



South Gippsland Australia Day Award Nominations now open

Nominations for the 2027 South Gippsland Australia Day Awards are now officially open. The awards are an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the people who make South Gippsland such an amazing place to live, work and play.

As per previous years, there are three categories to nominate for:

- **Citizen of the Year:** This award recognises an individual who has demonstrated exceptional service or contributions to our community. Think of someone who has made a significant impact because of their dedication and passion for our community.
- **Young Citizen of the Year:** This award highlights the achievements of a young person aged between 12 and 25 years. Think of someone who shows exceptional promise and makes a positive difference in their community through their actions, leadership or commitment.
- **Community Event of the Year:** This award celebrates an event that has brought our region together, showcased local spirit and made a significant contribution to our regional identity.

To lodge a nomination, simply answer some questions about their contribution and provide at least two letters of support. Nominations can be made online at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/aus-day-awards

Nominations close Wednesday 4 November 2026.

All nominees will be recognised at an Awards Ceremony at the Meeniyan Hall on Wednesday 13 January 2027.

Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Cr Nathan Hersey:

"The South Gippsland Australia Day Awards are an opportunity to bring much-deserved focus to the people who contribute to our region and the events that help make South Gippsland a great place to visit and enjoy. We are fortunate to have so many incredible local people here in South

Gippsland.”

“We all know someone who works tirelessly behind the scenes, always shows up to lend a hand and make a difference. I encourage you to bring the recognition to these locals and put their name forward. If you have a community event you’ve loved this year, consider nominating it too.”

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