

2025

Australia Day Awards Nomination Form

Online: www.blandshire.nsw.gov.au
Nominations close **22 November 2024**



The Bland Shire Australia Day Awards recognise outstanding achievement and excellence in our local community, and recognise the importance and value of service to Australia.

Being nominated for an Australia Day Award is a great honour and is therefore an opportunity to recognise and pay tribute to someone who makes you proud to be Australian.

Residents are invited to nominate a member of the community whose contribution to our community is deserving of the recognition. This may be a friend, a family member, workmate or someone you have met while serving the community.

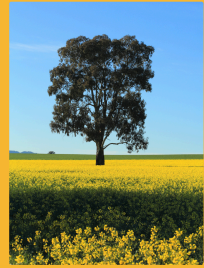
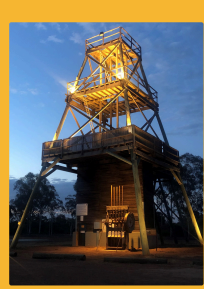
CATEGORIES

- **Citizen of the Year** - A person who, in their vocational, voluntary or other activities, provided an outstanding contribution to the Bland Shire.
- **Young Citizen of the Year** - A person 25 years or under who, in their vocational, voluntary or other activities, provided outstanding service to the Bland Shire community.
- **Sportsperson of the Year** - A person who, has provided meritorious service and an outstanding contribution to their individual sporting pursuits.
- **Young Sportsperson of the Year** - A person 25 years or under who has provided meritorious service and an outstanding contribution to their individual sporting pursuits.
- **Community Event of the Year** - A local group that have arranged an event bringing increased/improved promotion to the Bland Shire.
- **Community Services Award** - A person who has made a valuable contribution to the Bland Shire over a period of years.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees for all categories must:-

- Be an Australian Citizen
- Reside in the Bland Shire at the time of nomination or if not living in the Shire must have contributed to the Shire for a period of twelve (12) months or longer and who has demonstrated a record of providing beneficial services, to the Bland Shire community.
- Fall within the respective age category for the respective Awards as at 26 January in the year the Award is given.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Sitting state and federal politicians and current councillors are not eligible.
- Retired politicians and former councillors are eligible however consideration of their nomination would be for their work over and above their official duties.
- Persons who have been awarded a Citizen of the Year Award may not be re-nominated.
- Awards will not be granted posthumously.



ENTRY DETAILS

Submit the attached form with a minimum 200 word submission outlining the nominee's background, achievements and reasons for nomination by addressing the selection criteria outlined on the reverse side.

A maximum of five A4 supporting pages will be accepted including nomination form. Character reference contact details (maximum 2) and supporting photograph/s are preferred

NB: The Bland Shire Australia Day awards will be judged entirely on the content contained within the nomination. Achievements outside of the nomination cannot be considered in judging.

PREPARING YOUR NOMINATION

Please include as much detail as possible about your nominee for the judges to consider. A summary of the information that you provide will be used to compile citations for the winners in each of the categories. This information may also be provided to the media.

The nominee will not be informed by Council about who nominated them. However, nominators can inform nominees if they so wish.

Where applicable, nominators are also encouraged to provide documentation in support of the nomination.

Criteria below is provided as a guide and will be used by the committee in assessing nominations.

Australia Day Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year Awards

1. The activities undertaken which have a positive purpose and benefit to the community.
2. Outstanding achievement in a specific field, including but not limited to environmental, community engagement, welfare, arts and culture, leadership, charitable activities and civic responsibility.
3. The level of voluntary contribution beyond paid employment.
4. The length of activity or service.
5. The degree of challenges faced in a role and ability to go above and beyond.

Australia Day Sportsperson of the Year and Young Sportsperson of the Year

1. Demonstrated achievement in one or more sports
2. Good practice in sport and being a positive role model in sporting and recreational pursuits
3. Encouraging membership and participation in sport
4. Contributing to the outstanding management or administration of sporting activities
5. Participating in official sporting or recreational duties in a voluntary capacity

Community Event of the Year

1. Demonstrated contribution to the community or to specific community groups, both in terms of quality of the event and scope of the impact of the event on the local government area

Community Services Award

1. Demonstrated achievement in advancing the profile of the Bland Shire
2. Outstanding contribution to making Bland Shire a great place to live and visit
3. Demonstrated evidence as an inspirational role model in the community
4. Special achievements, awards, qualities or efforts that demonstrate a strong contribution to the Bland Shire



SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION



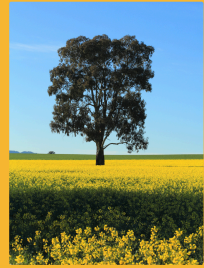
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LETTERS OF SUPPORT



To strengthen your nomination you may attach letters of support from other groups or individuals.

The Australia Day Awards Committee reserves the right to decline any nomination it feels does not fully satisfy the criteria

PLEASE CHOOSE A NOMINATION CATEGORY

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- Citizen of the Year**
 - Young Citizen of the Year**
 - Sportsperson of the Year**
 - Young Sportsperson of the Year**
 - Community Event of the Year**
 - Community Services Award**



Please list details of the person/event you wish to nominate for an award

Name :

Address:

Phone :

E-Mail :




I declare that the information contained in this nomination regarding the candidates is to my knowledge true and accurate

Signed : _____

Date : _____

I have read and accepted the conditions of entry. The information contained in this nomination is, to my knowledge, true and accurate

I have attached a submission outlining nomination





SUBMISSION

In approx. 200 words, outline the nominees background, achievements and reasons for nomination by addressing one or more of the selection criteria.

Lined area for writing the submission, consisting of multiple horizontal lines.