

Penrith City Council's Local Celebration Awards program developed to recognise and celebrate the people who are making a difference in Penrith. It doesn't matter how big or small their act of kindness is or how young or old they are. This is your chance to nominate a friend, family member, community leader, colleague, group or organisation – any Australian who you believe makes Penrith a better place to live.

CATEGORIES

Citizen of the Year:

Awarded to the person who has contributed most significantly to the City of Penrith, demonstrating commitment, involvement in activities and innovation that has led to the betterment of the people within the Penrith community. The recipient needs to be a Penrith resident, aged 18 or over.

Young Citizen of the Year:

Awarded to a young person aged 24 years or younger, who has contributed most significantly to the City of Penrith over a number of years, providing outstanding community service and/or attaining outstanding achievement in academics, sport, arts, or charity work. The recipient needs to be a Penrith resident.

Mayor's Local Hero Award:

Awarded to a person who has contributed most significantly to the City of Penrith, demonstrating commitment and involvement in activities that have led to the betterment of the people within the Penrith community. The recipient needs to be a Penrith resident, and there's no age limit.

Making A Difference – Community Service Award:

Awarded to a person or group who has shown outstanding dedication that has led to the betterment of the quality of life of others in the City of Penrith community. It could be in areas such as volunteering, charitable work, supporting the community during emergencies/natural disasters, championing environmental initiatives, contributing to sports or showing exceptional community leadership. For this award the recipient/s does not need to reside in the Penrith Local Government Area. There is no age limit.

HOW TO PREPARE THE NOMINATION

Selection Criteria: The nominee will be assessed against the below criteria:

- Demonstrated contribution to the Penrith community
- A role model for the community
- Activities align with our core values of:

Can do attitude – a focus on getting the right things done

Harmony – valuing relationships – actively promoting collaboration and partnering to achieve more

Lifestyle – setting a new benchmark for a balanced, healthy and respectful lifestyle

Openness – embracing new ideas, new people to do things differently for our communities' benefit

Invention – looking for new and better ways of delivering services an community activities for greater participation and diversity

Transformation – driving real change in our city for the betterment of our communities.

CATEGORIES FOR SELECTION

All nominees aged 18 years and over will be considered for the Citizen of the Year award.

All nominees aged 24 years and younger will be considered for the Young Citizen of the Year Award.

It is at the discretion of the judging panel to consider nominees for any of the award categories not necessarily the category they were nominated for.

Closing date:

Nominations for the Awards close on Monday 30 March 2026. Nominations postmarked 30 March 2026 will be accepted.

Assistance:

If you need assistance submitting a nomination, or have any questions, please contact council at (02) 4732 7777 or events@penrith.city.

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Eligible nominations:

- Australian Permanent Resident or Australian Citizen
- Individual members of the public
- Local volunteer group, community groups, sporting groups or organisation (group of 6 members)
- Nominees must reside, work or have made a significant contribution in the City of Penrith.

Ineligible nominations:

- Current Penrith City Council employees
- Sitting local, state and federal politicians
- Self-nominees
- Awards will not be granted posthumously.

THE AWARD PROCESS

Council calls on individuals, groups and organisations to nominate worthy recipients for the Local Celebration Awards.

A selection panel of Penrith City Councillors chooses the recipients in each of the four award categories.

Award recipients will be recognised at a formal event in July.

Submit your nomination:

Nominations can be submitted by hardcopy paper form, online form and video submission to:

Web: penrith.city/local-celebration-awards

Email: events@penrith.city

Mail: Local Celebration Awards
C/O Communications Team
Penrith City Council
PO Box 60, PENRITH NSW 2751

NOMINATION FORM

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Community Service Award

Penrith Young Citizen of the Year

Mayor's Local Hero Award

Nominee (the person you are nominating)

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms etc.)

First name

Surname

Address

Position/ Organisation (optional)

Suburb

State

Tel (M)

Tel (H)

Email

Date of birth

Has the nominee previously received an award from Penrith City Council?

Yes

Are they an Australian citizen?

Yes

No

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Yes

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Tell us about your nominee

We want to know why your nominee is an inspirational role model, and how they've demonstrated excellence in their field, or in service to the community. Please write at least 100 words in this section. If you need more space, please write on a separate piece of paper and attach it.

NOMINATOR (your details)

Where did you get this nomination form?

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms etc.)

First name

Surname

Address

Position/ Organisation (optional)

Suburb

State

Postcode

Tel (M)

Tel (H)

Email

REFEREE (optional)

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms etc.)

First name

Surname

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