

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### SEEKING INSPIRING AUSSIES - NOMINATE SOMEONE NOW FOR THE 2022 AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations close midnight 31 July 2021  
[australianoftheyear.org.au](http://australianoftheyear.org.au)  
#NominateNow

In another year of challenges, who are the Australians you've found inspiring?

It's time to celebrate those individuals who've gained our respect or made us reflect on what it is to be Australian – the quiet achievers, the community heroes, the leaders and the doers.

Nominations for the **2022 Australian of the Year Awards** are open and it's up to the public to nominate those they admire for the titles of:

- Australian of the Year
- Senior Australian of the Year
- Young Australian of the Year
- Australia's Local Hero

**Nominating is easy and can be done online at [australianoftheyear.org.au](http://australianoftheyear.org.au).**

**Nominations will close at midnight 31 July 2021.**

National Australia Day Council CEO Ms Karlie Brand said it was important for Australians to nominate people for the Awards in order for their contributions and efforts to be recognised.

"By nominating someone for the Australian of the Year Awards, you're sharing their story more broadly so we can all celebrate what they've done," said Ms Brand.

"While the national Awards honour four people each January, we recognise 128 people around the country each year through the state and territory awards process.

"You don't need to personally know the individual you're nominating, you simply need to tell us what they've done and how they've impacted you or others.

**"It only takes one nomination** for someone to be considered for the Australian of the Year Awards and that crucial nomination could be yours."

Nominations must be:

- A living person (unfortunately posthumous awards cannot be granted)
- Australian citizens
- Aged 16-30 for Young Australian of the Year
- Aged 65 and over for Senior Australian of the Year

Consider the selection criteria when nominating a person for the Australian of the Year Awards. Criteria includes:

- Significant contribution to the Australian community and nation
- An inspirational role model for the Australian community
- Demonstrated excellence in their field
- The Local Hero award acknowledges a significant contribution at local community level

There are useful tips for nominating here: <https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate/>

If you have difficulty speaking or understanding English call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 for the cost of a local call. TIS National operates nationally and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for over 160 languages and dialects

Nominate now at [australianoftheyear.org.au](http://australianoftheyear.org.au) by 31 July 2021.

**Follow the #NominateNow social media campaign and share content featuring alumni and high-profile Australians:**

Facebook: @AustralianoftheYear

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**ENDS.**

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**Photos** of the 2021 Australian of the Year Award Recipients downloadable at link (please credit all photos to NADC)  
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