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…The Golden Heart of the Gulf

**Australia Day Awards Program**

**Nomination Kit**

This Australia Day, gather with friends, family and community to reflect, respect and celebrate.

On Australia Day we celebrate all the things we love about Australia; land, sense of fair go, lifestyle, democracy, the freedoms we enjoy but particularly our people.

Australia Day is about acknowledging and celebrating the contribution that every Australian makes to our contemporary and dynamic nation. From our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – who have been here for more than 65,000 years- to those who have lived here for generations, to those who have come from all corners of the globe to call our country home.

Etheridge Shire Council invites you to nominate an individual and/or group who have made a significant contribution to the community and the Etheridge region for an Australia Day Award.

This nomination kit is the starting place for anyone wishing to nominate. If you require further information on our Australia Day Awards, please call the Administration Office on (07) 4079 9090 or email info@etheridge.qld.gov.au.

# Awards

Nominations will be received in the following award categories:

* Citizen of the Year
* Junior Citizen of the Year
* Community Organisation of the Year
* Senior Sports Medallion
* Junior Sports Medallion

# Guidelines

* Nominees must be Australian citizens and permanent residents of Etheridge Shire or residents of the Shire for one year preceding the award.
* Awards will not be granted posthumously.
* A person, group or organisation would not usually be awarded more than once during the same year or for the same award over subsequent years. In exceptional circumstances, a repeat award may be made in different years. However, in this case particular consideration will be given to work undertaken since the last time the person was awarded – the award should not be given twice in recognition of the same work.
* Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.
* Self-nominations will not be accepted.

# Eligibility Criteria

**Citizen of the Year**

To be eligible, the person must be 21 years or older on the 26 January of the year awarded.

A person who has made a noteworthy contribution during the year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

**Junior Citizen of the Year**

To be eligible, the person must not be more than 21 years of age on the 26 January of the year awarded.

A person who has made a noteworthy contribution during the year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

**Community Organisation of the Year**

To be eligible, the organisation must be Incorporated.

An Incorporated community organisation that has given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

**Senior Sports Medallion**

To be eligible, the person must be 21 years or older on the 26 January of the year awarded.

A person who has attained a high achievement in their chosen sport.

**Junior Sports Medallion**

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A person who has attained a high achievement in their chosen sport.

# Helpful Hints

We have a few helpful hints to guide you while you fill out the nomination forms.

* Fill out as much of the form as possible.
* Include the nominee’s date of birth. If unknown, insert an approximate age instead.
* Include any supporting documentation with your nomination. Such as personal references, relevant newspaper articles, portfolios, resumes, and pictures.
* Please do not nominate the same person more than once for the same award. There are specific selection criteria, and the number of nominations submitted it not a criteria for selection.

When filling out the nominee’s details on the nomination form, consider the following:

* In what area and/or roles has the person excelled?
* How have they excelled? How has their achievement been greater than what might be normally expected of a person performing such a role?
* How much of their work has been voluntary?
* Have they helped towards making the community a better place?
* Has the person overcome particular challenges or adversities to attain their achievement? How difficult has their achievement been?
* Has the person won any other awards or received recognition elsewhere?
* Does the person make you proud to be Australian? If so, how?
* What personal qualities make the person inspirational?
* Why should other Australians look to the person as a role model?
* Has the person shown great bravery in a situation? Have they demonstrated particular strengths of character which are worthy of note?

# Nominations Due

Completed nomination forms must be returned by the first Friday in December to:

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# NOMINATION FORM

*Etheridge Shire Council is collecting personal information on this form for its Australia Day Awards Program.*

*The information collected relates to nominations. Therefore, the nominator must ensure they have the nominee’s permission to present their personal information and to contact referees.*

*The personal information will be used by Council officers authorised to do so. The personal information will be handled in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009.*

**Please select the category you are nominating this award in:**

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| **Details of person being nominated** |
| Surname:  | Given names: |
| Occupation:  |
| Address:  |
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| Phone: ( )  | Mobile: ( )  |
| Date of Birth:  | Marital status:  |
| Children:  |

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| **Nominated person’s Contributions to the community**  |
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| **Other significant contributions and achievements** |
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| **PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF COMMUNITY, SPORTING, AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES** |
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| **ATTACHMENTS** |
| Have you attached any additional material? | * Yes
* No
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| Please describe the additional material:  |
| **OTHER REFERENCES** |
| Name: | Name:  |
| Position:  | Position: |
| Address:  | Address:  |
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| Phone:  | Phone:  |

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| **NOMINATOR DETAILS** |
| Surname:  | Given Names:  |
| Address:  |  |
| Organisation represented (if any):  |  |
| Phone:  | Mobile:  |

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| **NOMINATORS AUTHORISATION** |
| **I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, submit this nomination to the Etheridge Shire Council for the Australia Day Awards Program having read and understood the guidelines. I have attached all relevant supporting documentation. I understand that any personal information will be handled in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2009. I have the expressed permission of the nominee to present their personal information and contact details.**  |
| Signature:  | Date:  |

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| **OFFICE USE**  |
| Date submitted:  | Officer:  |
| Signature:  | Ref:  |