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Gunnedah 2024 Award Nominations

presented by the Gunnedah Shire Council Australia Day Working Group



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Gunnedah Shire Council **Australia Day Awards 2024**

Australia Day Awards Ceremony

FROM 6.30PM | THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY 2024

Gunnedah Town Hall

Special guests include Australian dancer, performer, TV personality and 2024 Australia Day Ambassador Todd McKenney as well as Australian poet Murray Hartin.

TICKETS \$15 EACH

Nominees or their representative are strongly encouraged to attend.

TICKETS ON SALE FROM 8.30AM, MONDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER

www.trybooking.com/CKNPM

BYO food and beverages. No alcohol to be consumed by persons under 18 years.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE **MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2023**

Please return completed nomination forms to:

Gunnedah Shire Council

PO Box 63, Gunnedah NSW 2380
or email council@infogunnedah.com.au



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Criteria and Award Guidelines

Gunnedah Shire Council is proud to celebrate the achievements and contributions of its citizens through the Australia Day Awards. These awards recognise and honour outstanding individuals and groups in the Gunnedah community. The Australia Day Awards are significant as they acknowledge the strength, resilience and capacity of the Gunnedah community. Let's celebrate our achievers and volunteers.

Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year will have the opportunity to attend Australia Day events including the Church Service and Citizenship Ceremony, as well as various Council and community events throughout the year.

Citizen of the Year Award (21 and over)

To a person who:

- Has made an outstanding contribution to the residents or community;
- Has made a significant contribution in a voluntary capacity;
- Has shown care and compassion to others in the community;
- Displays citizenship and ethical leadership.

Young Citizen of the Year Award (20 and under)

To a young person 20 years or under on 31 December 2023 who:

- Has demonstrated commitment to the community through involvement in sporting, social or community issues;
- Has shown a high level of achievement in their education, sporting, social, hobbies and community activities;
- Demonstrates involvement in extra-curricular activities (i.e. assisting others in the community).

Ossie & Beryl Campbell Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award

To a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the community in a voluntary capacity.

Eve Turner Perpetual Trophy

To a retired person who has continued to dedicate their time and efforts to impart their knowledge and skills to others in the community, and to assist people to attain higher goals in life.

Community Achievement Award

To a person or group who have made a significant contribution to the community through their dedication and efforts in a specific organisation, community initiative or civic duty.

Cultural Achievement Award

To a person or group who have made a significant contribution to the community through any means of cultural diversity.

Max & Mikie Maas Good Neighbour Award

To a person who is a quiet achiever, lives quietly out of the public eye but is well known to family, friends and neighbours as someone who gives freely of their time to lend a neighbourly hand, without looking for anything in return. For example, feeding animals whilst neighbours away, taking soup to a sick neighbour, providing transport for housebound people, mows the lawns of neighbours without reward.

Sports Person of the Year Award (21 and over)

To a person who:

- Has been a member of a sporting association within Gunnedah Shire for the last 12 months;
- Have made a significant contribution to their sporting club or chosen sporting field.

Junior Sports Person of the Year Award (20 and under)

To a person who:

- Is 20 years and under as at 31 December 2023;
- Has been a member of a sporting association within Gunnedah Shire for the last 12 months;
- Have made a significant contribution to their sporting club.

Junior Sports Team of the Year Award (20 and under)

To a team who:

- Is 20 years and under as at 31 December 2023;
- Have been members of a sporting association within Gunnedah Shire for the last 12 months;
- Have made a significant contribution to their sporting club.

Sports Team of the Year Award

To a team who:

- Have been members of a sporting association within Gunnedah Shire for the last 12 months;
- Have made a significant contribution to their sporting club.

Ivan Towns Memorial Award

This award is in recognition of the work that is done by a coach. Someone that is committed to training and passing on their knowledge. Please outline the nominee's performance highlights for one or more teams or individuals they have coached throughout the last 12 months and any special circumstances that may add to the achievement(s).

Environmental Citizen of the Year Award (open age category)

Nominees may be recognised for work such as:

- efforts to preserve the environment within their local community
- ability to foster partnerships that achieve litter reduction and recycling outcomes
- use of the Return and Earn scheme to help fundraise for a meaningful cause.

Individuals and organisations including schools, local businesses and community groups are eligible to receive this award. After Australia Day, local winners of these awards can go in the running for the state winner title – an opportunity to further showcase their extraordinary efforts for your community.

The state winners of the open age and school-aged categories will receive one-off donations of \$3,000 and \$1,000 respectively, to support their initiative and to help them achieve their environmental goals.

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Nomination Form

I hereby nominate for the following award:

- Citizen of the Year Award (21 and over)
- Young Citizen of the Year Award (20 and under)
- Ossie and Beryl Campbell Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award
- Eve Turner Perpetual Trophy
- Community Achievement Award
- Cultural Achievement Award
- Max and Mikie Maas Good Neighbour Award
- Sports Person of the Year (21 and over)
- Junior Sports Person of the Year (20 and under)
- Junior Sports Team of the Year Award (20 and under)
- Sports Team of the Year Award
- Ivan Towns Memorial Award – Coach of the Year
- Environmental Citizen of the Year Award (open age category)

NOMINEE (Person being nominated)

Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone No: Date of birth (if under 21):

Signature:

Please note: The nominee must sign the nomination form in order for the application to be submitted for judging. The nominee is encouraged to attend the Australia Day Awards Ceremony on Thursday, 25 January 2024.

NOMINATOR (Person making the nomination)

Name:

Email:

Phone No:

Signature: Date:

Please Note: Judges reserve the right to change a person/s nominated category for an award in accordance with the above criteria. Additional awards, or not granting an award, are solely at the discretion of the judges. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

NOMINATION QUESTIONS

Please answer the attached questions to assist in your nomination. If you need more space, please attach as PDF.

Please note: Not all questions need to be answered. Only answer the questions relating to nominated category.

Question 1: Contribution to the Community

A. Describe the nominee's community involvement and volunteer activities.

B. Why do you believe the nominee is deserving of this specific award?

C. How has the nominee's contributions improved the life of others?

Question 2: Leadership and Advocacy

A. Has the nominee demonstrated leadership skills within their community, organisation or sporting club?

B. Has the nominee been an advocate for a particular cause or issue? If yes, please explain the nature of their advocacy work and its impact.

Question 3: Achievements and Recognitions

A. What notable achievements has the nominee accomplished in their fields or area of expertise?

B. Has the nominee received any previous awards or recognition for their work? If yes, please provide details.

Question 4: Personal Qualities and Values

A. What personal qualities make the nominee exceptional and deserving of recognition?

B. How does the nominee exemplify the values and spirit of Australia and Gunnedah?

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