



NATIONAL CELEBRATION DAY AWARDS

The Nambucca Valley Council National Celebration Day Awards recognise individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the Valley's community, and for exceptional achievement in community, sporting and cultural endeavours.

2026 NOMINATION FORM

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
Read the Guidelines which are attached to this document	Select ONE category for your nomination - use a separate form for each category	Complete details of the nominee and the two nominators	Attach a readable summary of the nominee (maximum 200 words)	Forward the completed nomination to the: General Manager Nambucca Valley Council PO Box 177 MACKSVILLE NSW 2447 Or via email to: council@nambucca.nsw.gov.au

CATEGORY

Citizen of the Year

Good Neighbour Award

Senior Citizen of the Year

Cultural Achievement Award

Young Citizen of the Year

Sports Achievement Awards

Indigenous Citizen of the Year

Junior Sportsperson

Young Indigenous Citizen of the Year

Senior Sportsperson

Services to the Community Award

Junior Sports Team

Senior Sports Team

Environmental Award

NOMINEE

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)

Date of Birth for aged related category DOB:

Address:

Organisation: (if applicable) Email:

Telephone: (h) (w)..... (m).....

NOMINATOR 1

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)

Address:

Organisation: (if applicable): Email:

Telephone:

I support this nomination and acknowledge that information contained within is accurate

Signature:

Date:

NOMINATOR 2

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)

Address:

Organisation: (if applicable): Email:

Telephone:

I support this nomination and acknowledge that information contained within is accurate

Signature:

Date:

Closing date for nominations is 4.00 pm on Friday 12 December 2025.

Nominations should be addressed to:

The General Manager
Nambucca Valley Council
PO Box 177
MACKSVILLE NSW 2447

Email: council@nambucca.nsw.gov.au

For all enquiries please telephone Kelly Pacey on (02) 6568 0287 (Refer Appendix A)

APPENDIX A – Guidelines – National Celebration Day Awards Nominations

Nambucca Valley Council

Guidelines – National Celebration Day Awards Nominations

The purpose of these awards is to acknowledge the achievement of outstanding individuals, young and old who have made a valuable contribution to the Nambucca Valley community. These awards will help inspire and encourage accomplishment in community service, volunteering, sport, education, arts and culture and be truly inclusive.

Who can nominate:

Residents of the Nambucca Valley but excluding Councillors and National Celebration Day Committee members. Self-nominations or nominations from a close relative will not be accepted. If no nominations are received in a particular category, there will be no award for that category.

Eligibility of Person Being Nominated:

- Nominees must be Australian citizens and be a resident of the Nambucca Valley at the time of nomination. However the Committee has the discretion to consider service to the community nominations for individuals who reside in neighbouring Local Government areas but who undertake volunteer work in the Nambucca Local Government area.
- Nominees cannot be a Councillor or Council staff member.
- Awards will be based on achievements and contributions in the last twelve months or culminated from many years including the twelve months preceding the nomination date.
- A person cannot receive an award for contributions made from their employment or profession.
- A person cannot receive the same award more than once, but can be considered for recognition in another category. Unsuccessful nominees may be renominated in subsequent years.

How to Nominate:

Nominations can only be made by completing the official **Nomination Form**. The nomination should detail the nature, duration and impact of the nominee's contribution to the Nambucca Valley. Supporting documentation may also be provided. Such documentation should be a copy only of original documents.

You are encouraged to provide as much information as possible on the **Nomination Form**. Not only will this assist the Committee in the decision-making process, but excerpts from this information will form the basis of the citation which is provided to the local media. Nominations will only be assessed for the category marked on the nomination form.

Nomination Deadlines:

Nominations will be accepted throughout the year and close at 4.00 pm on Friday 12 December 2025. The Judges' decisions are **final** and no correspondence will be entered into.

The Committee has the discretion to review the categories, alter, add or present Special Awards by resolution.

Categories

Citizen of the Year Award: To be eligible for the *Citizen of the Year* award a person could be described as a role model in the community who has given selflessly of themselves to others.

Senior Citizen of the Year Award: To be eligible for the *Senior Citizen of the Year* award the person must be aged 65 years of age or over on 26 January and have made an outstanding contribution to their community.

Indigenous Citizen of the year Award: To be eligible for the *Indigenous Citizen of the Year* award a person could be described as a role model within the Indigenous community who has given selflessly of themselves to others.

Young Citizen of the Year Award: To be eligible for the *Young Citizen of the Year* award the person must be under 25 years of age on 26 January and have made an outstanding contribution to their community or school.

Young Indigenous Citizen of the Year Award: To be eligible for the *Young Indigenous Citizen of the Year* award the person must be under 25 years of age on 26 January and have made an outstanding contribution to their community or school.

Cultural Achievement Award: There is no age category for this award. This is a special category for outstanding achievement in this field.

Environmental Award: To be eligible for this Award the recipient must demonstrate significant volunteer contributions to preserve and enhance the environment within the Nambucca Valley.

Senior Sports Person Award: To be eligible for this award, the person must be aged 18 years and over at 26 January and achieved outstanding results throughout the year.

Junior Sports Person –Award: To be eligible for this award the person must be under 18 years and achieved outstanding results throughout the year.

Senior Sports Team Award: To be eligible for this Award the team should have achieved outstanding success and/or competed at State or National level or received consistent results at a regional or local level.

Junior Sports Team Award: To be eligible for this Award the team should have achieved outstanding success and/or competed at State or National level or received consistent results at a regional or local level.

Services to the Community Award: To be eligible for nomination the individual or organisation should have made a noteworthy contribution by either establishing or participating in an organisation or service of on-going benefit to the community. The contribution may be in any field considered appropriate by the Committee and should have been made over a number of years.

Good Neighbour Award: To be eligible for nomination the person should have made a noteworthy contribution by demonstrating a benevolent, caring, generous disposition and/or providing outstanding service to his or her neighbours or people in need.