

# Policy



## STRATEGIC

# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

## Head of Power

*Local Government Act 2009*

### Key Supporting Council Document

Lockyer Valley Regional Council Corporate Plan 2017-2022:

Lockyer Community 1.5 - Events and activities that bring together and support greater connectivity in the community

## Definitions

Australia Day Awards Selection Committee	The Committee established in accordance with the Australia Day Awards Selection Committee Terms of Reference for the purpose of assessing nominations for Australia Day Awards and determining the recipients of the Australia Day Awards granted by the Lockyer Valley Regional Council.
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## Policy Objective

The objective of this policy is to set out the categories and criteria for the granting of Australia Day Awards by the Lockyer Valley Regional Council.

## Policy Statement

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council Australia Day Awards are presented on Australia Day each year to recognise the outstanding people and organisations of the Lockyer Valley who make a valued contribution to our community.

## Award Categories

Awards may be bestowed for the following categories.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
Citizen of the Year	Recognises the outstanding contribution, achievement and/or leadership by an individual over the preceding year or over numerous years, providing a positive role model for others. Nominees must reside in the Lockyer Valley region and be aged over 31 years or older on 26 January.
Young Citizen of the Year	Recognises contribution, achievement and/or leadership by an individual over the preceding year or over numerous years, providing a positive role model for others. Nominees must reside in the Lockyer Valley region and be aged 30 years or younger on 26 January.
Senior Sportsperson of the Year	Recognises an individual for their sporting achievements during the preceding year. Nominees need not reside in the Lockyer Valley region. Nominees who do not currently reside in the Lockyer Valley region must have spent a significant amount of time in junior sport in the region. Nominees must be aged 18 years or older on 26 January.
Junior Sportsperson of the Year	Recognises an individual for their sporting achievements during the preceding year and their contribution towards the sporting achievements of the region. Nominees must reside in the Lockyer Valley region and be aged 17 years or younger on 26 January.
Event of the Year	Recognises an outstanding event held within our region during the preceding year, with a demonstrated contribution to the wellbeing of the community. This may include arts and cultural events, festivals and sporting events.
Community Organisation of the Year	Recognises a community organisation that has made an outstanding contribution to our community. Community organisation may include arts and cultural organisations, sporting organisations and charitable organisations. The organisation must be based in the Lockyer Valley region.
Mayoral Award	Recognises an outstanding contribution to the Lockyer Valley region in any field. This award is given entirely at the discretion of the Mayor and is not reliant on a nomination being made.

## Nomination Requirements

Nominations must be submitted on Council's electronic nomination form (hardcopy forms are available on request).

Nominations must include details of the nominee's achievements and how they meet the category criteria. The contact details of the nominee must be provided.

An individual or group can be nominated for more than one award category.

Only nominations received prior to the close of the nomination period will be considered.

In the event no nominations are received for a category, Council reserves the right to extend the nomination period.

Following the close of the nomination period, all nominees will be advised in writing that they have been nominated for an award and invited to attend the Australia Day Awards ceremony.

### Selection of Award Recipients

Except for the Mayor Awards, the award recipients will be determined by the Australia Day Awards Selection Committee ('the Committee').

All nominations received by the closing date will be considered by the Committee.

If a nominee does not receive an award, but the Committee considers them to be commendable, the Committee may decide that the nomination is to be carried forward and considered for the next year's awards.

The Committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into about their decision.

## Related Documents

Australia Day Awards Selection Committee Terms of Reference