

SELECTION PANEL – INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees should live or work primarily within the Clarence Valley area
- Nominees must be Australian citizens
- Self-nominations will not be accepted
- Sitting members of State, Federal and Local Government are not eligible
- Nominees must be at least 16 years of age in the year of the award presentation though younger nominees may be considered for exceptional contribution
- Nominees for the category of Young Citizen of the Year must be 30 years of age or less on 26 January in the year of the award presentation
- Groups of people, organisations or couples will not normally be eligible for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year, though in exceptional cases the selection panels reserve the right to consider such nominations
- Absolutely NO weight is given to the number of times a person or organisation is nominated
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years
- Previous recipients of the award categories may receive the award in the future however the work that this person or organisation made in receiving the original award may not be considered
- Clarence Valley Council is committed to endorsing diversity and equality. Nominations will be judged on merit and without the influence of factors such as race, country of origin, sex, religion, disability, political opinion, sexual orientation or criminal history.

Selection Criteria

To determine the recipients for the Citizen of the Year Awards, regard is given to the nominee's achievements in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the community. An individual need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.

Citizen of the Year:

- Significant contribution to the community above and beyond employment duties
- An inspirational role model for the Australian community
- The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area

Young Citizen of the Year

- Significant contribution to the community above and beyond employment duties
- An inspirational role model for the Australian community
- The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area

Local Hero

- The person demonstrated leadership in and for the community
- The person involvement in the community
- The scope of impact the person work has on the community

Community Achievement Group

- The group has demonstrated leadership in and for the community
- The scope of the group's contribution to the community
- The quality of the group's event/work

Selection panels will also consider the following in assessing and comparing nominations against the above criteria:

- Personal, academic and professional achievements
- Contribution in the relevant field (how has the nominee, event, or group 'gives back' to benefit others)
- Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity
- Contribution to development of regional community and/or economy
- Future goals and likely impact
- Degree of difficulty of the achievement and sacrifices made
- Previous awards and recognition
- Voluntary work beyond paid employment
- Nature and length of activity or service
- Achievements as an individual or as part of a group or organisation
- Availability and commitment to promote community pride and active citizenship throughout
- the year of the recipient's appointment.

SELECTION PANEL MEETING

Chairperson: CVC's Councillor Advocate is the chairperson of the Selection Panel Meeting.

Please not the chairperson does not vote on the nominees. Their role is to provide guidance only.

Secretary: CVC's Executive Support Officer

Agenda of Selection Panel Meeting:

Attendance

Acknowledgement of Country

Discussion / Selection of Citizen of the Year

Discussion / Selection of Young Citizen of the Year

Discussion / Selection of Local Hero

Discussion / Selection of Community Achievement Group

Please allow 30 minutes for each category to be discussed