



**FEDERATION
COUNCIL**

FEDERATION COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2023 GUIDELINES

*Who Makes a Difference in Your
Community?*



Australia Day

Federation Council Australia Day Awards 2023

The Federation Council 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 the 26th January 2023 in Mulwala.

Nominations are open on Monday 3 October and close on Friday 2 December 2022.

Who Can Be Nominated?

- Individuals must be Australian citizen who live within the Federation Council Local Government Area (LGA).
- The nature of the awards place's emphasis on voluntary involvement rather than recognising achievements within paid occupations.
- Group nominations will be considered.
- Individuals and / or groups nominated unsuccessfully in previous years may be re-nominated.
- Councillors, senior staff and their immediate families are ineligible.

Who Can Nominate?

- All organisations and individuals within the Council area can make nominations.
- Individuals can not self-nominate.

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.



Nomination Process

- All nominations must be made through the official online Federation Council Australia Day Award Nomination Form. No other formats will be accepted.
- Your application should detail how the person or group's work has been of benefit to others.
- For individuals, please provide as much detail as possible in relation to their contribution including positions held, community groups they have been a member of, and their involvement in any relevant project(s).
- The name of the nominee, together with supporting details of the nominee's service to the community and one referee must be provided.

Judging Panel

- The Australia Day Judging Panel reserves the right to obtain more information about each person, and community group or organisation.
- The Australia Day Judging Panel reserves the right to determine if a nomination is more suitable under a different category to that nominated.
- The decisions of Australia Day Judging Panel, shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into about decisions made.

Media and Official Ceremony

- Nomination information in relation to winners may be used for publicity purposes.
- Nominees should be available to attend the Federation Council Australia Day Award Ceremony in January 2023 (inability to attend does not disqualify entry). Information about the Australia Day Award Ceremony will be forwarded to the nominator and nominees prior to the event.
- By agreeing to be nominated, individuals agree to being filmed or photographed at the official Australia Day Awards Ceremony, which may be used for marketing or promotional purposes.



CATEGORIES OF NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being sought for the following award categories.

Federation Council Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year Award recognises an outstanding person who has contributed significantly to the Federation Council community.

To be eligible, the person must:

- Be an Australian citizen and
- Live within the Federation Council Local Government Area.
- Individual must be of good nature and character

Selection of the Citizen of the Year Award recipients will take into consideration activities in the year prior to January 2023, in addition to past and future activities.

The nomination will be assessed and scored based on the following:

1. Nominee has provided outstanding service or commitment to the community. This is worth 30% of the nomination.
2. Nominee has undertaken activities that have a positive purpose and benefit the community. This is worth 30% of the nomination.
3. Nominee inspires others or leads by example. This is worth 20% of the nomination.
4. Support documentation. This is worth 20% of the nomination.

There is one award given Council wide for the Citizen of the Year.

Federation Council Young Citizen of the Year

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

The Young Citizen of the Year Award recognises an outstanding young person who has contributed significantly to the Federation Council community.

To be eligible, for the Young Citizen of the Year Award the person:

- Must be under 30 at the time of the nomination, and
- Be an Australian citizen,
- Live within the Federation Council Local Government Area.
- Individual must be of good nature and character

Selection of the Young Citizen of the Year Award recipients will take into consideration activities in the year prior to January 2023, in addition to past and future activities.

The nomination will be assessed and scored based on the following:

1. Nominee has provided outstanding service or commitment to the community. This is worth 30% of the nomination.
2. Nominee has undertaken activities that have a positive purpose and benefit the community. This is worth 30% of the nomination.
3. Nominee inspires others or leads by example. This is worth 20% of the nomination.
4. Support documentation. This is worth 20% of the nomination.

There is one award given Council wide for the Citizen of the Year.

Federation Council Local Achiever of the Year Award

The Local Achiever Awards is a category to recognise individuals who have volunteered their time to make a positive contribution at a local community level.

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

- Be an Australian citizen,
- Live within the Federation Council Local Government Area, and
- Be of good nature and character
- Must have made a significant contribution at a local community level within the town for which they are being nominated.

A local hero will be recognised in each town and village (subject to nominations).

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

- Balldale,
- Boree Creek
- Buraja-Lowesdale
- Coreen
- Corowa
- Daysdale
- Howlong
- Morundah
- Mulwala
- Oaklands
- Rand
- Rennie
- Savernake, and
- Urana



Federation Council Community Group of the Year

The Community Group of the Year Award recognises a local group or not-for-profit organisation, which has provided an outstanding contribution to the Federation Council community. This includes projects and events.

The eligibility criteria for the Community Group of the Year Award is as follows:

- Community Groups must be based, operating or servicing the Federation Council LGA at the time of nomination.
- Community groups must be of good nature and character.
- Community groups, projects and events must have been held and largely contribute or significantly benefit the Federation Council LGA within the last 12 months of the nomination date.

The nomination will be assessed and scored based on the following:

1. Nominee has provided outstanding service or commitment to the community. This is worth 30% of the nomination.
2. Nominee has undertaken activities that have a positive purpose and benefit the community. This is worth 30% of the nomination.
3. Nominee inspires others or leads by example. This is worth 20% of the nomination.
4. Support documentation. This is worth 20% of the nomination.

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

PRIVACY

Federation Council acknowledges and respects the privacy of individuals.

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

Information about the nominations 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.

People who attend the official 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.



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