



Community Service Awards 2023

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Purpose

Council recognizes that the community is enhanced through the efforts of its residents and volunteers who work to improve the lives of others and make the Central Darling Shire a better place to live. Council's Community Service Awards recognize the outstanding contributions by publicly acknowledging and thanking them in a spirit of community pride.

Application

This policy applies to anyone involved with the annual Community Service Awards including, but not limited to, Central Darling Shire residents, Council staff and contractors, and community members.

Definitions

Event: An activity or thing that happens or takes place as a singular occurrence though that may be over more than one day.

Award: Recognition of achievement

Provisions

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4 PRINCIPLES

1. That Council recognises the outstanding contribution of Central Darling Shire residents, including volunteers, throughout the year where appropriate.
2. That this program includes Outstanding Community Service Awards.
3. That the Outstanding Community Service Awards focus on recognising Central Darling Shire residents who have made a significant contribution to the Central Darling Shire and its community.
4. That a Panel comprising four community members and the General Manager or his/her delegate be convened to judge the nominations received. In addition, one staff member will serve as facilitator on the panel – they will not vote.
5. That the judging Panel be provided with all necessary information to assist them with their deliberations including information relating to any other awards those nominees may have received.
6. The Judging Panel's decision is final.

Table 1: Annual Award Categories

Outstanding Community Service Awards
Citizen of the Year
Young Citizen of the Year (Maximum age 17 in year of the awards)
Service to the Community (example volunteer, bravery, local business, environmental work to benefit the Shire.)
Outstanding Local Event (event must have been held in 2023).

The guidelines and eligibility criteria for each category will be reviewed annually and promoted via Council's communication channels.

All nominees must be residents of, or events held within, the Central Darling Shire Local Government Area.

Recipients are chosen by a Selection Panel on merit and against the Award criteria. The panel is made up of four community members and the General manager or his/her delegate (provided they have not nominated someone for an award). One member will serve as facilitator on the panel but will not vote. A member of the panel is to declare an interest and stand aside from the Panel should they be related to a nominee or consider that for any reason a conflict of interest may arise.

The Community Service Awards are announced and presented at or around the timing of the Central Darling Australia Day celebrations on January 26 each year.

Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Related Documents

Community Service Awards Application Form

Community Service Award promotional flyer

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be monitored and reviewed by the responsible Director to ensure compliance. Once adopted, it remains in force until it is reviewed by Council. It is to be reviewed approximately every two (2) years to ensure that it meets requirements, or sooner if the General Manager determines appropriate.