

# Australia Day Awards 2020

## Nomination Guidelines and Criteria

Recognise and nominate someone who has made a valuable contribution to the Northern Beaches community.

### Award Categories

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Outstanding Community Service Award

### How to Nominate

- The nomination closing deadline is midnight, Wednesday 6 November 2019.
- Please complete the PDF nomination form available at [northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](http://northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)
- Please read both the general and category specific guidelines and eligibility criteria prior to submitting a nomination.
- Additional supporting information may be attached with each nomination.

### Judging Process

- Nominations will be reviewed by an appointed judging panel including community representatives.
- The selection of recipients will be based upon the nominations received and information available to the judging panel at the time. The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Northern Beaches Council reserves the right to withdraw an award if further information or the recipients conduct draws the awards into disrepute.
- Judging will take place in December 2019.
- Winners will be presented in January 2020.

### Privacy Policy

- Nomination documents will remain confidential.
- Northern Beaches Council may use nomination information for the purpose of promoting the awards, and in such case nominees will be contacted for consent.

### Enquiries

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### General Criteria and Eligibility

- Nominees must be Australian citizens and have contributed to the Northern Beaches Local Government Area (LGA).
- If the nominee does not reside within the Northern Beaches LGA, they can only be considered for the Outstanding Community Service Award (if the other criteria is met).
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.
- Self nominations will not be accepted, except for the Community Event of the Year where an organiser may nominate their event.
- Awards will not be granted posthumously.
- Northern Beaches Councillors, Council employees or State and Federal politicians are not eligible. Retired politicians and officers will only be considered for work beyond their official duties.
- At least two referees must be supplied with the nomination.
- All nomination information and material submitted remains the property of Northern Beaches Council.
- Members of the judging panel are not permitted to nominate or encourage others to nominate on their behalf. If a member of the judging panel is nominated, they may choose whether to renege their position on the panel or make their nomination redundant.
- An award does not have to be granted should the judging panel decide that no nominee fits the criteria sufficiently.
- A person can be nominated for multiple categories if eligible, however cannot be granted more than one award. If nominated, eligible and chosen for multiple award categories, the judging panel will make a decision as to the best category in which to award the recipient.

## Award Category Criteria and Eligibility:

### Citizen, Senior Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year

- On 26 January 2020 the nominee must be aged under 25 years for Young Citizen of the Year Award, and 65 years or older for the Senior Citizen of the Year. There are no age restrictions for Citizen of the Year.
- The nominee must reside in the Northern Beaches LGA.
- The nominee should be held in high regard in the community.
- The nominee should have strong ethical and community values.
- Regard will predominately be given to the nominee's community/charitable/school activities and achievements in the Northern Beaches LGA for the year immediately prior to granting of the Award. The nominee's additional past community service and efforts to improve community life should be included to support the past year's commitments.
- The award is only available to an individual, not a group.

### Sportsperson of the Year

- There are no age restrictions for Sportsperson of the Year.
- The nominee must reside in the Northern Beaches LGA.
- The nominee must have made a contribution to sport within the Northern Beaches LGA.
- The nominee's efforts to advance their chosen sporting activity and their performance over the past year are considered.
- The nominee demonstrates an attitude of fair play and good sportsmanship.
- The award is only available to an individual, not a group.

### Community Event of the Year

- The event nominated must be presented in the Northern Beaches LGA between 5 November 2018 and 5 November 2019.
- The award is granted for the event itself, however an individual or organisation can be listed under nominee contact details.
- The event should have a proven contribution to the Northern Beaches community and demonstrate community values.
- Consideration will be given to event attendance numbers, benefits to local residents and local business, level of community participation and engagement, involvement, effective transportation, environmental sustainability, amount of any funds raised for charities, benefits to promoting the Northern Beaches tourism in the area, cultural benefits to the community, including diversity, the overall purpose and spirit of the event.

### Outstanding Community Service Awards

The Outstanding Community Service Awards are an annual recognition and appreciation of voluntary service to the local community. Unlike the other award categories, this category recognises commitment over a long period of time, beyond the year prior to the award being granted.

Nominations for Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year may also be considered for an Outstanding Community Service Award if eligible, however a nominee cannot receive more than one award in the same year.

- The award may be granted to more than one person/as a group, only if each person in the group has dedicated the same level of commitment to the same service.
- Up to 15 awards will be presented in this category subject to the final decision of the judging panel, in accordance with the criteria.
- The person demonstrates a special concern and commitment to the community through their efforts and support of local community activities.
- The person has been involved over a number of years in unpaid community work within the Northern Beaches.
- The service rendered by this person is spread over a number of years and demonstrates a continuous interest and awareness of the need for such a service to the community through personal involvement.
- The person's volunteer service benefits a small group or an individual within the community consistently.
- The person may have assisted the Council with management of some field of responsibility under one or more of the following:
  - a. Committees Halls, Community Centres, Parks
  - b. Welfare Services, Health Services, Recreation Services, Environmental Services
  - c. Cultural activities
  - d. Voluntary Services
- One non-resident of the Northern Beaches may be awarded if:
  - the person has rendered exceptional community service within the local government area; and
  - the person fully satisfies all other guidelines detailed above.
- Previous recipients will be considered eligible for Outstanding Community Service Awards subject to:
  - the panel agreeing that a suitable amount of time has lapsed since the original award was given;
  - the nomination demonstrates the nominee has continued to offer outstanding community service in the intervening period; and
  - the panel agree that a second or repeat award is appropriate.