

Community Volunteer Awards and Citizen of the Year



Information & Guidelines

The awards recognise and celebrate Wyndham volunteers who have made a significant contribution to the community. This may be during the course of the previous year, or through their service to the community over a number of years.

Awards Categories

Community Engagement Award
Community Health & Wellbeing Award
Culture, Arts & Tourism Award
Environment & Sustainability Award
Sports & Recreation Award
Young Volunteer of the Year Award
Community Group Award

Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year will be decided by an independent judging panel, and chosen from the eligible winners of the above individual categories. To be eligible for Citizen of the Year, the individual must be a Permanent Australian Resident or Australian Citizen.

The Citizen of the Year will be announced at the Presentation Evening on **Friday 18th August 2017**. Exclusive nominations for Citizen of the Year will not be accepted.

Nomination Process & Dates

Nominations Open	Monday 3 April 2017
Nominations Close, Judging Process Begins	Friday 19 May 2017
Winners & Un-Successful Nominations Notified	The week commencing 19 June 2017
Wyndham Community Volunteer Awards	Friday 18 August 2017
Presentation Evening	

Who is eligible to be nominated?

Persons who are nominated for awards must be:

- A resident of Wyndham at the time of nomination
- A volunteer who is unpaid for the contribution they are being nominated for
- For individual awards - an individual
- For the group awards- a group of 2 or more people
- For the Young Volunteer of the Year Award – persons must be 12-25 years of age

A person with any residency status may be nominated for and win a Community Volunteer Award, however only Permanent Australian Residents or Australian Citizens will be eligible to become Citizen of the Year.

Persons who are not eligible to be nominated:

- Current Councillors & Employees of Wyndham City Council
- Work for the dole participants
- Previous winners of Citizen of the Year
- Compulsory educational service learning
- Self nominations (in the individual categories)

Who can nominate?

Anyone can nominate an eligible individual or group. However, self-nominations will only be accepted for the Community Group Award category.

Who judges the awards?

A panel of judges who are independent of Council, and who, live and work externally to the Wyndham Community.

What will the winners receive?

Each Community Volunteer Award winner will receive a trophy and a \$500.00 donation to a charity, or not for profit community group of their choice.

The winner and their nominator will be invited to host a table of their guests at the Community Volunteer Awards Presentation Evening on Friday 18th of August. The chosen winners of the each individual category will also go forward as a finalist for Citizen of the Year, the winner of which will be announced at the Presentation Evening on Friday 18th August 2017. Winner of the group category will not be eligible to become Citizen of the Year.

The winner of Citizen of the Year will receive a Citizen of the Year Medallion, a trophy and their name will be engraved on the Citizen of the Year honour board. The winner will also receive a \$1000.00 donation to a charity, or not for profit community group of their choice.

When will the awards be held?

Date: Friday 18 August 2017

Time: 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Location: Encore Event Centre. Please note that this is an invite only event.

How do I nominate someone?

You must complete a nomination form and **submit to council by no later than 5pm on Friday 19th May 2017**. There are a number of ways you can complete the nomination form:

Online

You can fill in the form online, or download a copy and complete electronically before returning to us via email, in person or by post. Go to:

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/cvawards

Hard Copy Nomination Form

A hard copy nomination form can be requested to be posted to you, or can be collected from reception at the Civic Centre, 45 Princes Highway, Werribee.

Where do I send a completed nomination form to?

Email to: events@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Post to: Wyndham Community Awards, c/o Events Team, PO Box 197, Werribee, VIC 3030

Deliver in person at: Wyndham Civic Centre, 45 Princes Highway, Werribee

More information

Website: www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/cvawards

Email: events@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Phone: 03 9742 0777

Category Guidelines

When nominating someone for a Community Volunteer Award please read the details of the category below and use as a guideline when completing your nomination form.

Community Engagement Award

This award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to engaging and connecting groups in our community. Consideration will be given to nominees who have demonstrated ways in which they have helped to create a supportive and welcoming community. Consider the following when nominating for this award:

- The quality and length of service the nominee has provided.
- How has the nominee provided an outstanding contribution to engaging, connecting and welcoming new groups in our community?
- Has the nominee experienced personal challenges in their pursuits and if so, how have they overcome them?
- How has the nominee increased the inclusion of new or diverse groups in community activities?
- What difference has the nominees contribution made to the lives of members of the community?

Community Health & Wellbeing Award

This award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to the health and wellbeing of the community. Consideration will be given to nominees who have provided care, hope and support to community members in their times of need or emergency, or demonstrated a strong sense of compassion for the health and wellbeing of others. Consider the following when nominating for this award:

- The quality and length of service the nominee has provided.
- How has the nominee provided an outstanding contribution to the health and wellbeing of our community?
- Has the nominee experienced personal challenges in their pursuits and if so, how have they overcome them?
- How has the nominee provided care, hope and support to members of the community?
- What difference has the nominees contribution made to the lives of members of the community?

Culture, Arts & Tourism Award

This award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to the city's art and culture community, or to tourism in Wyndham. Nominees will have a demonstrated passion, showing commitment and dedication to raising the profile or encouraging visitors within their chosen field. Consider the following when nominating for this award:

- The quality and length of service the nominee has provided.
- How has the nominee provided an outstanding contribution to the city's cultural, arts or tourism community?
- Has the nominee experienced personal challenges in their pursuits and if so, how have they overcome them?
- Has the nominee contributed to raising the profile, importance and value of arts, culture or tourism in the community?
- What difference has the nominees contribution made to the lives of members of the community?

Environment & Sustainability Award

This award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to the enhancement of the city's natural environment and/or the Wyndham communities' environmental sustainability. Consideration will be given to nominees who have demonstrated passion for the environment and sustainability, and endeavour to improve it through such things as land conservation, protection, replenishment, water and energy efficiency, recycling and waste reduction or environmental education. Consider the following when nominating for this award:

- The quality and length of service the nominee has provided.
- How has the nominee provided an outstanding contribution to the city's natural environment and/or sustainability?
- Has the nominee experienced personal challenges in their pursuits and if so, how have they overcome them?
- Has the nominee contributed to raising the profile of or educating the community on environment and sustainability issues?
- What difference has the nominees contribution made to the lives of members of the community?

Sports & Recreation Award

This award recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to the city's sports and recreation community. Consideration will be given to nominees who demonstrate a strong commitment and dedicated service record to sports and recreation, which has in turn had a positive impact on a club or team's community members and supporters. Consider the following when nominating for this award:

- The quality and length of service the nominee has provided.
- How has the nominee provided an outstanding contribution to the city's sports and recreation community?
- Has the nominee experienced personal challenges in their pursuits and if so, how have they overcome them?
- Has the nominee contributed to raising the profile or community involvement within the sporting club, team or recreational activity?
- What difference has the nominees contribution made to the lives of members of the community?

Young Volunteer of the Year Award

This award recognises a young person aged between 12-25 years, who has made a significant contribution to our community in any field or category. Consider the following when nominating for this award:

- The quality and length of service the nominee has provided.
- How the nominee has provided an outstanding contribution to the community.
- Has the nominee experienced personal challenges in their pursuits and if so, how have they overcome them?
- What difference has the nominees contribution made to the lives of members of the community?

Community Group Award

This award category recognises a group of people that have empowered or shown dedication to others in our community. This award is open to a volunteer community organization or group who have worked together on a particular project, program or partnership. Consider the following when nominating for this award:

- The quality and length of service the group has provided.
- The impact, benefit and effectiveness of the program or project that the group has had on the community and/or environment.
- How has the group provided an outstanding contribution to the community?
- Has the group experienced challenges in their pursuits and if so, how have they overcome them?