CASEY AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

2022 GUIDELINES

Nominations for the 2022 Casey Australia Day Awards are open from 6 September to 5 October 2021.

The Casey Australia Day Awards recognise and honour **outstanding people** in the Casey community. These people consistently go above and beyond in their contribution to the Casey community as a volunteer, professional or community member.

All nominee finalists are invited to the 2022 Casey Australia Day Awards, a prestigious event where Casey's Citizens of the Year are announced.

Nominations can be made for individuals or community groups for their contribution to the Casey community in either a professional or volunteer capacity. This could be in any field including sport, arts, humanities or community service for example.

**Categories**

The nomination categories are:

* **Casey Citizen of the Year** - recognises outstanding individuals who in their profession or as a volunteer, lead by example, inspire others and demonstrate excellence and commitment in their field.
* **Casey Senior Citizen of the Year** – recognises those aged over 60 years who continue to achieve and contribute.
* **Casey Young Citizen of the Year** - recognises exceptional young people under the age of 25 years.
* **Casey Local Hero of the Year** – acknowledges someone for their community spirit and dedication to improving the lives of those in their neighbourhood
* **Casey Community Group of the Year** – recognises a Casey community group that provides support or events or fundraising or service for the benefit of the Casey community and its residents

**Nomination information**

* Nominations open on Monday 6 September 2021 at 10.00am
* Nominations close on Tuesday 5 October 2021 at 3.00pm

Eligibility – who can be nominated?

Individual nominations

Individuals being nominated must:

* be an Australian citizen
* have contributed greatly to the Casey community
* be a resident in Casey
* be of outstanding character and show respect in their dealings with others
* be under 25 years of age as at 26 January 2022 if nominated for Casey Young Citizen of the Year
* be over 60 years of age as at 26 January 2022 if nominated for Casey Senior Citizen of the Year

Community group nominations

Community Group nominations must:

* have contributed greatly to the Casey community
* be a not-for-profit or incorporated organisation

Ineligibility – what will not be accepted?

* Self-nominations for individuals (group self-nominations are accepted)
* Nominations for current City of Casey staff
* Nominations for past City of Casey Councillors (within five years since serving as a Councillor)
* Incomplete nomination forms
* Nominations received after the specified closing date
* Nominations not supported by two people (the nominator and a referee)
* School volunteer groups are ineligible. Individual students or staff can be nominated however groups of pupils/staff from schools are ineligible

How to nominate

* The nomination form should include all relevant information about the nominee in detail. Nominations are assessed on the information contained in this form only. Please consider how the person or group has made an **outstanding** or **exceptional** contribution in a professional and/or volunteer capacity to benefit the Casey community. Include as much detail as possible as this is what will be assessed by a community panel to decide on Citizens / Group/ Local Hero of the Year.
* Only online nominations are accepted. Nominations can be made via the City of Casey website. Council can help complete the online form if required. Please call the City of Casey to request help if needed and a time will be made to meet with you to help complete the form.
* To complete an online nomination form, visit the City of Casey website at:

[**https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/casey-australia-day-awards-2022**](https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/casey-australia-day-awards-2021)