panel member being excluded, the member will be replaced by the Vice President.

All category winners of the Australia Day WA Citizen of the Year Awards will be judged from the nominations received, according to the criteria published in the Australia Day WA Citizen of the Year Award Guidelines each year.

PRESENTATIONS:

Awards are presented at the annual Australia Day ceremonies held on 26 January in each Shire of Ashburton's four town centres.

Award recipients will also be requested to participate in post-event publicity and promotions.