

# Australia Day Awards 2025

## Citizen of the Year

### Nomination Form

Mildura Rural City Council's Australia Day Awards celebrate the achievements and contributions of individuals and community organisations or groups in our region. These prestigious awards are one of the highest honours Council can bestow to publicly acknowledge local heroes, whose dedication and contributions may otherwise go unnoticed.

#### **Some important information to know before you begin:**

- All nominations for 2025 must be received by **5:00pm, Friday 1 November 2024.**
- All sections of this form must be completed to allow the nomination to be correctly assessed.
- Only individuals (not organisations or groups) may be nominated for Citizen of the Year.
- Individuals may not nominate themselves.
- A nominee may be nominated by more than one person/group. Each nomination requires a new nomination form.
- Achievements for which an individual is nominated must have been carried out in a voluntary capacity.
- Achievement for which an individual is nominated must benefit the community within the Mildura Rural City Council area.
- Members of Council's Australia Day Committee are not eligible for nomination.
- Any individual who has won this award in the last five years is not eligible for nomination.
- Unsuccessful nominees in previous years may be re-nominated provided a new nomination is made.

#### **Tips for writing a nomination:**

##### **Open with the important information**

Provide clear and specific statements that outline why your nominee is worthy of an Australia Day Award. What activities or actions stand out, what have they accomplished that makes a difference in the community? How do they inspire or motivate others in the community?

##### **Consider your audience**

Spell out acronyms and avoid using jargon, overly complex language or terms that may not be familiar to the general public.

##### **Share their story**

Tell us about the person behind the nomination. What motivates them to make a difference? What personal challenges have they overcome in their life? Why do they inspire others? How does this person make you feel?

Use real-world examples that demonstrate why your nominee is an inspiring role model. We want to know the stories of their life and the impact they have made.

##### **Stick to the selection criteria**

Our panel is looking for people who make a significant voluntary contribution to our community, who are role models, and who have demonstrated a strong commitment to improving the short- or long-term wellbeing of others, so ensure your nomination addresses these criteria.

##### **Tell the facts**

Support your nomination with hard facts and reliable statistics. Can you provide specific measures of this person's success? Attach copies of newspaper or magazine articles or other supporting documentation.

##### **Aim for quality, not quantity**

A long nomination isn't always a better nomination. Try to keep your sentences short and concise and avoid repetition.

##### **Remember referees**

Don't forget to fill in the referee field, naming someone else that supports your nomination, who is aware of the nominee's achievements and will be able to provide any additional information if required.

**Tell us a little about yourself:**

Name: .....  
Address: .....  
Email: .....  
Telephone: ..... Mobile: .....

**How do you know the nominee?**.....

- Family
- Friend
- Colleague
- Involvement in community groups
- Beneficiary of the nominee’s contribution
- Other (please specify) .....

**How did you hear about Mildura Rural City Council’s Australia Day Awards?**

- Newspaper
- Word of mouth
- Correspondence from Council
- Social Media
- Other (please specify) .....

**Tell us about the person you are nominating:**

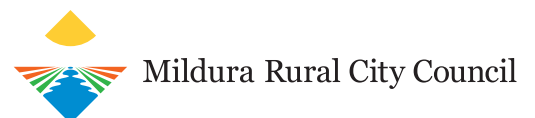
Name: .....  
Address: .....  
Email: .....  
Telephone: ..... Mobile: .....  
Date of birth: .....

**Are they eligible for nomination?**

- This person is an Australian Citizen.
- They live in the municipality of Mildura Rural City Council (when nominations close).
- They will be 25 years of age or older on 1 January of the year the award is given.
- They have not received the same award in the last five years.
- They have not been an elected Councillor in the past two years.
- They have not been paid a taxable income for the contribution you are nominating them for.

A nominee is only eligible if they meet all of the above criteria. Nominations that do not meet all of the eligibility criteria will not be assessed.

**Does the nominee already know about this nomination?**    Yes    No









## Who else can support your nomination?

Please provide details for at least one referee (other than the nominee) who can verify the achievement or contributions of the nominee.

Name: .....

Email: .....

Telephone: ..... Mobile: .....

## Selection Process

Following the close of nominations, the Australia Day Awards Committee will score nominations based on the Selection Criteria. In the event that no nominations are received in any of the categories, the Australia Day Awards Committee reserves the right to grant the award to a group, project/event or citizen of its choice. The decision of the Australia Day Awards Selection Panel is final, and no additional correspondence will be entered in to.

## Submitting your nomination

Nominations close at 5:00pm, Friday 1 November 2024. Any nominations received after this time will not be assessed. Check you have completed all of the required details and attached any supporting or additional information you wish to provide. When your nomination is complete, submit it to Council via one of the following:

### Email:

Penny Robinson  
Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer  
mrcc@mildura.vic.gov.au

### Online:

[www.mildura.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDayAwards](http://www.mildura.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDayAwards)

### Mail:

Australia Day Awards  
Mildura Rural City Council  
PO Box 105  
MILDURA VIC 3502