



**Australia Day**  
Celebrate what's great!



# Surf Coast Shire Australia Day Awards 2020 Nomination Form and Guidelines

**On Australia Day we come together as a nation to celebrate the things that make our country great: the people, the land, our diversity, sense of a fair go, lifestyle and freedoms.**

We reflect on our national journey. We commit to making our country even better in the future.

The Australia Day Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year Awards are presented annually to local citizens and groups who make an extraordinary contribution to our local community.

The awards are administered by Surf Coast Shire Council on behalf of the National Australia Day Council and are issued at one of the celebratory events held across the shire on 26 January 2020.

## **Anyone can nominate an individual or group who demonstrate:**

- Excellence in their field or interest
- Significant contribution to Surf Coast Shire at the local community level, and
- An inspirational role model for Surf Coast Shire citizens.

## **Award Categories**

Nominations for **Citizen of the Year** must be Australian citizens, over 27 years of age, who live or work in Surf Coast Shire and have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years including:

- demonstrates commitment to improving the community
- their contributions are completed on a voluntary basis or exceed the normal requirements of the person's paid work
- accepts civic responsibility
- provides a positive role model for others
- actively addresses local issues
- is law abiding.

Nominations for **Young Citizen of the Year** must be Australian citizens, under 27 years of age, who live or work in Surf Coast Shire and have made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years including:

- active in youth or other activities in the local community
- leading a balanced life
- loyal to family/community
- is caring, compassionate and sharing
- positive role model to peers
- shows outstanding achievement in academic, sporting, cultural, environment, civic responsibility and the like
- is law abiding.

**Community Event of the Year** is bestowed upon an individual, organisation or community group that has staged a noteworthy event during 2019. Events should have:

- provided a benefit for local people, the local environment, local tourism or local culture
- demonstrated excellence in organising a safe and sustainable event
- involved local people through organising or attending
- reflected the spirit of what makes Surf Coast Shire great.

## To nominate

Complete the following nomination form, or go to [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ausday](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ausday) and nominate online.

All nominations must be received by **Tuesday 12 November 2019.**

Provide as much detail as you can to help the selection panel to understand the merits of your nomination.

A panel will assess nominations against selection criteria and recommend award recipients to Surf Coast Shire Councillors.

Please note:

- self nominations will not be accepted
- sitting state and federal politicians and current Councillors are not eligible for nomination
- awards will not be granted posthumously
- the decision of the assessment panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into, and
- in the event that no nominations are received in any of the categories, the selection panel reserves the right to grant the award to a group, event or citizen of its choice.

## Nomination Form: Australia Day Awards 2020

### Your details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Who are you nominating for the award?

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Award Category

Citizen Of The Year  Young Citizen Of The Year

Community Event of the Year (event must have been held in 2019)

Please confirm that you have advised the person or event/group that you are nominating them for an Australia Day Award

### What have they done?

**Please attach a page providing information to address the following five areas:**

1. Information about the nominee, for example background, characteristics, strengths.
2. How has the nominee contributed to the community? For example what has the nominee done and how has it improved the Surf Coast?
3. Describe other significant contributions and achievements by the nominee. For example, is the nominee involved in other community groups or activities? Other memberships?
4. What do you think makes the nominee award worthy? For example, how does the nominee embody the Australian spirit? How is what they do different to others?
5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the nominee that would support them in receiving an Australia Day Award?

### Send in your nomination

All nominees will receive a certificate of nomination and will be invited to an official Australia Day function held in the shire.

**Nominations close Tuesday 12 November 2019.**

Email completed forms to: [info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au)

or post to: 2020 Australia Day Citizen Awards  
Surf Coast Shire Council  
PO Box 350, Torquay 3228

**Enquiries:** 03 5261 0600

### Privacy

Council is collecting this personal information for the purpose of enabling nominations for individual or organisation for an award. The information will be used to assess the nomination, including contacting referees, and will not be disclosed to any other party except as required by law.