



Local Citizen Awards 2026

Criteria and Nomination Form

Nominations close Friday 14 November 2025

Submitting your Nomination Form

Email: events@playford.sa.gov.au

In person: Playford Civic Centre
10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth SA 5112

Post: City of Playford
Attn: Events & Activations Team
12 Bishopstone Road, Davoren Park SA 5113



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Local Citizen Awards

Important information

The Playford Local Citizen Awards recognise and reward the valued work and commitment of community members who give their time generously to help others and make a significant contribution to the City of Playford.

The Local Citizen Awards are an opportunity to recognise an inspirational role model, group or initiative and sporting club of the Playford community.

Being recognised for Local Citizen Award is a great honour, paying tribute to someone who makes you proud to be Australian.

We encourage people and groups from diverse backgrounds to nominate, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, those living with disability and individuals and communities from culturally diverse backgrounds.

The Local Citizen Awards are proudly presented by the Australia Day Council of South Australia and the City of Playford.

Award categories

Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen.

Young Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen aged over 16 years and under 30 years of age on January 26, 2026.

Community Group or Initiative of the Year

For nominees who solely or primarily support the Playford community. Community initiative may be a project, event or other initiative held entirely or primarily in the City of Playford.

Sports Club of the Year

For nominees that are solely located in the City of Playford (not including games and matches).

Award for Active Citizenship (open to all including non-Australian citizens)

This new award is for a person or group delivering outstanding work or for an event or cause, staged in the community during the past year.

Award for Young Active Citizenship (open to all including non-Australian citizens)

This new award is for a young person or youth group delivering outstanding work or for an event or cause, staged in the community during the past year. To be eligible, the person(s) must be aged over 16 years and under 30 years of age on January 26, 2026.



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Selection criteria

In choosing the recipients of the Local Citizen Awards, regard is given to the nominee's achievements in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the community.

A nominee need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.

The selection criteria for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year are:

- Significant contribution to the community, above and beyond employment duties.
- An inspirational role model for the Australian community.
- The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area.

The selection criteria for Community Group or Initiative of the Year are:

- The quality of the event.
- The scope of impact the event has on the local government area.
- The event's contribution to the community.

Eligibility criteria

1. The person must be an Australian Citizen (except for Award for Active Citizenship and Award for Young Active Citizenship)
2. Awards will not be granted posthumously.
3. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
4. Nominees must be at least 16 years of age in the year of the award presentation.
5. Nominees for the category of Young Citizen of the Year must be 30 years of age or less on 26 January in the year of the award presentation.
6. Community groups or organisations must be based locally and primarily support the Playford community.
7. Groups and individuals are **not** eligible for nomination if they:
 - have previously received an award in the same category (individuals), by the City of Playford, in the preceding 10 years (individuals)
 - have previously received an award for the same initiative (groups), by the City of Playford, in the preceding 10 years (groups)
 - are a sitting state or federal politician, current vice-regal officer or an Elected Member of Council
8. Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.
9. Absolutely NO weight is given to the number of times a person or organisation is nominated.
10. Councils may choose to re-submit nominations that do not receive an award for future consideration in subsequent years of the program.



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Interview of nominators

The Events team may contact each person nominating a candidate in order to seek as much information as possible to help in choosing the most deserving candidate.

What is the nomination period?

Nominations close on Friday, 14 November 2025.

How are the winners chosen?

The Council's Local Citizen Awards judging panel will select the recipients of the Awards. The panel reserves the right to not grant any Awards or grant more than one Award for each category.

When will the winners be announced?

The winners will be announced on Australia Day, Monday 26 January 2026.

How can I nominate someone?

Visit the Australia Day Council of South Australia website [Nominate | The Local Citizen Awards](#) to nominate now.

Alternatively, you can nominate by completing the Nomination Form below and return via one of the options listed on page one.

