



## NSW LOCAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS PROGRAM

### GUIDELINES & CRITERIA

Each year the people of *the Lithgow Local Government Area* are invited to nominate fellow citizens for the NSW Local Citizen of the Year Awards. The awards aim to recognise outstanding achievement during the past year and/or contribution to the local community over a number of years.

#### AWARD CATEGORIES

##### **Citizen of the Year**

*To be eligible, the person must be 26 years or older on 26 January 2010*

##### **Young Citizen Award**

*To be eligible, the person must be under 26 years of age on 26 January 2010*

##### **Community Event of the Year Award**

*Presented to the person/group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year.*

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Nominees must be Australian citizens and residing in *Lithgow Local Government Area* at the time of nomination
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years
- Self nominations will not be accepted
- Awards will not be granted posthumously
- Sitting state and federal politicians and current vice-regal officers are not eligible. Consideration of retired politicians and officers would be for work in addition to their official duties.
- A person cannot receive a second award in the same Awards category, but can be considered for recognition in a separate category in following years eg. Young Citizen of the Year and then Citizen of the Year
- The minimum age for the Local Citizen of the Year Awards is 16 years on 26 January 2010.
- Nominations will remain active for two years i.e. the year they are nominated and the following year.
- All nominees will be considered for the Citizen of the Year Award
- Nominees aged 16 to 25 years on 26 January 2010 will also be considered for the Young Citizen of the Year Award

#### HOW TO NOMINATE





To nominate, please complete the attached nomination form. The nomination should detail the nature, duration and impact of the nominee's contribution to *the Lithgow Local Government Area*.

In assessing a nomination, the judging panel may consider:

- the number of hours of work over and above normal employment duties
- the benefit to the community from the nominee's service or contribution
- other outstanding achievements by the nominee
- other recognition of the nominee's contribution or work, including publicity
- whether the nominee worked as part of a team and their role within the team
- whether the nominee has had assistance from council, government or other grants.
- whether the nominee has had to overcome any particular difficulties or hurdles
- who has benefited most from the work of the nominee

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**Nominations must be received by**

***Friday 18 December 2009 at 4.00pm***

## **PRESENTATION**

The awards will be presented on Australia Day 2010 as part of the Official Australia Day Ceremony to be held at Eskbank House & Museum at 9.00am.

The selection of recipients will reflect the nominations received and information available to the Judging Panel at the time. *Lithgow City Council* reserves the right to withdraw an award if further information or the recipient's conduct draws the Local Citizen of the Year Awards into disrepute.

