

## Australia Day Awards: There is still time to nominate!

There is still a little time left to nominate a hard-working community member for a 2018 South Gippsland Australia Day award. Australia Day awards provide recognition to people in our community that go above and beyond by donating their time, skills and energy into making South Gippsland great.

Nominations are open until 31 October in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Youth Community Contribution.

The 'Citizen of the Year' award celebrates individuals who have made a significant contribution to their local community; 'Event of the Year' helps to recognise the organiser's of local events that help to provide cultural and economic benefits to our region. The Youth Community Contribution Award is a non-competitive category which aims to acknowledge the community contributions of young people aged 12 - 25 years.

All nominees will be honoured at the South Gippsland Australia Day Award ceremony on Wednesday 17 January in Leongatha as well as at their local Australia Day event on 26 January. An overall winner will be selected from the Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year categories.

To nominate someone for an Australia Day Award, please visit: <u>www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday</u>.

Nomination can be made online and must be received no later than 31 October.

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