

Each year Hepburn Shire Council presents awards to local citizens and groups that have made a significant contribution to the community. The awards are provided by the National Australia Day Council and are administered by Local Government Authorities throughout Australia on behalf of Council. These awards are an opportunity to honour individuals or groups who have made a significant contribution to the Hepburn Shire Council community.

These awards will be presented during the Australia Day Eve Celebration on the 25 January 2019.

#### Conditions of entry:

- Nominations must be submitted on Council's official nomination forms
- Nominations must be received by Council no later than 5pm Wednesday 2 January 2018
- Nominations are to include the name and contact number of one referee that can provide supporting evidence of the nomination.
- In the event that no nominations are received in any of the categories, the Australia Day Committee reserves the right to grant the award to a group, event or citizen of its choice
- No awards will be made if it is considered that nominations are not of sufficiently high standard
- The decision of the Australia Day Panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into in regard to that decision
- Nominations will not be accepted for current staff or currently serving Councillors of the Hepburn Shire Council

#### Category and Eligibility Criteria:

##### Citizen of the Year Award:

A person who is over the age of 25, must be an Australian Citizen who either resides or works in the Hepburn Shire and immediate surrounds, who has either made a significant contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the community of Hepburn Shire over a number of years.

##### Criteria for assessing the Citizen of the Year Award:

- Demonstrated commitment to the betterment of Hepburn Shire
- Undertakes activities, which have short and long-term benefits for others'
- Positive role model for others
- Undertakes activities that promote the welfare and wellbeing of the Hepburn Shire community
- Contributions made by the nominee have been completed on a voluntary basis
- Displays a commitment to community inclusion and celebrating diversity

##### Young Citizen of the Year Award:

A person who is 25 years of age or under, before January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and must be an Australian citizen, who has either made a significant contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the community of Hepburn Shire over a period of years.

**Criteria for assessing Young Citizen of the Year Award:**

- Participates in the community
- Active in youth issues
- Positive role model to peers
- Undertakes activities that promote the welfare and wellbeing of Hepburn Shire community
- Shows outstanding achievement in academic, sporting, cultural, environment, civic responsibility
- Contributions made by the nominee have been completed on a voluntary basis
- Displays a commitment to community inclusion and celebrating diversity

**Community Event of the Year Award:**

An individual/group or organisation, which has staged a significant community event within Hepburn Shire during the current year.

**Criteria for assessing the Community Event of the Year Award:**

- Have staged a significant event during the current year
- The purpose of the event and outcome achieved
- Positive impact of the event on the Hepburn Shire community
- Community participation in the event
- Should display a commitment to community inclusion and celebrating diversity

For more information regarding the Australia Day Awards, contact:

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