Greater Shepparton Australia Day Committees call on individuals, groups and organisations to nominate a resident of Greater Shepparton who has made a **noteworthy** contribution during the current year, given **outstanding** service to the local community and/or impacted on the local community over a number of years.

**ELIGIBILITY:**
- Nominees must be Australian Citizens.
- Nominees must be residents of Greater Shepparton.
- Self nominations will not be accepted.
- Nominees for Greater Shepparton Young Citizen of the Year must be under 30 years of age on 26 January 2016.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be renominated in subsequent years.
- Nominees are only eligible for nomination in their area of residence. These areas include, Shepparton, Mooroopna & District, Tatura & District, Murchison, Toolamba, Arcadia and Dookie. Check you are completing the correct form. (*Further clarification of these areas is listed on page 4*)
- Nominations that are received for Citizen of the Year are also eligible for categories listed under *Additional Awards*.
- Community groups within Greater Shepparton will be eligible for consideration under *Community Event of the Year* and *Additional Awards*.
- All nominations must be made on this official Greater Shepparton Australia Day Nomination Form.

Please provide as much detail as possible. Nominate a citizen in one or more of the following categories:

| □ AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: SHEPPARTON / GREATER SHEPPARTON |
| □ AUSTRALIA DAY YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: SHEPPARTON / GREATER SHEPPARTON |
| □ AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR: SHEPPARTON / GREATER SHEPPARTON |

**Additional Awards**

| □ SHEPPARTON SENIOR CITIZEN AWARD (over 60) |
| □ SHEPPARTON SPORTS AWARD | □ SHEPPARTON ACADEMIC AWARD |

**Nominee** (The person you would like to nominate)

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AREAS OF EXCELLENCE - In what area(s) has the nominee excelled?
For example: business, community, charity, sport, medicine, environment etc.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR NOMINEE. How have they excelled in their field? How have they contributed to the community? How have they inspired others? List their achievements. If you require more space please write on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form.

How have they demonstrated excellence in their field?

What contribution/s have they made to the community and/or its members?

How have they inspired others in the community?

List his/her achievements:

Privacy Statement: Greater Shepparton City Council acknowledges and respect the privacy of individuals. The nominator submits this nomination with the understanding that the personal information provided on this nomination form is for the sole purpose of deciding the Greater Shepparton Australia Day Citizen/Young Citizen of the Year Award along with other categories included on this form. The Nominee information will be disclosed to the Australia Day committee selection panel for the assessment of the Greater Shepparton Australia Day Awards. If the nominee receives an award the information provided by the nominator about the nominee will be passed on to local media for recognition purposes only and announcements made at public events.
List past and present membership of community/sporting/charitable organisations:

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Provide any other relevant background information:

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**NOMINATOR (Your details)**

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Where did you obtain this nomination form?

**REFEREE (other person who can be contacted for further information if required)**

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**Privacy declaration:** I, the nominator named on this form, declare that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree and understand the conditions of the privacy statement. I agree to my details being provided to local media to assist with gathering or checking information about the nominee. Nominator’s signature ____________________________

*If you do not believe the nominee would agree to having any of their information that you have provided on this form disclosed to the Australia Day Committee, Local media or announced at public events, please tick below and the nominee will be contacted for permission to disclose their details.*
SELECTION CRITERIA: Your nominee will be assessed against the following criteria:
- Demonstrated excellence in their field. Inspired other in the community.
- Contribution and commitment for the betterment of the Greater Shepparton community.
- Undertakes activities which have long term benefits for the community and/or its members.
- Contributions made by the nominees, have either been done on a voluntary basis or have exceeded the normal requirements of the nominees paid work.
- **Sports Awards** are open to all sports people within Greater Shepparton of any age in any sport. These nominees could also be people who are involved in sporting committees, training or mentoring programs.
- **Sports Awards** (Junior) nominees must be under 18 years on 26 January of the nominated year.
- **Education Awards** are for nominees in fields of education, self improvement, apprenticeship etc.
- **Club/Service Awards** are open to all clubs, committees or organisations in the nominated area.
- **Community Event Award** recognises a person/group (not for profit) which have staged a noteworthy community event within Greater Shepparton during the past calendar year. A noteworthy event is an event that has raised awareness and/or funds to support the community, or brought recognition to Greater Shepparton through a cultural, art, environmental or sporting activity.
- Areas of nomination:
  1. Arcadia.
  2. Mooroopna *(including Ardmona, Undera)*.
  3. Tatura *(including Merrigum, Harston, Bymeside, Tatura East, North West Mooroopna)*.
  4. Toolamba *(including Toolamba West)*.
  5. Shepparton *(including Kialla, Congupna, Shepparton East, Lemnos)*.
  6. Murchison *(including Moorilim, Dhurringile)*.
  7. Dookie *(including Cosgrove, Dookie College, Pine Lodge)*.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:
- If nominators wish to submit supporting documentation to further demonstrate the nominee’s achievements, there is a limit to one A4 page only. This could include personal references, additional achievements and reference to other material (articles relating to media or publicity).
- Please note that all supporting documentation will be retained by the Australia Day Committee.
- The supporting document can be attached to page 3.

JUDGING:
- All nominations will be kept confidential and will only be available to the judging committee, the events officer and the Mayor.
- All nominations can only be judged against submitted detail outlined in this form, so it is strongly suggested that the nomination is as complete and factual as possible.
- Nominators are encouraged to supply supporting documentation. *(See above section regarding supporting documentation)*.
- External judging is undertaken for nominations for the area of Murchison.
- Australia Day Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Award for each area are also judged for the overall Greater Shepparton Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Australia Day Award.

HOW TO NOMINATE:
- Nominations for the 2016 Greater Shepparton Australia Day Awards open on 1 September 2015 and close on 1 December 2015. Nominations for Murchison close on 21 November 2015 due to an external judging process.
- Complete the nomination form and place in an envelope marked ‘Confidential – Australia Day Awards’ before 5.00pm on the closing date.
- Award winners will be announced on Australia Day at the celebration in the nominated town.

**Mail or Deliver to:**
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Greater Shepparton City Council,
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90 Welsford Street, SHEPPARTON VIC 3632

**Email to:** liz.connick@shepparton.vic.gov.au