

SURF COAST SHIRE LOCAL LEGENDS – 2021

Background

The Local Legends program highlights the contribution that people make to help our community and environment to thrive. The Local Legends program is non-competitive, there are no specific categories of award – any worthwhile contribution to our community can be recognised.

People of any age can be nominated, there are no senior and junior categories. The Local Legends program has replaced the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Event of the Year awards which were previously held once a year and were competitive in awarding one recipient and noting other nominees.

Eligibility criteria

The nominated person or group must:

- Live, work, volunteer or go to school in the Surf Coast Shire;
- Make a positive contribution to the community;
- Be willing to be nominated and give their consent; and
- Agree to be featured in Council communication channels and potentially local media.

Council staff, contractors and Councillors are not eligible to be nominated. Commercial operators or business cannot be nominated if the nomination is directly related to their commercial activities.

Assessment

People or groups can be nominated by having a positive impact in any of the following categories:

1. Helping others and strengthening our community
2. Caring for our environment
3. Improving inclusion and celebrating diversity
4. Promoting healthy eating and active living

A panel of Council staff will review nominations to determine how each nominee meets the eligibility criteria and assess their impact in any or all of the four categories listed above.

Nominations

People are requested to nominate Local Legends via an online form. Individuals or groups can be nominated. Hard copies of nomination forms will be provided if requested.

Nominees must be aware and agree to be nominated. Nominees will be published in Council's communication channels and may appear in local print media and/or online.

Promotion

Nominations to the Local Legends program will be encouraged through Council's communication channels, local media and direct communication with community networks.

Recognition

Successful nominees will be featured in Council's communications channels and may feature in local print media, online or both.

Timelines

Nominations can be made at any time from 13 September until 31 October 2021.

The assessment panel will meet regularly to determine the nominees that will be featured in communication channels. Local Legends will be featured in public communications from November 2021.

For more information, go to <https://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Community/Local-Legends-Awards> or call 5261 0600.