



**FEDERATION
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**FEDERATION COUNCIL'S
2021 AUSTRALIA
DAY AWARDS**

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

*Who Makes a Difference in Your
Community?*



Australia Day

Federation Council's Australia Day Awards 2021 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 Tuesday 26 January 2021 in Urana.

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, event and project.
- 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, Community Event of the Year, and Community Project 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 Monday September 23rd and close COB Friday 4th
December 2020.**



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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 2019.
- 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 online 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 online through Council's website to encourage a no contact service and instant submission of nominations.

Federation Community Event of the Year

The Federation Community Event of the Year Award recognises an event held in the past year that best reflects the importance of strong community values and ties.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Federation Community Event of the Year Award the event:

- Must have been coordinated by a local community group or a community group where the majority of the members are based in the Federation Council area.
- Must be able to demonstrate social, economic or environmental benefit to the community and/ or delivered positive outcomes for Federation Council residents.
- Must have taken place in the Federation Council area between the 1st of December 2019 and the 1st of December 2020.

Event organisers or committee members can self-nominate.

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

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Federation Community Project of the Year

The Federation Community Project of the Year Award recognises a community-based project that has helped build community goodwill, wellbeing and a spirit of togetherness for all who participate.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Federation Community Project of the Year Award the project:

- Must have been undertaken within the Federation Council area, or it must be demonstrated how the project directly benefited Federation Council residents.
- Must demonstrate social, economic or environmental benefit to the community and/or delivered positive outcomes for residents.
- Must have been completed or achieved a stage of completion between the 1st of December 2019 and the 1st of December 2020.

Project Managers or Project Committee Members can self-nominate.

One award will be given community wide for the Federation Community Project 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.

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 Project of the Year and Community Event of the Year Awards Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will be used in the assessment of nominations for the Community Project of the Year and Community Event of the Year Awards:

- The quality of the event or project.
- The event's or project's contribution and impact the event or project has had on the Federation Council community.
- The level of social, economic or environmental benefit the event or project provided the community.

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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