



NOMINATION FORM

2027 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

GREATER SHEPPARTON

Greater Shepparton City Council is inviting individuals, groups and organisations to nominate a resident of Greater Shepparton who has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year, provided outstanding service to the local community and/or positively impacted on the local community over a number of years.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Nominees must be Australian Citizens
- Nominees must be residents of the Greater Shepparton municipality.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominees for Greater Shepparton Young Citizen of the Year must be aged under 30 years of age on 26 January 2027
- Nominees for Greater Shepparton Senior Citizen of the Year and the Seniors Sports Award must be aged 65 years or over on 26 January 2027
- Nominees for Greater Shepparton Junior Sports Awards must be aged under 18 years on 26 January 2027
- Unsuccessful nominees may be renominated in subsequent years.
- Nominees will be judged on contributions made specifically over the past 12 months.
- Nominees are only eligible for nomination in their area of residence. These areas include, Shepparton, Mooroopna & District, Tatura & District, Murchison and Dookie. Ensure you are completing the correct form. *(Further clarification of these areas is listed on page 5)*
- Community groups based within Greater Shepparton are eligible for consideration under 'Community Event of the Year'.
- All nominations must be made on this official Greater Shepparton Community Awards Nomination Form or via the online application on Council's website: www.greatershepparton.com.au

Please provide as much detail as possible. Nominate an individual group/citizen in one or more of the following categories:

☐ **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

☐ **YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (UNDER 30)**

☐ **COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR**

☐ **SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (Not available in Murchison)**

☐ **SENIOR SPORTS AWARD (OVER 65)**

☐ **SPORTS AWARD**

☐ **JUNIOR SPORTS AWARD (UNDER 18)**

☐ **GREATER SHEPPARTON ARTS AND CULTURAL AWARD (this award will only be presented at the Greater Shepparton event as a municipal wide category)**

Please note which township your application applies to (please tick):

☐ Shepparton & District

☐ Dookie & District

☐ Mooroopna & District

☐ Murchison & District

☐ Tatura & District

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Title:	First name:	Surname:
Occupation:	Employer:	
Address:		
Town:		Postcode:
Home phone:	Work:	Mobile:
Email:	D.O.B.:	
AREAS OF EXCELLENCE: In what area(s) has the nominee excelled? For example: business, community, charity, sport, medicine, environment etc.		
TELL US ABOUT YOUR NOMINEE: How have they excelled in their field? How have they contributed to the community? How are they an inspirational role model? Please list their achievements. If you require more space, please write on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form.		

Attach supporting documents if required.

Please list the nominee's achievements:		
List past and present membership of community/sporting/charitable organisations:		
Please provide any other relevant background information:		
NOMINATOR: (Your details)		
Title:	First name:	Surname:
Occupation:	Employer:	
Address:		
Town:		Postcode:
Home phone:	Work:	Mobile:
Email:	Age/D.O.B.:	
Where did you obtain this nomination form?		
REFEREE: (other person who can be contacted for further information if required)		
Title:	First name:	Surname:
Occupation:	Employer:	
Address:		
Town:		Postcode:
Daytime phone no:	Email:	

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Your nominee will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Demonstrated excellence in their field and inspired others in the community.
- Contribution and commitment for the betterment of the Greater Shepparton community.
- Activities that provide long-term benefits for the community and/or its members.
- Contributions made voluntarily or beyond the expectations of paid employment.
- Sports Awards are open to all sports people within Greater Shepparton of any age in any sport. This can include people who are involved in sporting committees, training, coaching or mentoring programs.
- Sports Awards (Junior) nominees must be under 18 years on 26 January 2027.
- Sports Awards (Senior) nominees must be aged 65 years or over on 26 January 2027.
- Community Event Award recognises a person or not for profit group that has staged a noteworthy community event within Greater Shepparton during the past calendar year. A noteworthy event is an event that has raised awareness and/or funds to support the community, or brought recognition to Greater Shepparton through a cultural, art, environmental or sporting activity.
- Arts and Culture Award is for an individual or group who have contributed to an arts/cultural project within their community either through an artistic activation, cultural celebration, or community installation project. This will be awarded as a municipal wide category and will be presented at the Greater Shepparton Australia Day event ceremony and is not applicable to the small town's.

AREAS OF NOMINATION:

1. Mooroopna (*including Ardmona, Undera*)
2. Tatura (*including Merrigum, Harston, Byrneside, Tatura East*)
3. Shepparton (*including Kialla, Congupna, Shepparton East, Lemnos, Arcadia*)
4. Murchison (*including Moorilim, Dhurringile, Toolamba*)
5. Dookie (*including Cosgrove, Dookie College, Pine Lodge*)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- If nominators wish to submit supporting documentation to further demonstrate the nominee's achievements, there is a limit to two A4 pages only. This could include personal references, additional achievements and reference to other material (articles relating to media or publicity).
- Please note that all supporting documentation will be retained by the Australia Day Committee.

JUDGING:

- All nominations are confidential and will only be accessible to the relevant judging committee, the Coordinator Major Events and the Greater Shepparton City Council Mayor.
- All nominations can only be judged against submitted detail outlined in this form so it is strongly suggested that the nomination is as complete and factual as possible.
- Nominators are encouraged to supply supporting documentation (*see above section regarding supporting documentation*).
- External judging is undertaken for nominations for the area of Murchison and Tatura.
- Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Award for each area are also judged for the overall Greater Shepparton Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Award.

HOW TO NOMINATE:

- Nominations for the 2027 Greater Shepparton Australia Day Awards open on Tuesday 1st September 2026 and close on Monday 19 October 2026. Nominations for Murchison close on Monday 12 October due to an external judging process.
- Complete the nomination form and place in an envelope marked '**Confidential – Shepparton – Australia Day Awards**' before 5.00pm on the closing date, or nominate via Council's website: www.greatershepparton.com.au
- Award winners will be announced at the relevant Australia Day 2027 Ceremonies throughout Greater Shepparton, including the overall winners of the Greater Shepparton awards who will be presented at the Shepparton event on 26 January 2027.

HAND DELIVER TO:

Coordinator, Major Events
Greater Shepparton City Council
90 Welsford Street
SHEPPARTON.

MAIL TO:

Greater Shepparton Australia Day Committee
C/O Greater Shepparton City Council
Locked Bag 1000
SHEPPARTON VIC 3632

EMAIL TO:

events@shepparton.vic.gov.au

Privacy Statement: Greater Shepparton City Council acknowledges and respects the privacy of individuals. The nominator submits this nomination with the understanding that the personal information provided on this nomination form is for the sole purpose of deciding the Greater Shepparton Citizen/Young Citizen of the Year Award along with other categories included on this form. The Nominee information will be disclosed to the Australia Day committee selection panel for the assessment of the Greater Shepparton Community Citizenship Awards. If the nominee receives an award the information provided by the