

Nominate your community hero

Celebrate someone inspiring in your community by putting their name forward for the Australia Day Awards 2022.

It's not too late to nominate extraordinary people, groups and organisations for the 2022 Australia Day Awards – just be sure to get your entry in before Monday 15 November 2021. The awards recognise and celebrate those who contribute to our community in a wide range of ways.

Wollongong City Council spokesperson said residents should strongly consider nominating the local citizens who have helped them and our community through a difficult year.

“The last 12 months have brought upon many challenges, but we know there are a range of people in our city who have used their talents, compassion, innovation or creativity to make a difference to the lives of others,” they said.

“The awards cast a light on outstanding people within our community. Often these people are quiet achievers. We'd like to hear about them and ensure they get the recognition they deserve. Make sure to nominate someone from the community who inspires you.”

Categories for our Australia Day Awards 2022 are as follows:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Senior Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Arts and Cultural Achievement Award
- Sports Achievement Award
- Innovation Achievement Award
- Community Group of the Year

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- Diversity and Inclusion Award
- Wollongong to the World Award

The Australia Day Award 2021 recipients included Young Citizen of the Year Thura Sabbar who had organised and volunteered at several fundraisers and Senior Citizen of the Year Laurence Jennett OAM who was recognised for his committed work in the local Surf Life Saving community.

The highest honour, Citizen of the Year, was awarded to Chaplain John Kewa for his charitable community sea welfare work. He is recognised locally, nationally and globally for his work and provided care packages for the Ruby Princess in Port Kembla last year.

Read more about our 2021 recipients in our media release: [Wollongong shines with Citizens of the Year](#)

To find more information on how to apply visit our [Australia Day Awards](#) page.

All nominations must be lodged and completed by 11.59pm Monday 15 November 2021.