

Community Service Awards 2026

Terms and Conditions

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Randwick City Council Community Service Awards Nominations open Wednesday 1 October 2025 and close Sunday 2 November 2025.

Award recipients will be announced at Randwick City Council's Citizenship Ceremony on Monday 26 January 2026.

This Award pays tribute to our community-minded achievers and encourages others to follow their lead. Randwick City Council invites you to nominate an outstanding resident whose contribution to Randwick City warrants honourable recognition.

Nominations can be drawn from the community services sector, education, health, business, the arts, the environment, or any other sector that contributes to community advancement and wellbeing.

The Community Service Awards celebrates the contribution and achievement of community members and groups across four categories:

1. **Community Service Award (Individual):** To be eligible, the nominee must already be 25 years or older on 26 January 2026
2. **Community Service Award (Group):** Only one group will be chosen as the recipient of this award
3. **Young Achiever Award:** To be eligible, the age of the nominees must be 16 to 24 years old on 26 January 2026
4. **Achievement Award for Person with Disability:** To be eligible the nominee must self-identify as a person with a disability

Eligibility criteria

- Nominees must be an Australian Citizen and must have lived in or carried out voluntary community work within the Randwick Local Government Area
- Each nomination form must be completed by an independent nominator and supported by at least two references from unrelated and independent referees in addition to the nominator
- Self-nomination will not be accepted
- State, Federal members of Parliament, Councillors and Council staff cannot be nominated
- Nominations from Councillors and Council employees will not be accepted
- Awards will not be granted posthumously
- Past Randwick City Community Service Awards recipients are not eligible
- Current vice-regal officers and recipients of Australian or Imperial honours are not eligible

Submission information required

Community Service Award - Individual

- Nature of community activity or service, including how the nominee has displayed qualities such as versatility, innovation, flexibility and perseverance in delivery of service or activity
- Outline the impact of the contribution or achievement and how it has made a lasting difference to the wellbeing of the community. This may be through direct outcomes or showing attributes that have inspired or shown other positive impact on community
- Information about the nominee is confirmed by 2 referees in addition to the nominator

Community Service Award - Group

- Nature of community activity or service to the residents of Randwick City. Include the significance of the group's association with the city of Randwick.
- Impact of the contribution or achievement by the group and how it has made a lasting difference to community wellbeing
- Information about the nominee is confirmed by 2 referees in addition to the nominator

Young Achiever Award

- Demonstrated significant achievement in a relevant field, for example, academic, the arts, environmental protection, community services. Include aspects such as initiative, effort, innovation, perseverance, and leadership
- How the achievement has made Randwick a better place. Include information on community impact
- Information about the nominee is confirmed by 2 referees in addition to the nominator

Achievement Award for Person with Disability

- Nature of community activity or service to the residents of Randwick City, including how the nominee has displayed qualities such as versatility, innovation, flexibility and perseverance in delivery of service or activity
- Impact of the contribution or achievement and how it has made a lasting difference to community wellbeing. This may be through direct outcomes or showing attributes that have inspired or shown other positive impact on community
- Information about the nominee is confirmed by 2 referees in addition to the nominator

Application Guidelines

Please ensure your completed nomination form has fully addressed all questions requested by the form, as this information will be used to inform judging. Completed nomination forms must include the contact details for 2 referees.

Judging Process

- Council Officers will review each nomination to confirm eligibility compliance
- Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of Councillors representing the Cultural Diversity and Equity Committee
- The judges' selection will be confirmed at the Council meeting in December 2025
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
- The judges' decisions will remain confidential until the award winners are announced

Important dates

- Wednesday 1 October 2025: nominations open

- Sunday 2 November 2025: nominations close
- Monday 26 January 2026: Award recipients announced

Awards Presentation

The award items for each category are presented in the table below:

Category	Item
Individual	Medallion and certificate
Group	Medallion and certificate
Youth	Framed certificate
Person with Disability	Medallion and certificate
Unsuccessful	Certificate of acknowledgement by post

Privacy Policy

Nominations will remain confidential and only Award recipients will be publicly announced.

How to nominate:

Complete the digital nomination form available on Council's website.

Nominations must fully address the information sought under the relevant Award Category. The provided responses will be used to inform the judging process. Supporting documentation (samples of work, outcome statements, impact reports, media articles) to assist the judges in making their decision may also be provided with the nomination form.

For more information

Contact the Randwick City Council on 1300 722 542 and ask for the Community Development Team or email communitydevelopment@randwick.nsw.gov.au