

Nominations for the Casey Community Awards 2024 are open from Monday 18th September to Monday 16 October 2023.

The Casey Community 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 Casey Community Awards 2024, a prestigious event where category winners and 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, for example sport, arts, humanities or community service.

Categories

The nomination categories are:

Individual:

- **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 Young Citizen of the Year** - recognises exceptional young people under the age of 25 years.
- **Casey Senior of the Year** - recognises those aged over 60 years who continue to achieve and contribute.
- **Casey Woman of the Year** – recognises women who make a positive impact in the Casey community by empowering others, encouraging participation and providing opportunities for social cohesion.

Community Groups:

- **Casey Community Group of the Year** - recognises a Casey community group, sports club, or not-for-profit organisation, that provides support, events, fundraising or services for the benefit of the Casey community and its residents

Community Groups or Individuals:

- **Casey Equity and Inclusion Award** – recognises someone / a group for the significant contribution towards advancing the rights and interests of people from multicultural backgrounds, people with disabilities, LGBTIQA+ communities and First Nations people.
- **Lindsay King Art Award** – recognises an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to Art in the City of Casey. This could be in the form of music, poetry, drawing, painting, sculpting, theatre, etc.
- **Casey Environment and Sustainability Champion(s) Award** – This award recognises outstanding contributions towards the protection/ enhancement of Casey's natural environment, advocating for climate action and for embracing sustainable living.

Nomination information

- Nominations open on Monday 18 September 2023 at 10.00 am.
- Nominations close on Monday 16 October 2023 at 5.00 pm.

Eligibility – who can be nominated?

Individual nominations

Individuals being nominated must:

- be a resident in Casey
- have made an exceptional contribution to the Casey community
- be of outstanding character and show respect in their dealings with others
- be under 25 years of age as at 21 March 2024 if nominated for Casey Young Citizen of the Year
- be over 60 years of age as at 21 March 2024 if nominated for Casey Senior of the Year

Community group nominations

A community group refers to a not-for-profit organisation, sports club or community group.

Community Group nominations must:

- be a not-for-profit organisation; or
- be a sports club registered in Casey; or
- have made an exceptional contribution to the Casey community.

Ineligibility – what will not be accepted?

- Self-nominations for individuals (however, group self-nominations are accepted)
- Nominations for current and past City of Casey staff (within five years of employment)
- Nominations for past City of Casey Councilors (within five years since serving as a Councillor)
- Incomplete nomination forms
- Nominations received after the specified closing date

School volunteer groups are ineligible. Individual students or staff can be nominated, however groups of pupils/staff from schools cannot.

Nominations must be for not-for-profit organisations, sporting clubs and community groups. Nominations for businesses can be made through the Casey Business Awards.

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 the category winners.
- A minimum number of five nominations per category are required. If minimum requirements are not met, the panel will allocate nominations to a relevant category.
- The panel's decision regarding a nominations category and relevant winners is final.
- Nominations can be made via the City of Casey website.
- Council staff can help complete a nomination if required. If you would like to speak to a council officer about completing a verbal or online nomination, please contact us on 9705 5690.
- All nominees will be notified of their nomination after the closing date. At this time, they will receive a copy of their official nomination form, including the name of their nominator.
- Interpreter services are available.
- To complete an online nomination form, visit the City of Casey website at:

<https://conversations.casey.vic.gov.au/casey-community-awards>

Contact the City of Casey:

Web: casey.vic.gov.au
Email: caseycc@casey.vic.gov.au
Phone: 03 9705 5200
Post: PO Box 1000, Narre Warren VIC 3805
NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

Customer Service Centres:

Narre Warren: Bunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive
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