



ALPINE SHIRE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY AWARD GUIDELINES

1. Purpose

To provide guidelines and direction regarding categories, eligibility, assessment criteria, and the selection process surrounding nominations for the Alpine Shire Australia Day Community Awards.

2. Award Categories

The Alpine Shire Australia Day Community Awards are to be presented each year on 26 January to recognise valuable contributions and achievements by Alpine Shire residents. The nominations will be open in the following categories:

- **Community Event of the Year** *(one Shire-wide award)*
- **Community Organisation of the Year** *(one Shire-wide award)*
- **Local Achiever of the Year** *awarded in:*
 - *Bright and District;*
 - *Myrtleford and District; and*
 - *Kiewa Valley*
- **Local Young Achiever of the Year** *awarded in:*
 - *Bright and District;*
 - *Myrtleford and District; and*
 - *Kiewa Valley*

An overall award titled: "**Alpine Shire Citizen of the Year**" will be awarded by the selection panel from among the winners of the Local Achiever and Local Young Achiever of the Year awards.

An overall award titled: "**Lifetime Achievement Award**" will be awarded by the selection panel where a long history of outstanding service to the Alpine Shire community can be demonstrated.

2.1 Eligibility

- Nominees must be Alpine Shire residents. However where it can be shown that a non-Alpine Shire resident has made a significant contribution to the Alpine Shire community, they may be considered for the Local Achiever or Young Achiever of the Year awards only.
- Nominees for Local Young Achiever of the Year must be aged less than 25 years on 26 January in the year of award presentation.
- Self nominations will not be accepted.
- Awards will not be granted posthumously.
- Nominations should be made without the knowledge of the nominee.

2.2 Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will be used in the assessment of nominations:

Local Achiever, Local Young Achiever, and Alpine Shire Citizen of the Year

- Significant contribution to the Alpine Shire community and / or outstanding achievements considered appropriate by Council.
- Significant involvement in the Alpine Shire community
- An inspirational role model for the Alpine Shire community
- Undertakes activities that have long and short term benefits for the community and / or its members
- Contributions made by the nominee must have been made on a voluntary basis.
- Contribution toward improving the quality of life for others (eg mentoring).
- Demonstrated excellence in their field (including academic achievements).

Community Organisation of the Year

- Performed outstanding community service or provided an exceptional level of care, support or assistance in either the current year or over a number of years.
- Deliver services to the Alpine Shire community.

Community Event of the Year

- Conducted an event that was generally outstanding and conducted during the year. Includes festival, events, projects etc.

- Provided community benefit and promoted positive outcomes for the Alpine Shire.

Lifetime Achievement Award

- Recognises a lifetime of outstanding community contribution (according to the criteria for Local Achiever, Young Achiever and Alpine Shire Citizen of the Year).

2.3 Selection / Judging

- The selection panel will be the Alpine Shire Australia Day working party with members as follows: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, other Councillor, Chief Executive Officer and Manager Economic and Community Development.
- All nominations will be kept confidential and will only be available to the Alpine Shire Australia Day working party and the Development Officer (Event Operations) as secretary.
- All nominations must be made on the official Alpine Shire Australia Day Community Award nomination form, and can only be judged against submitted detail outlined in the nomination form.
- Local Achiever and Young Achiever of the Year winners from each area are also judged for the overall Alpine Shire Council Citizen of the Year award.
- A Lifetime Achievement award will be awarded by the selection panel.
- The decision of the Alpine Shire Council is final and no further correspondence will be entered into in respect of the decision.

2.4 Nominations

- Nominations will be invited annually.
- Advertising opening of nominations will occur widely in the media.
- Any supporting documentation must be photocopies of originals as nomination forms and supporting documentation will not be returned.
- Nominations will remain active for two years – i.e. the year they are nominated and the following year.
- Awards may not be presented in any one year if the standard of nominations does not meet that of previous winners.