

Australia Day Awards 2025 Nomination

Please read the guidelines including the eligibility and selection criteria (pages 5 and 6) before completing the nomination form.

I have read and understand the eligibility criteria.

NOMINATION FOR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of the Year (26+ years) | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Event or Project of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Citizen of the Year (18-25 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Group of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Citizen of the Year (12-17 years) | |

NOMINEE DETAILS

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address	Town	Postcode
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Phone	Email	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

In which local area is the nominee predominantly active?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baddaginnie | <input type="checkbox"/> Benalla | <input type="checkbox"/> Chesney Vale | <input type="checkbox"/> Devenish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goomalibee | <input type="checkbox"/> Goorambat | <input type="checkbox"/> Lurg | <input type="checkbox"/> Molyullah |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moorngag | <input type="checkbox"/> Swanpool/Lima | <input type="checkbox"/> Tatong | <input type="checkbox"/> Thoona |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warrenbayne | <input type="checkbox"/> Winton | | |

Is the nominee aware of the nomination? (Consent should be sought from the nominee prior to making a nomination.)

Yes No Unsure

NOMINATED COMMUNITY EVENT/OR PROJECT DETAILS

Event/project name		
<input type="text"/>		
Community group / organisation involved		Date of event / project launch
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Key contact person		
<input type="text"/>		
Address	Town	Postcode
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Phone	Email	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

REFEREE(S)

Provide details of at least one person who may be contacted by members of the Australia Day Awards Selection Panel.

Name of referee 1 *(required)*

Organisation *(if applicable)*

Phone

Email

Name of referee 2 *(optional)*

Organisation *(if applicable)*

Phone

Email

YOUR DETAILS

Title

First Name

Last Name

Address

Town

Postcode

Phone

Email

SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION

Nominations close end of business, Monday 2 December 2024.

Nomination forms can be completed online, downloaded as a PDF from benalla.vic.gov.au or collected from the Council's Customer Service Centre.

If completing a hard-copy form, please return completed form and supporting documentation to Council:

In person:

Customer Service Centre
1 Bridge Street East, Benalla

Email:

council@benalla.vic.gov.au

Mail:

The Chair
Benalla Australia Day Advisory Committee
P O Box 227
Benalla VIC 3671

Thank you for your nomination.

The Benalla Australia Day awards are a great way to acknowledge, honour and celebrate the outstanding achievements and voluntary service of individuals, groups, events and projects in our community.

Categories for awards are:

- Citizen of the Year (*over 26 years on 26/01/2025*)
- Young Citizen of the Year (*18-25 years on 26/01/2025*)
- Junior Citizen of the Year (*12-17 years on 26/01/2025*)
- District Achiever of the Year
- Community Event or Project of the Year (*event/project occurred after 27/01/2024*)
- Community Group of the Year

We encourage you to provide a detailed summary of between 200–500 words to outline why your nominee is worthy of an Australia Day Award. This enables the judging panel to make an informed decision.

Support your nomination with facts and reliable statistics. Attach copies of newspaper or magazine articles or other supporting documentation. Aim for quality, not necessarily quantity. A long nomination isn't always a better nomination. Try to keep your sentences concise and avoid repetition. Tell a story about your nominee to capture the characteristic of an extraordinary Australian making a difference. Check that your nomination addresses the selection criteria.

The Advisory Committee has the discretion to nominate an additional merit award in the categories of Citizen, Young Citizen and Junior Citizen.

Eligibility/Selection criteria

Citizen of the Year

Eligibility/Selection criteria for Citizen of the Year:

- be an Australian Citizen, 26 years or over on 26 January 2025
- be a current or past resident of Benalla Rural City or
- if residing in an adjoining municipality, have done most of their community work within Benalla Rural City
- have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year or
- have given outstanding service to the local or wider community over several years or
- be outstanding achievers in the field of sports, arts, education, science or medicine
- not be a member of the Australia Day Award Selection Panel
- not be a current elected member of Benalla Rural City Council, a Council employee, or a member of state or federal parliament.

Young Citizen of the Year

Eligibility/Selection criteria for Citizen of the Year:

- be an Australian Citizen, 18-25 years on 26 January 2025
- be a current or past resident of Benalla Rural City or
- if residing in an adjoining municipality, have done most of their community work within Benalla Rural City
- have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year or
- have given outstanding service to the local or wider community over several years or
- be outstanding achievers in the field of sports, arts, education, science or medicine
- an inspirational role model for the community
- the scope of impact the individual's contribution has made to Benalla Rural City
- Significant contribution to the community, above and beyond employment duties
- not be a member of the Australia Day Award Selection Panel
- not be a current elected member of Benalla Rural City Council, a Council employee or a member of state or federal parliament

Junior Citizen of the Year

Eligibility/Selection criteria for Junior Citizen of the Year:

- be an Australian Citizen, 12-17 years on 26 January 2025
- be a current or past resident of Benalla Rural City or
- if residing in an adjoining municipality, have done most of their community work within Benalla Rural City
- have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year or
- have given outstanding service to the local or wider community over several years or
- be outstanding achievers in the field of sports, arts, education, science or medicine
- an inspirational role model for the community
- the scope of impact the individual's contribution has made to Benalla Rural City
- significant contribution to the community, above and beyond employment duties
- not be a member of the Australia Day Award Selection Panel
- not be a current elected member of Benalla Rural City Council, a Council employee or a member of state or federal parliament

District Achiever of the Year

District Achiever Awards can be awarded to anyone that is nominated in the categories of Citizen, Young Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year, who have contributed to their local district/community.

Community Group of the Year

Eligibility/Selection criteria for Community Group of the Year:

- be a not-for-profit organisation operating within Benalla Rural City
- have four members or more
- have made a significant contribution to the local community during 2024
- The scope of impact the groups work has on the community

Community Event or Project of the Year

Eligibility/Selection criteria for Community Event or Project of the Year:

- has been undertaken/held in the Benalla Rural City
- has demonstrated community social/economic benefits, values of unity and community spirit
- The quality of the event
- The event's contribution to the community during 2024

Nominations

- Consent should be sought from the nominee prior to making a nomination.
- Nominations must be made on Council's nomination form.
- Reasons for the nomination must be provided in 200-500 words. Additional information (photos, press clippings, awards, written references) can be attached but must not exceed 5 pages (or 5 files of max. 2MB each).
- Nominations must include the name and contact number of at least one referee who can provide supporting evidence for the nomination.
- Previous unsuccessful nominations can be resubmitted, providing they are updated and submitted on the required form.
- Nominations should be submitted through our online form from benalla.vic.gov.au, downloaded as a PDF or collected from the Council's Customer Service Centre.
- Nominations must be received by **2 December 2024**.

Selection process

The selection panel comprises the Mayor and representatives of the Benalla Rural City Australia Day Advisory Committee. The panel is chaired by the Chair, Benalla Rural City Australia Day Advisory Committee. Each panel member is given a copy of each nomination. They score the individual nominations based on the selection criteria. When the selection panel meets, the individual scores are added up and the award winners are chosen based on the total score received.

District achievement award winners are chosen after the Citizen, Junior and Young Citizen of the Year have been determined. The highest scoring nominees in each locality are awarded Achiever of the Year.

Notification of awards

Nominees will be advised that they have been nominated. Nominators will receive an acknowledgement that their nomination has been received. The Awards Ceremony will be held on Australia Day, Sunday 26 January 2025.