

MEDIA RELEASE

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominate your local legend, quiet achiever or a valuable volunteer for recognition in the Mid Murray Council's annual Australia Day Awards for 2022.

Whether they're a dedicated sports coach, a behind-the-scenes volunteer or a quiet achiever who dedicates their time to others, the awards are an ideal opportunity to recognise their dedication and say thank you on our community's behalf.

Nominations are now open across five award categories that recognise individuals, organisations and events that have made a noteworthy contribution to the Mid Murray community either during the current year, or over many years of service.

The five categories for 2022 are:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Community Event of the Year Award
- Award for Active Citizenship
- Mid Murray Council Youth Achievement Award.

Nominees may have made an outstanding contribution or delivered community service in a range of areas such as health, education, fundraising, charitable or voluntary services, business, sport, the arts, environment or any other area that contributes to the advancement of our community's wellbeing.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said the awards are a valuable opportunity to recognise the efforts of locals who share their time, skills and support for the benefit of others.

"We are fortunate to live in a region where so many people take pride in making significant contributions to our local community," Mayor Burgess says.

"Volunteering and service to others are woven into the fabric of our region and for many of our residents, it's considered part of everyday life. Whether it be coaching a local sports team, creating opportunities for others to connect and improve their wellbeing, organising an event to bring tourists and the community together in celebration, or putting their lives on the line to keep us safe, there are many in our region whose contributions makes a substantial difference to the Mid Murray.

"Our Australia Day Awards are an important tradition to publicly thank and recognise these unsung heroes and quiet achievers for the valuable work they do, which makes our district the wonderful place it is."

The Award for Active Citizenship returns for its second year, after it was introduced for the 2021 awards. It honors a person or group delivering outstanding work or for an event or cause, staged in the community during the past year.

The Youth Achievement Award, introduced for the first time in 2020, provides an opportunity to showcase the achievements and service of young people aged 10-16 years.

Nominations are now open until 5pm on Wednesday, 24 November 2021, and the winners will be announced at a special morning tea in January 2022, and again during the annual Australia Day celebrations.

For more details, including nomination forms and criteria, visit www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au.

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