

MEDIA RELEASE

Nominate a community hero for the 2027 Citizen of the Year Awards

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Alexandrina Council is encouraging residents to recognise those who make a real difference in the community by nominating them for the 2027 Citizen of the Year Awards.

The Citizen of the Year Awards is a premier awards program presented by the Australia Day Council of South Australia and in partnership with local Councils.

Alexandrina Council's 2027 nomination categories include:

- Citizen of the Year Award (Please note – must be an Australian Citizen)
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Community Event of the Year Award
- Award for Active Citizenship

Nominations open 1 October and close on 20 November 2026.

Individuals and groups can be nominated for their contribution and community service in a range of areas such as education, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, sports, arts, the environment or any endeavour that contributes to the advancement and wellbeing of their community.

Award recipients in local government areas can be submitted for inclusion in the State Citizen of the Year Awards.

"It's time to showcase our appreciation to those individuals and groups that continue to volunteer their time and expertise contributing to our thriving communities," Mayor Keith Parkes said.

"Nominations are now open and nominating a special someone is easy.

"There is a lot to celebrate at our annual Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremonies. They are treasured events that recognise our community heroes and those who officially become an Australian Citizen.

"I encourage community members to consider gifting the ultimate compliment by nominating someone for a Citizen of the Year Award. The Australia Day Ceremonies are a fantastic day for our community to connect and celebrate."

Alexandrina Council recipient awards will be presented at the annual Australia Day ceremonies hosted in Strathalbyn and Goolwa on Tuesday 26 January 2027.

Award criteria information and online nomination forms are available on the Australia Day Council of South Australia website at <https://www.citizenoftheyear.com.au/the-awards/>



Nomination forms are available to download on Council's website and can be completed in-person at the Goolwa and Strathalbyn Offices

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/citizenoftheyear27

Lists of previous Australia Day recipients can also be found on our latest news article

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/citizenoftheyear27

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