

# Australia Day Award 2026

## Guidelines & Nomination Form

### Program Overview

Recognising and rewarding individuals, groups and events that have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year or has given outstanding service over several years to the community.

### Award Categories/Guidelines & FAQs

Australia Day Awards may be awarded in the following categories:

- **Citizen of the Year** - The nominee must be an Australian Citizen.
- **Young Citizen** - The nominee must be an Australian Citizen under 30 years of age on 26 January 2026.
- **Community Group of the Year** - The nominee(s) must be a group from the West Tamar municipality. Groups outside of the West Tamar may be considered where they operate or provide a strong community benefit to the West Tamar
- **Community Event of the Year** - The nominee(s) must be a group or person that has staged an outstanding community event or activity during 2024/2025 or over several years.

#### Who can be nominated?

- Any individual, group, or young person who has made a significant positive contribution to the local community. Nominees and nominators will be invited to attend Council's 2026 Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony.

#### Who can nominate?

- Anyone can submit a nomination except for self-nominations.

#### What do I need to include?

- A completed nomination form.
- A brief statement explaining why the nominee deserves the award.
- At least one item of supporting documentation (e.g. reference letter or news article).

#### What makes a strong nomination?

- Clearly show how the nominee's actions have benefited the community.
- Provide specific examples and evidence of achievements.

#### Submission

- Ensure you and the nominee's details are correct.
- Submit your form and supporting documents by the closing date.
- Incomplete or late nominations will not be considered.
- Nominees and nominators may be asked to be interviewed to create a presentation package for the West Tamar Council.

## Australia Day Award 2026 - Nomination Form

This form is used to register a nomination for West Tamar Councils Australia Day Awards – Nominations show recognise and reward individuals, groups and events that have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year, or where there has been outstanding service over several years to the community.

### Nominee Details

Full Name	
Residential Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Select the nomination award category.	<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of the Year
	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Citizen of the Year
	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Group of the Year
	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Event of the Year
Nominee Age as of 26 January 2026. <i>(This information is only required for nominees to in the Young Citizen of the Year Category)</i>	

### Nominator Details

Full Name	
Residential Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

## Nomination Statement

**Please tell us in 200-500 words why you are nominating this person or group**

In your statement, please address the following:

- Demonstrated excellence, innovation, or leadership in their field or the community.
- Scope of impact: How has their work benefited the community? Over how long a period?
- Contribution beyond what might be expected in their profession, age, or role.
- Voluntary and community service: Detail any unpaid or voluntary work.
- Challenges overcome: Has the nominee faced personal, social, or professional obstacles?
- Inspiration: How does the nominee serve as a role model to others?
- Other relevant information: Include awards, recognitions, or previous nominations if applicable.

## Supporting Documentation

Please attached at least one of the following:

Written Reference(s) from a community member, colleague or beneficiary	
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Copies of any newspaper articles, websites or reports featuring the nominee	
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High quality images of the nominee (preferable 1-3 images, however a minimum of 1)	
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*Please also attached any other supporting documentation that supports your nomination.*

### Referee Contact Information

For reference checking – optional but preferred	
Full Name	
Relationship to the nominee	
Phone/Email contact details	

### Declaration

I declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false or misleading information may result in the nomination being withdrawn.	
Applicant Full Name Signature	
Signature	
Date	

### Assistance & Submission

If you require assistance with the nomination process, please contact the Community Services department on (03) 63239200 or email <a href="mailto:wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au">wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au</a> Submit your completed nomination and supporting documents by:	
Email:	<a href="mailto:wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au">wtc@wtc.tas.gov.au</a>
Mail	West Tamar Council Australia Day Award Nominations PO Box 16 Riverside TAS 7250
In person	At any West Tamar Council Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riverside (Eden Street)</li> <li>• Windsor (Windsor Community Precinct, Riverside)</li> <li>• Beaconsfield (West Street, Beaconsfield)</li> </ul>

### Office Use Only

For reference checking – optional but preferred	
Record/Reference Number	
Date Received	