

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE 2020 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD GUIDELINES

Each year the Colac Otway Shire presents Australia Day Awards to local citizens and groups.

The Shire's Australia Day Awards celebrate the achievements and contributions made by outstanding members and groups in our community that inspire us through their efforts and make us proud to be Australian. This information is to aid in the completion of the Colac Otway Shire Australia Day Awards 2020 Nomination Form.



2019 Colac Otway Shire Australia Day Award Recipients with Richard Riordan MP, Councillor Kate Hanson, Rachel Wood (Community Service of the Year), Betty Kitchener (Ambassador), Michael Melville (Sporting Service of the Year), Councillor Chris Smith, Dick Shinnars (Citizen of the Year), Mayor Jason Schram and Councillor Joe McCracken

AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year Award is awarded to an individual who has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years. The Citizen of the Year must be 26 years or older on 26 January in the year of the award.

Young Citizen of the Year

The Young Citizen of the Year award is awarded to an individual who has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years. The Young Citizen of the Year must be 25 years or younger on 26 January in the year of the award.

Community Service of the Year

The Community Service of the Year Award is awarded to an individual or group who has performed outstanding community service during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local/sporting/arts community over a number of years.

Sporting Service of the Year

The Sporting Service of the Year Award is awarded to an individual or a group that has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local sporting community over a number of years.

Arts Service of the Year

The Arts Service of the Year Award is awarded to an individual or a group that has made a noteworthy contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Nominations must be on the Colac Otway Shire Australia Day Award Nomination Form.

Nominations must be received by 4pm on Thursday 26 September 2019.

Council's decision on the Australia Day Awards is final and no correspondence will be entered into in regards to that decision.

SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Selection criteria:

- Demonstrated excellence in their field.
- Inspirational role model for the community.
- Community contribution – how has the nominee contributed to the betterment of the Colac Otway Shire Community (short term and long term benefit).
- Personal, academic and professional achievements (awards and recognition).
How the nominee has used his or her achievements to benefit others within the community?
- Nature and length of activity or service.
- Degree of difficulty and/or sacrifices made.
- Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity.
- Future goals and likely impact.

Please note that contributions must have been made on a voluntary basis beyond paid work.

Eligibility criteria:

The following eligibility criteria apply to all award categories:

- Nominations must be received by 4pm on Thursday 26 September, 2019. Late nominations will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances.
- All nominees must be at least 16 years of age on the day of the award and an Australian Citizen.
- Nominees should reside and/or attend an educational institution within the Colac Otway Shire.
- A nominee that has previously received an award in one category cannot receive another award in the same award category.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.
- One award will be awarded in each award category and no weight is given to the number of times a person has been nominated.

Ineligible criteria:

- Sitting state and federal politicians, current vice regal officers and sitting councillors are not eligible. Retired politicians and vice-regal officers will only be considered for work undertaken in addition to their official duties.
- Current employees of the Colac Otway Shire are not eligible.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- Awards will not be granted posthumously.

To submit a nomination:

By email: inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au

By mail: PO Box 283 COLAC VIC 3250

In person: 2 - 6 Rae Street, Colac or 69 Nelson Street, Apollo Bay