



**FEDERATION  
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# **FEDERATION COUNCIL'S 2022 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS**

## **NOMINATION GUIDELINES**

*Who Makes a Difference in Your  
Community?*



# **Australia Day**

## **Federation Council's Australia Day Awards 2022 NOMINATIONS**

The Federation Council's Australia Day Awards provide an opportunity to celebrate the achievement and contribution that individuals and community organisations make in the Federation Council area.

Residents are encouraged to consider who they believe makes a difference in the community, and nominate them to be recognised for their efforts and commitment. Award recipients will be announced at the official Australia Day Award Ceremony on Wednesday 26 January 2022 in Corowa.

### **To be eligible:**

- All nominations must be made through the official Federation Council Australia Day online nomination process or on the specific pdf nomination forms.
- The name of the nominee, together with supporting details of the nominee's service to the community and one referee must be provided.
- All organisations and individuals within the council area can make nominations.
- Individuals cannot self-nominate.
- The nature of the awards places emphasis on voluntary involvement rather than recognising achievements within paid occupations.
- The committee reserves the right to obtain more information about each person, and community group or organisation.
- The decisions of Council shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into on the subject of decisions made.

All nominees for the Federation Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Local Achiever of the Year Award and Community Group of the Year categories are encouraged to attend the Australia Day ceremony.

Information about the Australia Day ceremony will be forwarded to the nominator and nominees prior to the event.

**Nominations open Friday September 17th and close COB Monday 29th  
November 2021.**



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## **PRIVACY**

Federation Council acknowledges and respects the privacy of individuals.

All information on the nomination forms will be managed and stored according to the Privacy and Data Act 2014.

Personal information about the nominations collected by Council for Australia Day Awards will be published in local circulating newspapers and magazines, on council's website and social pages and announcements made at public events.

Participants in the Australia Day Ceremony may have their image recorded for use in various forms of media, reports and/or presentations, for which there will be no form of compensation.

In submitting this form you give your consent to the collection and use of this information as described.



## **CATEGORIES OF NOMINATIONS**

Nominations are being sought for the following award categories:

### **Federation Citizen of the Year**

The Federation Citizen of the Year Award is a very prestigious award presented annually, which is an acknowledgment Australia wide of the particular recipient's contribution to his or her respective communities.

#### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Federation Citizen of the Year Award nominees:

- Must have made a significant contribution to the wellbeing of the Federation Council community through their leadership and/or voluntary service.
- Contributions can be in the areas of social, environmental, business and/or arts and culture.
- May have served their local organisation or organisations outside the community, which benefit others apart from local residents.
- Acts of generosity, bravery and individual service may also be taken into account.
- Could have served their community for a short period of time or the nomination may represent many years of contribution.
- Must be an Australian citizen residing within the Federation Council area to be eligible for nomination.

Councillors, Senior Staff and their immediate families are ineligible. There is one award given Council wide for the Citizen of the Year.

Please note: nomination forms will be completed and submitted online through Council's website to encourage a no contact service and instant submission of nominations.



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## **Federation Young Citizen of the Year**

Council is committed to encouraging the participation of young adults in community activities and initiatives. The Federation Young Citizen of the Year Award is an opportunity to celebrate the contribution young people make to the community.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Federation Young Citizen of the Year Award nominees

- Must be less than 30 years of age on 31 December 2021.
- All other conditions of nomination are the same as those for the award of Federation Citizen of the Year.

Councillors, Senior Staff and their immediate families are ineligible.

There is one award given council wide for the Federation Young Citizen of the Year.

**Please Note:** Nomination forms will be completed and submitted on-line through Council's website to encourage a no contact service and instant submission of nominations.

## Federation Local Achiever of the Year Award

The Federation Local Achiever of the Year Award celebrates local heroes in each community who go above and beyond to make their community a great place to live.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the Federation Local Achiever of the Year Award individuals or groups:

- Must have made a significant contribution at a local community level within the town for which they are being nominated.
- May have provided an exceptional level of care, support or assistance either in the current year or over a number of years.
- Must be an Australian citizen residing within the Federation Council area to be eligible for nomination

Councillors, Senior Staff and their immediate families are ineligible.

One Federation Local Achiever of the Year Award will be awarded from the following towns and villages (where nominations are submitted):

Balldale  
Buraja-Lowesdale  
Corowa  
Howlong  
Mulwala  
Rand  
Savernake

Boree Creek  
Coreen  
Daysdale  
Morundah  
Oaklands  
Rennie  
Urana

**Please Note:** Nomination forms will be completed and submitted on-line through Council's website to encourage a no contact service and instant submission of nominations.



## Federation Community Group of the Year

The Community Group of the Year celebrates a community group or organisation that in the last year has been inspirational and bringing the community together during the pandemic and beyond. They may have hosted an event, project or program in an innovative or diverse way, maintained their memberships or delivered their programs during covid-19. They have found ways to connect to the community, amend their delivery programs to suit Public Health Orders or introducing products to the community that were suited to the times of covid-19. The community group reflects the importance of strong community values and achieves positive outcomes for the community

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the Federation Community Group of the Year Award the group:

- Must have be a local community group or organisations where the majority of the members are based in the Federation Council area.
- Must have shown innovation, adversity or implementation appropriate to the last 12 months
- Must be able to demonstrate strong community values and/ or delivered positive outcomes for Federation Council residents.
- Must have taken place in the Federation Council area between the 1st of December 2020 and the 1st of December 2021.

Community groups or organisations can self-nominate.

There is one award given council wide for the Federation Community Group of the Year Award.

**Please note:** Nomination forms will be completed and submitted online through Council's website to encourage a no contact service and instant submission of nominations.

## **Federation Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and the Local Achiever Awards Assessment Criteria**

The following criteria will be used in the assessment of nominations for the Federation Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and the Local Achiever Awards:

- Significant contribution to the Federation Council community and/or outstanding achievements considered appropriate by Council.
- An inspirational role model for the Federation Council community.
- The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area.

Consideration will be given to the following in assessing and comparing nominations against the above criteria:

- Demonstrated excellence in a field that has assisted the community.
- Contribution in the relevant field (how has the nominee 'put back' into their field to benefit others).
- Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity.
- Personal interests and community involvement.
- Contribution to the development of a regional community and/or economy.
- Voluntary work beyond paid employment.
- Nature and length of activity or service.
- Degree of difficulty of the achievement and sacrifices made.
- Previous awards and recognition.
- Personal, academic and professional achievements.
- Achievements as an individual or as part of a group or organisation.



## Community Group of the Year Award Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will be used in the assessment of nominations for the Community Group of the Year:

- Significant contribution to the Federation Council community.
- The scope of impact the groups contribution has on the local government area.
- Evidence of how the group has reflected the importance of strong community values and achieves positive outcomes for the broader community.
- Examples demonstrating innovation or adversity during the last 12 months.

## Referee

Nominators must specify one referee who is available to be contacted for further information regarding the nomination or attach a letter of support from at least one referee who is able to make direct comment on the contribution/service of the person or event/project nominated.



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