

## 1.9 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

### Objective:

To prescribe the process for nominations and selection of recipients of the following annual Council Australia Day awards;

- Citizen/s of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event/Community Group of the Year.

To outline a transparent process for objectively selecting recipients on merit in consideration of Award criteria.

### Policy:

The Australia Day Awards are to be selected by Council on an annual basis. Council will select recipients for the following categories:

1. Citizen/s of the Year Award
2. Young Citizens of the Year Award (must be under 30 years of age on January 26)
3. Community Event/Community Group of the Year

### Overall principles, Criteria and Guidelines for Awards.

- a) Only one (1) nomination in each category may be awarded.
- b) If considered appropriate, no Award will be issued in a category.
- c) The winners of each Award remain confidential until notified of their success by the Shire President and the Shire President issues a media release confirming the award winners.
- d) The winners of each Award will be presented with their Awards at the official ceremony on Australia Day. Awards for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year will not be granted posthumously.
- e) Nominations for all Awards may be made by any individual, group of individuals or organisation.
- f) Nominees for “Young Citizen of the Year”, will also be considered for the “Citizen of the Year” Award, but one (1) nominee cannot receive both Awards.
- g) Nominations for “Community Event of the Year” will only be considered in the year the event was conducted.
- h) All nomination information and material submitted remains the property of the Shire of Brookton and may become publicly available.
- i) An individual/event need only be nominated once per year to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in the selection process.
- j) Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- k) Unsuccessful nominees in the “Young Citizen of the Year” and “Citizen/s of the Year” categories may be re-nominated in subsequent years.
- l) In exceptional cases, the Council reserves the right to consider such nominations as it sees fit, notwithstanding a) to k) above.

The Council will give consideration to the criteria and guidelines in this policy.

<b>Eligibility - All Categories</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A nominee must be an Australian citizen.</li> <li>• The nominee must be a resident of the Brookton Shire Council local government area for the year immediately prior to granting of the Award.</li> <li>• The nominee must be at least 16 years of age on 26 January of the year in which the award is presented.</li> <li>• The nomination is not open to Shire of Brookton sitting Councillors, current employees, State and Federal politicians and current viceregal officers.</li> <li>• The nomination is not open to a past recipient in the same category.</li> <li>• The nomination must include the name and contact details of at least one (1) referee must be supplied with the nomination.</li> <li>• All nominations must be submitted on the appropriate form by the due date for consideration. No late applications will be considered.</li> <li>• Council reserves the right to not award any Australia Day awards and reserves the right to hold any award ceremony at a time and place it sees fit and proper.</li> </ul>
<b>Criteria - Citizen/s of the Year</b>
Nominations are based on achievements throughout the year the awards will be presented.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This award may be presented to an individual or a married/de facto couple.</li> <li>• The nominee/s should be held in high regard in the community (e.g. significant contributor to the community, inspirational role model to the community, scope of impact of the individual's contribution).</li> <li>• The nominee/s must principally have performed their work within the Brookton Shire Council local government area.</li> <li>• The nominee should have strong ethical and community values.</li> <li>• Regard will be given to the nominee's community activities and achievements in the year immediately prior to granting of the Award, as well as their past community service.</li> </ul> <p><b>The nomination must explain the achievements and background of the nominee, and the reasons for the nomination, and address as many of the following aspects as possible;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal, academic and professional achievements and commitment; past current and future.</li> <li>• Contribution in the relevant field i.e. how has/have the nominee/s "put back" into their field to benefit others.</li> <li>• Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity.</li> <li>• Personal interests and community and voluntary involvement.</li> <li>• Contribution to the Shire of Brookton community.</li> <li>• Nature and length of involvement.</li> <li>• Voluntary work beyond paid employment.</li> <li>• Achievements as an individual, married/de facto couple or as part of a group or organisation.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Criteria - Young Citizen of the Year</b></p> <p>Nominations are based on achievements throughout the year the awards will be presented.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nominee must be at least 16 years of age and no more than 30 years of age on 26th January of the year in which the award is presented.</li> <li>• The nominee should have a proven record of achievement within the Shire of Brookton Council area.</li> <li>• Regard will be given to participation in school activities, community involvement and charitable work, as well as work done to improve community life in the Brookton Shire Council area.</li> <li>• Recognition by peers that will be taken into account.</li> </ul> <p><b>The nomination should explain the achievements and background of the nominee, and the reasons for the nomination, and address as many of the following aspects as possible;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal, academic and professional achievements and commitment; past current and future.</li> <li>• Contribution in the relevant field i.e. how has the nominee “put back” into their field to benefit others.</li> <li>• Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity.</li> <li>• Personal interests and community and voluntary involvement.</li> <li>• Contribution to the Brookton Shire Council community.</li> <li>• Nature and length of involvement.</li> <li>• Voluntary work beyond paid employment.</li> <li>• Achievements as an individual or as part of a group or organisation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Criteria - Community Event/Community Group of the Year</b></p> <p>Nominations are based on events held or the delivery of community service throughout the year.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nomination is to include the quality of the event.</li> <li>• The purpose of the event or community contribution must be community focused and not staged for personal or private reward or financial benefit.</li> <li>• An event or community group is not eligible to receive a second award in this category.</li> <li>• The nomination is to include the scope of impact the event or act has had on the local government area, including the achievements and reasons for the nomination.</li> <li>• The nomination is to include the events or groups lasting contribution to the community.</li> </ul>

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