



# CIVIC AWARDS 2026

## Eligibility and Criteria

Nominations are being sought for the City of Whitehorse Civic Awards 2026.

A fair go, a concern for the environment, desire for prosperity with a share for all, participation in sport, cultural diversity, the importance of strong community values and support systems, and a keen sense that we have our own contribution to make on the world stage - these are all considered among the key factors in the national identity. To use more abstract terms, tolerance, democracy, equity and equality of opportunity are essential Australian values, which while in some cases not universally enjoyed, are aspirations for Australians as a whole.

These key factors in the national identity form the basis for the selection of recipients for the awards and will be considered in both the nominating and selection processes. Outstanding achievement or contribution towards these shared values is the basis of the awards.

### **Eligibility**

- Nominees must be Australian citizens and unless there are exceptional circumstances, must be residents of Australia.
- The nominee must reside, study, work or participate in the Whitehorse Community in some significant way, to be eligible.
- The Citizen of the Year must be 27 years of age or older on 1 January 2026.
- The Young Citizen of the Year must be under 27 years of age on 1 January 2026.
- The Community Achievement award nominee may be an individual, over 18 years of age, or an entire community group/organisation from within the City of Whitehorse.

### **Conditions of Entry**

- Nominations must be on this official form, or online nomination via Council's website.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- All nomination information and material submitted remains the property of the City of Whitehorse.
- The decision of Council in relation to the community awards is final and no correspondence will be entered into in respect of that decision.
- The selection shall be made on the basis of outstanding service principally to the local community in any field considered appropriate to Council.
- In the absence of any nominations from members of the public, Council may make its own nominations based on local knowledge and experience.
- Individuals and organisations may submit nominations.

If you would like further information or assistance please phone 9262 6310.