

2027 Australia Day Local Awards

Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year



Selection Information

Eligibility Criteria

Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year nominees must:

- Be Australian citizens
- Reside within the Mornington Peninsula Shire

Non-residents may be considered for discretionary awards (e.g. Lifetime Achievement or Community inspiration) if they have made a ***significant contribution*** to the Mornington Peninsula community.

Selection Criteria

Nominations should clearly demonstrate how the nominee has made a meaningful contribution to the community. The Selection Panel considers the following factors:

- Positive impact on the Mornington Peninsula community
- Inspiration and role modelling to others
- Volunteer service beyond paid employment
- Demonstrated leadership, selflessness and integrity
- Long-term commitment to a cause, group or service
- Achievement in a relevant field (e.g. arts, local development, youth engagement)
- Overcoming significant personal or social challenges

Additional supporting information may include:

- Personal, academic and professional achievements
- Innovation and creativity in their area of impact
- Community interests, involvement and goals
- Previous awards or recognition
- Involvement in voluntary work or community organisations
- Degree of difficulty or sacrifice associated with their achievements
- Willingness and availability to attend Shire events such as Citizenship Ceremonies

Note: Nominations should be concise, provide sufficient detail and include supporting information to enable effective assessment against the selection criteria.

About the Selection Panel

The **Selection Panel** is comprised of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor (or their delegate), Manager of Governance & Risk and community members appointed by Council through an Expression of Interest process. The Panel evaluates all nominations based on a consistent, transparent framework.

Young Citizen form

Your details	
Your name (required)	
Your email address (required)	
Your mobile number (required)	

Who are you nominating?	
Full Name (required)	
Suburb or postcode (required)	
Email Address (optional)	
Phone Number (required)	
Where do they go to school or work?	
Is the person a member of a community group, sports club, volunteer organisation or similar? Please list.	
Age	

Tell us a bit about the person you are nominating	
Please give as much detail as you can to give them the best chance of being selected as Young Citizen of the year.	
Why are you nominating this person? Describe the nominee's contribution to or impact in our community. What specific	

outcomes or positive changes have resulted from their involvement? (required)	
In what ways has the nominee inspired others or acted as a role model within the community? (required)	
Please outline any relevant roles, skills or achievements of the nominee.	
Please provide any additional information or context that supports this nomination. (required)	
Additional files/supporting information (optional)	Please attach all files to the end of this form prior to submission

Referee Details

A referee is a person who we can contact to vouch for your nominee's achievements and character.
References will be contacted

Full Name of Referee (required)	
Referee's email address (required)	
Referee's mobile number (required)	

