

Greater Shepparton City Council

Women's Charter Awards

What is the Greater Shepparton Annual Women's Award?

The Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Annual Women's Award recognises and celebrates the achievements and community impact that local women have made within Greater Shepparton.

The Award acknowledges the positive impact women make on society, and aims to bring greater visibility to women's achievements across the Greater Shepparton region.

The Award celebrates women whose stories, contributions and actions have inspired and encouraged other women and girls to reach their goals, however big or small.

The Award is an initiative of the Greater Shepparton Women's Charter, a group of passionate women from a diverse range of backgrounds whose guiding principles are:

- Gender equity
- Encouraging diversity in representation and participation
- Women's active citizenship.

2026 Nominations Open:
Monday 2 February 2026 at 9am

2026 Nominations Close:
Sunday 22 February 2026 at 11.59pm

Nominations received after the closing date will not be accepted

Who should nominate for the Greater Shepparton Annual Women's Award?

Members of the community are encouraged to nominate an individual who has made a positive difference to women in the community.

Nominations are welcomed from anyone who identifies as a woman and/or female who lives, works, studies or volunteers in Greater Shepparton, and addresses the themes of:

- Makes a difference to their community
- Acknowledges/embraces, or represents diversity
- Is a role model for other women
- Leads, supports or mentors other women/girls to promote equity

How do I nominate someone for the Greater Shepparton Annual Women's Award?

Nominations can be completed online via greater-shepparton.smartygrants.com.au/womensaward2026

If you wish to make a nomination via a hard copy nomination form, please collect one from Customer Service at Greater Shepparton City Council or contact Council's Community Wellbeing Team on: 5832 9432 or email: communityadmin@shepparton.vic.gov.au

If you would like to submit a video nomination, please upload to YouTube and provide the link or deliver on a USB. NB. Once your entry is submitted, you cannot make amendments.

Note – If nominating another individual, that person must be advised they are being nominated for the Women's Award prior to submitting.

Nominations can be submitted in the following ways:

- Complete online application via greater-shepparton.smartygrants.com.au/womensaward2026
- Return a hard copy nomination form by post to: **Greater Shepparton City Council, Attention: Community Wellbeing,** Locked Bag 1000, Shepparton VIC 3632
- Email your completed nomination form to: communityadmin@shepparton.vic.gov.au
- Submit your nomination form in person to: **Greater Shepparton City Council, Attention: Community Wellbeing,** 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton VIC

What should I include in my nomination?

Provide a short summary of the woman you are nominating including their background, and how they contribute to making a difference in our community. Give examples of how the nominee:

- Makes a difference in their community, and/or
- Acknowledges and embraces diversity, and/or
- Inspires to be and/or is a role model to women, and/or
- Leads, supports or mentors others to promote equality.

Language should not be a barrier to telling a story. Be inventive; use your individual strengths to explain how your nominee meets the criteria. This can include using video if preferred.

How are the nominations assessed?

A selection panel comprising of one Council Officer, one member of the Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Advisory Committee and one member of Soroptimist International of Shepparton Inc, will assess nominations against the following criteria:

How does the nominee:

- Make a difference in their community?
- Acknowledge, embrace or embody diversity?
- Inspire other women and/or girls?
- Lead, support or mentor others to promote social equity?

**** Please note that assessments will only be based on the information provided within the nomination form and supporting documents**

Where and when will the Award be announced and presented?

The 2026 Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Awards will be presented in partnership with the Soroptimists International of Shepparton Inc at an event on Thursday 5 March 2026 at Hotel Parklake Shepparton.

Further information about this event will be provided closer to the date, and nominees will be contacted by Council with relevant details.

Who do I talk to for further information/support?

Please contact Council's Community Wellbeing team via email communityadmin@shepparton.vic.gov.au or on **5832 9432**

Nomination Form

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Part 1: Information about the person making the nomination

Name of Nominator

Phone

Email

Where did you hear about the award?

Does the person you are nominating know that you are nominating them?

YES NO

Note - the nominee must be advised they are being nominated for the Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Advisory Committee Annual Women's Award and give permission for their details to be shared prior to submitting.

Part 2: Information about the nominee

Name of Nominee

Address

Phone

Email

Part 3: Referees

Please provide details for one or two referees who can provide information about the nominee

Name of Referee 1

Relationship to nominee

Phone Email

Name of Referee 2

Relationship to nominee


Phone Email

Part 4: Why should this nominee receive the Award?

Outline and provide specific examples of how the nominee reflects the themes of the award? (1000 word limit)

1. Makes a difference in their community

2. Acknowledges and embrace diversity



3. Aspires to be and/or is a role model to women

4. Leads, supports or mentors others to promote equality