



2021 City of Newcastle Australia Day Awards

These Awards are a great opportunity to honour those who have made a considerable impact in the community, particularly after a challenging year in 2020. If you know someone that deserves recognition for their valuable community contributions please nominate them today for the City of Newcastle Australia Day Awards.

City of Newcastle is currently seeking nominations for the following awards. Nominations open Monday 2 November and close 5pm Sunday 6 December 2020.

Citizen of the Year 2021

City of Newcastle awards this title to a worthy recipient for a significant achievement or contribution made over the course of the previous year.

Young Citizen of the Year 2021

City of Newcastle awards this title to recognise the outstanding contributions made by young citizens to community life. Contributions made by the individual may bring regional, national or international recognition to the Newcastle area. Open to those aged 30 years or under.

Community Group of the Year 2021

City of Newcastle awards this title to recognise significant contributions that community groups or other non-profit organisations within the community have made to the welfare of people, the quality of life, the arts, science, engineering, the environment or other fields of endeavour. The benefits are normally local, but may include regional, national or international benefits that bring credit to the Newcastle area.

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The Australia Day Awards are a great opportunity to honour those who have made a considerable impact in our community over the past year. If you know someone who gives their heart and soul for our community and deserves recognition for their valuable contributions please nominate them today for the City of Newcastle Australia Day Awards.

Nominations are available online at newcastle.nsw.gov.au/australiadayawards or from our City Administration Centre, 12 Stewart Avenue Newcastle West and will close Sunday 6 December 2020. All enquiries should be directed to **(02) 4974 2198** or email awards@ncc.nsw.gov.au.

Who can be nominated?

- Nominees can be individuals (or groups where applicable)
- Nominees must be Australian citizens
- Awards will not be granted posthumously
- Self nominations will not be accepted
- Nominees must be at least 16 years of age in the year of the award presentation
- Nominees for the category of Young Citizen of the Year must be 30 years of age or younger on 26 January in the year of the award presentation
- Sitting state and federal politicians, current vice-regal and elected members of Council are not eligible for nomination
- Nominees must be residents of the Newcastle local government area except for 'Community Group of the Year' when in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Awards panel. The focus should be on their specific contribution to Newcastle local government area (eg an individual may live in a neighbouring LGA but has made a significant contribution to a community organisation within our area.)
- Both individuals and organisations will be considered for 'Community Group of the Year' as this recognises the organising body or committee responsible for the event
- Previous recipients of the award categories may receive the award in the future however the work that this person or organisation made in receiving the original award may not be considered
- Absolutely no weight is given to the number of times a person or organisation is nominated
- The decision and recommendations of the Awards Panel will be final. No correspondence will be entered into by either body.

Are nominations confidential?

Yes, all nominations are strictly confidential and the information provided will be used only to assist the Panel in assessing the nomination.

What is a referee?

A referee is someone who is in a position to comment directly on the nominee's service. Nominations should be accompanied by the names and addresses of at least two referees.

How to compile your nomination?

- Complete details and provide a response to each question (NOTE: Each question must be answered).
- Enclose copies of additional documents such as letters of commendation, awards the nominee has received, press articles and any other relevant information to support this nomination.

How to make a nomination?

- Complete the online nomination form; or at newcastle.nsw.gov.au/australiadayawards
- Submit this hard copy (in legible writing or typed) to:

Attention: Georgia Osland

**City of Newcastle
Australia Day Awards
PO Box 489
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300**

City of Newcastle Australia Day Awards nomination form

Nomination for:

- Citizen of the Year 2021
- Young Citizen of the Year 2021
- Community Group of the Year 2021

Section One:

A) Details of person or community group being nominated

Surname:		Title:	
Other Names:			
Community Group:			
Address:			
Suburb:		Postcode:	
Telephone:		Email:	
D.O.B.		Age:	

B) More Information

Does the nominee currently live and/or work in the Newcastle LGA?	
Is the nominee an Australian citizen?	
Is the nominee aware of the nomination?	
The nominee's age as at 26 January 2021	

C) Two referees who may be contacted for further information about nomination

Name:		Name:	
Position:		Position:	
Relationship to Nominee:		Relationship to Nominee:	
Email:		Email:	
Telephone:		Telephone:	

Selection Criteria Questions:

Citizen of the Year 2021 and Young Citizen of the Year 2021

- Q1.** Describe your nominee's contributions. How are they an inspirational role model? How have they demonstrated excellence in their field and to the community and why is their contribution considered extraordinary? (maximum 300 words).
- Q2.** Does your nominee inspire through demonstrated leadership, innovation or creativity? Please list other achievements and contributions you think should be taken into account by the judges.
- Q3.** Describe the benefits that your nominee's contributions have brought to individuals, community organisations, or the community in general.

Selection Criteria Questions: Community Group of the Year 2021

- Q1.** What is the aim of the group? (maximum 300 words).
- Q2.** Describe the benefits that the group has made to the welfare of people, the quality of life, community inclusion, participation and well being, the arts, the environment or the economy in Newcastle (maximum 300 words).
- Q3.** Describe the significant achievement that has been made or a milestone or target that has been reached during 2020. The work leading up to the achievement or milestone may have been prior to 2020 (maximum 300 words).

Details of person submitting this nomination

Declaration by nominator	I declare that the information about the nominee and his or her achievements or contribution contained in this nomination is to my knowledge true and accurate.		
Signature			
Surname		Title	
Other Names			
Email			
Address			
Suburb		Postcode	
Telephone			
Organisation (if relevant)			

Nominations close 5pm Sunday 6 December 2020

Please send completed form to:

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The Awards will be announced on Australia Day, 26 January 2021.