Australia Day Awards Guidelines



Each year the City of West Torrens presents a number of awards at an Australia Day ceremony which recognise voluntary efforts and positive contributions made to the local community. There are two categories of awards: National Australia Day Council Awards and the City of West Torrens Awards.

The City of West Torrens Competition Rules do not apply to the National Australia Day Council Awards or the City of West Torrens Australia Day Awards.

Australia Day Council Awards

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Award for Active Citizenship

Elected Members, employees and/or members of their household are eligible for the City of West Torrens Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and/or Community Event of the Year.

The conferring of a National Australia Day Council Award must be for service to the community outside of their official duties as an Elected Member.

The eligibility criteria for nomination for each award are:

Australia Day Council - Citizen of the Year Award

• Citizens who have made a noteworthy contribution during the previous year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

Australia Day Council - Young Citizen of the Year Award

Citizens who are aged less than 30 years on January 26 of that year and have made a
noteworthy contribution during the previous year and/or given outstanding service to the
local community over a number of years.

Australia Day Council - Community Event of the Year

 Awarded to the person, or group, responsible for staging the most outstanding community event during the previous year.

Award for Active Citizenship

• A person or group delivering outstanding work for an event or cause, staged in the community during the past year.

City of West Torrens Awards

Elected Members, employees and/or members of their household are eligible for the City of West Torrens Australia Day Awards.

The conferring of a City of West Torrens Australia Day Award (other than the Civic Award) must be for service to the community outside of their official duties as an Elected Member.

Anniversary Award

- This medal is presented to an individual adjudged to have devoted a large part of his/her life to community service and to have made positive voluntary contributions to the life of the West Torrens community.
- Only one Anniversary Medal is presented annually, other than by specific resolution of Council.

Civic Award

- This award will be made to individuals who have given outstanding service to, or been a benefactor to, the City of West Torrens.
- If the Council so directs, the award may be made to any resident of the City who has achieved distinction in any career or subject, or has rendered eminent services to South Australia or the Commonwealth, or has attained eminence in any field or profession.
- Any Elected Member of the Council, including the Mayor, who serves in any office for a total of ten (10) years shall be presented with the award. The period of service will include that on any Council with which the present body has amalgamated.

Business Award

 This award is presented to a local business that has made an outstanding contribution to community services in the City of West Torrens. The award recognises local innovation, philanthropy and/or national or international achievements.

Community Group Award

- This award is presented to a local community group that has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the community of West Torrens.
- Only one Community Group Award may be presented annually, other than by specific resolution of Council.

Community Service Award

- Presented to citizens who have made outstanding contributions in the field of community services in West Torrens in recognition of their appreciated and highly valued efforts for the benefit of the local community.
- A maximum of ten [10] Community Service Awards may be presented annually, other than by specific resolution of Council.

Environment Award

 Awards are presented to individuals, community groups, schools and/or businesses that demonstrate a commitment to our environment through a project or initiative they have undertaken.