

**AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2024**

**NOMINATION FORM**

The 2024 Australia Day Awards recognise Walgett Shire’s unsung heroes. The awards pay tribute to the special people in our community who have gone above and beyond to improve lives of others and contribute to a diverse, friendly and strong community.

This special person could be your neighbour, a friend or someone you have come across through your local school, church or sporting group. Whoever comes to mind, they are someone who works selflessly to help improve your life and the lives of those around them.

The efforts of these quiet achievers can often go unnoticed in our busy lives. The Australia Day Awards are about taking the time to ensure these remarkable individuals are honoured and receive the recognition they deserve. We are all part of the story.

Nominations for the 2024 awards are now open. Submit your nomination by 5.00pm, Monday 18th December 2023 for the person or organisations that you believe has made an outstanding contribution to the Walgett Shire community and tell us why you think they are deserving of an Australia Day Award.

The Australia Day Awards are presented annually to local citizens and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the community. The awards are provided by the National Australia Day Council and are administered by local councils throughout Australia on their behalf.

 **Australia Day Awards are presented in the following categories:**

* Citizen of the Year
* Young Citizen of the Year
* Senior Citizen of the Year Award
* Sportsperson of the Year
* Young sportsperson of the Year
* Volunteer of the Year Award
* Community Event of the Year Award

 **Eligibility criteria**

* Nominations must be submitted on Council’s official nomination form.
* Nominees cannot apply on their own behalf.
* Nominees for individual awards cannot be current employees of Walgett Shire Council or hold a council position of authority or representation.
* Nominations must be received by ***5.00pm, Monday 18th December 2023***
* Nominations must include the name and contact number of one independent referee that can provide supporting evidence for the nomination.
* Nominees must be Australian Citizens and their contributions must be to the Walgett Shire Local Government Area
* Awards are announced on Australia Day: 26 January 2024
* Nominations may be made by an individual or an organisation
* Persons who have been previously nominated but have not received an award are eligible.
* Nominations can be posted, emailed or delivered to Council's administration building

Nominations must meet the requirements of the respective awards:

#  Citizen of the Year:

An Australian citizen, 24 years or over on 26 January 2024. They must either live, work or study in Walgett Shire and have either made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

 *Note: The Citizen of the Year may be invited to attend major receptions as a guest of the Council.*

#  Young Citizen of the Year:

An Australian citizen, 23 years or under on 26 January 2023. They must either live, work or study in Walgett Shire and have either made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

 **Senior Citizen of the Year:**

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian citizen 60 years or over on 26 January 2024 They must live in Walgett Shire and have either made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

 **Sportsperson of the Year:**

To be eligible, the person must be 20 years of age or older on 26 January 2024 the person must be an Australian citizen, reside within the Walgett Shire and excelled in an area or discipline of sports, either as a player, coach, mentor or official making a significant contribution to sports within the Walgett Shire.

 **Young Sportsperson of the Year:**

To be eligible, the person must under of age of 20 on the 26 January 2024, be an Australian citizen, must reside within the Walgett Shire and excelled in an area or discipline of sports, either as a player, coach, mentor or official making a significant contribution to sports within the Walgett Shire.

**Volunteer of the Year Award:**

To be eligible nominees must demonstrate an outstanding contribution to our community through volunteering in areas as diverse as emergency response, providing support to those who are disadvantaged or elderly, growing the arts, historical and cultural connections, environment, working within schools and sporting clubs, and ensuring that our towns and villages grow and prosper. Recognising those who have made a noteworthy contribution as a volunteer in the Walgett Shire. (No age requirement)

**Community Event of the Year Award:**

This award is presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year in the Walgett Shire Council Area. To be eligible, the person or group must be Australian Citizens.

The quality of the work for the event.

The scope of impact the work has on the local government area.

The event’s contribution to the community and impact on residents

Nomination forms and associated information must be received by ***5.00pm, Monday 18th December 2023***  For more information please contact George McCormick, Sandra Bladen or Sharon Smith on (02) 6828 6100. Completed nomination forms should be sent to admin@walgett.nsw.gov.au:

# Please select a nomination category:

* **Senior Citizenship Award**  **Business Award**
* **Citizen of the Year**   **Young Citizen of the Year**

* **Community event of the Year**  **Volunteer of the Year**
* **Sportsperson of the year**  **Young sportsperson of the Year**

**Note: A nominator is not permitted to nominate an individual, group, organisation or business for more than one category in the same year.**

**Person/group/business being nominated:**

Title:

Surname:

Other names:

Address:

Phone (W):

Phone (H):

Phone (M):

Email:

**Contributions to the community for which the person/group/business is nominated.**

**Describe the nominee’s achievements and the benefit these have brought to the Walgett Shire community:**

**Explain why you consider this person to be a positive role model:**

**List any past and present membership of community, sporting or professional bodies:**

**Any other relevant background information:**

*(Include copies of certificates, awards, photos, newspaper clippings, etc.* ***This section must not exceed two A4 pages – if any additional pages are included, they will be disregarded by the Committee reviewing the nominations****).*

**Details of person submitting nomination:**

Title:

Surname:

Other names:

Address:

Phone (W):

Phone (H):

Phone (M):

Email:

# Details of referee:

(Nominations must include the name and contact number of one independent referee that can provide supporting evidence for the nomination)

Title:

Surname:

Other names:

Address:

Phone (W):

Phone (H):

Phone (M):

Email: