

2021 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS G U I D E L I N E S & C R I T E R I A

Each year the residents of the Cessnock LGA are invited to nominate fellow citizen/s and/or organisations for Cessnock City Australia Day Awards. These awards aim to recognise outstanding achievement during the past year and/or contribution to the local community over a number of years.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year Awards

Achievers from any area, including the arts, sport, the environment, community service, career, sustainable development or science and technology can be recognised by these Awards.

The most important criteria the judging panel considers are results, determination, creativity, enthusiasm, commitment and a demonstrated search for excellence.

Citizen of the Year Award

This Award will be presented to the citizen judged to have made the most outstanding contribution to the City of Cessnock during 2020 and must be 26 years or older on 26 January 2021.

Senior Citizen of the Year

This Award aims to recognise the valuable contribution of local senior citizens in the Cessnock community – either recently or over a long period of time. Many of these dedicated people spend much of their time working for others, and are often unassuming and modest about their efforts. This Award seeks to recognise their commitment.

Nomination for this Award is open to all residents of the City of Cessnock and they must be 65 years or older on 26 January 2021 to be considered for the award.

Young Citizen of the Year Award

This Award is presented to the young citizen of the City judged to have been the outstanding achiever during 2020.

Nomination for this Award is open to all residents of the City of Cessnock and they must be 16 to 25 years of age on 26 January 2021 to be considered for the award.

Maree Callaghan Award – Young Female Achiever

This Award is specifically for a young female achiever. It is inspired by women contributing their service to the community and acknowledges the barriers to women seeking public office and being seen as “leaders”. The recipient will be a positive and inspirational role model to other young women, who shows leadership, having made significant achievements and/or contributions to the community during 2020.

Nomination for this Award is open to residents of the City of Cessnock and they must be 16 to 25 years of age on 26 January 2021 to be considered for the award.

Community Event of the Year Award

The City of Cessnock Event of the Year Award is presented to acknowledge outstanding achievement in conducting an outstanding event or events in the Cessnock community during the past year. The event will have been of benefit to the community or to specific community groups. Events to be considered could be from such areas as cultural, social, education, environment and sport. The benefits will be measured in ways additional to financial. The criteria for this Award are consistent with those outlined in the other Cessnock Australia Day Awards.

Sports Award

This Award is given to person/s or group/s for outstanding sports achievement and for their contribution to the Sports in the local area.

Environment Award

This Award is achieved by individuals, groups or organisations that care about the local environment. The environment is an important issue in this City and this Award is offered to individuals or groups who have displayed personal commitment to the preservation and enhancement of our lands, usually through physical accomplishment.

- Long term commitment to improve the environment by a person/s organisation/s.
- Display innovative way of acceleration of environment concerns.
- Increasing the community's education and awareness of the value of our environment.

Heritage Award

This Award provides the opportunity to acknowledge and reward excellence in a variety of areas including the restoration/renovation of older buildings and projects which contribute to public awareness and protection of heritage throughout the Local Government Area.

Given the varying nature of conservation works, projects are classified under the following categories:

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- Residential renovation, restoration, reconstruction and/or conservation work to a building, which demonstrates heritage value.
- Non residential renovation, restoration, reconstruction and/or conservation work to a building or place, which demonstrates heritage value.
- Projects which contribute to the awareness and protection of an aspect of heritage throughout the Cessnock Local Government Area (ie. Historical research project, Conservation study, heritage education/promotion project).

Community Award

This award recognises individuals and community groups who have demonstrated commitment to:

- Advancing the profile of the City of Cessnock
- Contributions to volunteering in the community
- Contributions to the delivery of community services
- Outstanding contributions within the community in a field of endeavour

This category may be awarded to multiple recipients and/or community groups.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Criteria and Eligibility

A fair go, a concern for the environment and our heritage, desire for prosperity with a share for all, participation in sport, cultural diversity, the importance of strong community values and supports systems, a keen sense that we have our own contribution to make on the world stage - these are all considered among the key factors in the national identity. Outstanding achievement or contribution towards these shared values is the basis of the Awards. Any individual or organisation can make a nomination. The person or event nominated does not need to meet all the criteria described in an award category.

- Nominees must be Australian citizens and reside in the Cessnock Local Government Area at the time of nomination.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years
- Self nominations will not be accepted
- Awards will not be granted posthumously
- Sitting State and Federal politicians and current Vice-Regal Officers are not eligible. Retired politicians and officers would be considered for other areas of work in addition to their official duties.
- A person cannot receive a second award in the same Awards category, but can be considered for recognition in a separate category in following years eg. Young Citizen of the Year and then Citizen of the Year
- All nominees will be considered for the Citizen of the Year Award
- Nominees aged 16 to 25 years on 26 January 2021 will also be considered for the Young Citizen of the Year Award

Nomination Process

- To nominate, please complete the attached nomination form. The nomination should detail the nature, duration and impact of the nominee's contribution to Cessnock Local Government Area.
- Any supporting documentation should be attached to the nomination form.
- All Awards will be announced and presented on Australia Day 2021
- The selection of recipients will reflect the nominations received and information available to the Judging Panel at the time.
- Cessnock City Council reserves the right to withdraw an award if further information or the recipient's conduct draws the Awards into disrepute.
- Nominations must be received **by Monday 7 December 2020**.
- For further information on the Awards contact Gina Radford on 4993 4210 or email gina.radford@cessnock.nsw.gov.au.
- Please mark your nomination '**Private and Confidential**' **Australia Day Awards** and submit by emailing council@cessnock.nsw.gov.au; post to Cessnock City Council, PO Box 152, CESSNOCK NSW 2325; or hand delivered to 62-78 Vincent Street, CESSNOCK NSW 2325.

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2021 Australia Day Awards Nomination Form

Nomination for: (please tick a box or boxes for more than one category)

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Maree Callaghan Award – Young Female Achiever
- Community Event of the Year
- Sports Award
- Environmental Award
- Heritage Award
- Community Award

SECTION 1: Nominee details

Details of person submitting this nomination:

Surname: _____ Title: _____
Other names: _____
Address: _____
Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____
Telephone: _____
Organisation
(if any): _____
Email: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Details of person being nominated:

Surname: _____ Title & Name: _____
Address: _____
Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
D.O.B.: _____ Age: _____

Does the nominee currently live and/or work in Cessnock LGA?
Is the nominee an Australian citizen?
Will the nominee be aged 26 to 64 years on 26 January 2021?
Will the nominee for Senior Citizen of the Year be aged over 65 years on 26 January 2021?
Will the nominee for Young Citizen or Young Female Achiever of the Year be aged 16 to 25 years on 26 January 2021?

Nominee's past and present membership of community/sporting/professional bodies:

SECTION 2: Significant contribution and achievements

Please note: additional material including photographs, media articles and/or supporting references may be attached.

Please refer to the Nomination Guidelines and Criteria and provide a statement that addresses the following criteria:

In what role(s) or area(s) has the nominee has excelled or made a contribution?

Please describe the nominee's outstanding service or positive contribution:



How has the nominee's contribution and/or service benefited the community?

Please detail any other achievements or contributions made by the nominee:

How has the nominee's contribution been recognised elsewhere?

Section Three: Referee details

Referees who may be contacted for further information about nominee

Name:	Name:
Position:	Position:
Relationship to Nominee:	Relationship to Nominee:
Address:	Address:
Telephone:	Telephone:
Email:	Email:

Section Four: Nomination checklist

Please use this checklist to ensure that your nomination is complete:

- I have read the [Nomination Guidelines and Criteria](#).
- I have addressed all the Selection Criteria.
- The information provided in this nomination is accurate.
- Supporting material, including references and media are attached.

Nominations close on Monday 7 December 2020

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