



## 2022 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

**Applications open Wednesday 16 March and close Sunday 24 April, midnight.**  
**Our evening awards night will be on Thursday 19 May 2022.**

The City of Ryde's Volunteer Recognition Awards and Community Heroes Category aim to acknowledge those less visible in our City who have, through their creativity, initiative, personal time or attainments, made a positive contribution to enhancing and uplifting the lives of others within the City of Ryde community.

### ELIGIBILITY – VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- Any business, industry, community group, family or individual actively involved in voluntarily servicing the City of Ryde (excluding those primarily involved in political and/or lobbying activities) may be nominated.
- Previous award recipients are eligible to be re-nominated. Please note that any previous award winners must be nominated for volunteer works completed since the previous award was received OR in a different category. For example:
  - A previous Young Volunteer of the Year Award winner could be re-nominated after the age of 25 for a Volunteer of the Year Award.
  - If Volunteer of the Year was won in 2016, they could be re-nominated for volunteer work from 2016 to present.
- Young Volunteer Award nominees must be aged between 12-25 at the time of nomination.
- The majority of the nominees volunteering service needs to be contributed within the City of Ryde Local Government Area (LGA).
- It is not a requirement for nominees to reside in the City of Ryde LGA.
- City of Ryde Councillors and Council staff are permitted to nominate, unless confirmed as a member of the judging panel. City of Ryde Councillors and Council staff are not eligible to be nominated for an award.

### ELIGIBILITY – COMMUNITY HEROES AWARD

- Any individual who is currently OR who has in the past (living or deceased) has been involved in servicing the City of Ryde (excluding those primarily involved in political and/or lobbying activities) may be nominated.
- Previous Volunteer Recognition award recipients are eligible to be nominated.
- The volunteer work does not need to be current. It can be from past contributions.
- The nominee does not need to be alive to be recognised as a Community Hero.
- The majority of the nominees service needs to be contributed within the City of Ryde Local Government Area (LGA).
- It is not a requirement for nominees to reside in the City of Ryde LGA.
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## SELECTION CRITERIA

This nomination form is designed to provide the judging panel with important information about the nominee. By addressing each question within this form you will assist the judges in recognising what the nominee/s has contributed to their organisation/community as well as how this individual/group stands out from the rest. Please include examples of the nominee's work.

## EACH NOMINEE WILL BE JUDGED ON:

- **Special or outstanding features of their work**
- **The impact and benefit of their work**  
For example: the impact on the group, organisations and/or local area, and benefits to the community such as training others, or serving as an example to motivate others.
- **Examples of how their work has displayed dedication above and beyond the norm**  
For example: the type of work (such as physically or mentally demanding or unpleasant work), the length of service, the number of hours per week, success in overcoming obstacles.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

- The City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards are conducted in addition to the Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year Awards presented on Australia Day.
- The Community Heroes Category is a 'NEW' Category and will not have one winner, rather a selection of recipients that will be recognised on the community Heroes Honour board.
- A separate nomination form for each group or individual is required. A group is considered as 2 or more people and must be submitted on one application.
- Copies of supporting materials, no larger than A4, may be submitted, but must be attached to the official nomination form. Film, posters and recorded information will not be accepted.
- The City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards and Judging Panel may request copies of additional information on the nominee.
- Nomination forms and supporting documents will become the property of the City of Ryde and information submitted may be used for publicity purposes.
- Nominees and winners for the Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Recognition Awards evening to be held on Thursday 19 May 2022.
- The City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards Judging Panel will include:
  - The Mayor of the City of Ryde
  - Deputy Mayor of the City of Ryde
  - The General Manager of the City of Ryde
  - Staff member from Community Services team
  - Community member, nominated by the Director Customer & Community Services, Office of the Director Customer and Community Services
- The decisions of the City of Ryde Volunteer Recognition Awards Judging panel are final and no correspondence on the decision will be entered into.

**CLOSING DATE : Wednesday 21 April, midnight**

## HOW TO RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM

Please return the completed form via one of the options below:

**MAILING ADDRESS** City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069 North Ryde NSW 1670

**ONLINE** [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Volunteers](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Volunteers)

**ENQUIRIES** Customer Service  
Call: 9952 8222  
Email: [events@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@ryde.nsw.gov.au)