

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Eligibility and Assessment Criteria

The Golden Plain Shire Australia Day Award Categories are:

1. Citizen of the Year
2. Senior Citizen of the Year
3. Young Citizen of the Year
4. Community Group of the Year

Key Dates

1.	Nominations Open	Tuesday, 1 October 2019
2.	Nominations Close	5pm, Monday 2 December 2019
6.	GPS Australia Day Awards presented	January, 2020

Nomination Eligibility

- Nominations must be received by 5pm, Monday 2 December 2019
- Nominations must be submitted on Council's official nomination forms (both online and hard copy are available), which can be found on our website
<https://www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/forms/australia-day-awards-2020>
- Nominations must include the name and contact number of one referee that can provide supporting evidence for the nomination.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

Ineligible Persons

- All current employees of Golden Plains Shire Council
- Present Councillors, Federal or State Politicians and their families.
- Previous winners of a Golden Plains Shire Council Australia Day Awards will not be eligible for the same category.
- Awards will not be presented posthumously.
- No late nominations will be accepted.

2. Eligibility and Assessment Criteria

Award	Voting Criteria	Eligibility Criteria
Citizen of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absolutely NO weight is given to the number of times a person is nominated. The nominee need only be nominated once. • In ensuring that the GPS Award recipients are representative of our diverse community consideration may be given to: gender, age, ethnicity and field of endeavour. • Regard is given to the nominee's achievements in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the community. • The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on Golden Plains Shire or nominee's local community. • Voluntary work beyond paid employment. • Degree of difficulty of the achievement and sacrifices made. • Achievements made as an individual or part of a group. • Personal, academic and professional achievements and how has the nominee 'put back' into their field to benefit others? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominee must be an Australian Citizen. • Nominee must be a local resident of Golden Plains Shire. • All nominees will be considered for the GPS Citizen of the Year award. • Willingness to promote Golden Plains Shire and be an active citizen through the year of the recipient's appointment. • Nominee must not fall within the Ineligible persons categories.
Senior Citizen of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Citizen of the Year voting criteria. • Nature and length of activity or service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominee must be an Australian Citizen. • Nominee must be a local resident of Golden Plains Shire. • An individual 65 years of age or older as of 26 January 2019. • Nominee must not fall within the Ineligible persons categories.
Young Citizen of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Citizen of the Year voting criteria. • Particular consideration will be given to school activities and community involvement. • Future goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominee must be an Australian Citizen. • Nominee must be a local resident of Golden Plains Shire. • An individual 25 years of age or younger as of 26 January 2019. • Nominee must not fall within the Ineligible persons categories.

<p>Community Group of the Year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absolutely NO weight is given to the number of times a person is nominated. The nominee need only be nominated once. • In ensuring that the GPS Award recipients are representative of our diverse community consideration may be given to: gender, age, ethnicity and field of endeavour. • Quality of the achievement. • The scope of impact/ contribution the Group has on the Shire. • Weight should be placed towards a group who perform a service to the community, raised funds for a community charity, or brought recognition and credit to the community through a cultural, environmental or sporting event. • Weight can be given to the level of competition the nominee was participating ie- local, State, International. • Additional regard is given to an outstanding display of sportsmanship, with the actual sporting result of no consequence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A group (two or more persons) who have staged a successful project/ event within the municipality during the past year. • A Group/ team who has achieved an impressive result or shown outstanding sportsmanship. • All contributions or achievements must have occurred between 1 December 2018 - 3 December 2019. • Community Group of the year will exclude large funded organisations. • Nominated Groups must not have received this Award previously. • Nomination must not fall within the Ineligible persons categories.
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