

2027 GUIDELINES

Nominations for the Casey Community Awards 2027 are open from Monday 5 October to Monday 16 November 2026.

The Casey Community Awards recognise and honour outstanding people in the Casey community. These people consistently go above and beyond in their contribution to the Casey community as a volunteer, professional or community member.

All nominee finalists are invited to the Casey Community Awards 2027, a prestigious event celebrating the award finalists and announcing the winners of every category.

Nominations can be made for individuals or community groups for their contribution to the Casey community in either a professional or volunteer capacity. This could be in any field, for example sport, arts, humanities, environment or community service.

Categories

The nomination categories are:

Individual:

- **Casey Citizen of the Year:** Recognises an outstanding individual aged 25 years and over who, in their profession or as a volunteer, demonstrates exceptional leadership and commitment in their field through service, advocacy, innovation or community participation. Nominees demonstrate a sustained commitment to creating positive change, strengthening community connection and inspiring others through their actions.
- **Casey Young Citizen of the Year:** Recognises exceptional young people under the age of 25 years who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, initiative or service to the Casey community. Nominees may have made a positive impact through volunteering, advocacy, creativity, community action, sport, culture, education or other activities that contribute to community wellbeing and participation.
- **Casey Senior of the Year:** Recognises individuals over the age of 60 who, through volunteering, advocacy, creativity, community action, sport, culture, education or other activities, have made a lasting change in improving the Casey community and making it a better place to live.
- **Casey Woman of the Year:** Recognises a woman who has made a significant positive impact on the Casey community through leadership, advocacy, innovation, resilience or service, inspiring and empowering others while creating meaningful change.

Community Groups:

- **Casey Community Group of the Year:** Recognises a Casey community group, sports club, or not-for-profit organisation that has made an outstanding contribution to the Casey community through programs, services, events, advocacy, fundraising or community initiatives that improve the lives of local residents.

Community Groups or Individuals:

- **Casey Equity and Inclusion Award:** Recognises an individual or group that has demonstrated outstanding commitment to creating a more inclusive, equitable and connected community through advancing the rights and interests of people from multicultural backgrounds, people with disabilities, LGBTIQA+ communities or First Nations people.
- **Lindsay King Art Award:** Recognises an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to the Arts in the City of Casey. This may include visual arts, music, theatre, dance, literature, poetry, performance, cultural expression or creative community development.
- **Casey Environment and Sustainability Champion(s) Award:** Recognises outstanding contributions towards protecting and enhancing Casey's natural environment, promoting sustainable living, increasing community awareness or advocating for climate action.

Individuals and groups may be nominated in more than one category; however, they may only be recognised in one award category. Where multiple nominations are received across different categories, Council will allocate the nominee to the most appropriate category.

Nomination information

- Nominations open on Monday 5 October 2026.
- Nominations close on Monday 16 November 2026 at 5.00 pm.

Eligibility – who can be nominated?

Individual nominations

Individuals being nominated must:

- Be a resident of Casey
- Have made an exceptional contribution to the Casey community
- Be of outstanding character and show respect in their dealings with others
- Be under 25 years of age as at 21 March 2027 if nominated for Casey Young Citizen of the Year
- Be over 60 years of age as at 21 March 2027 if nominated for Casey Senior of the Year
- Casey Woman of the Year category is open to all people who identify as women.

Community group nominations

A community group refers to a not-for-profit organisation, sports club or community group.

Community Groups must:

- be based in the City of Casey
- provide the majority of their services or activities for the Casey community
- have made an exceptional contribution to the Casey community.

Ineligibility – what will not be accepted?

- Previous winners are excluded for a period of five years from the year of receiving their award.
- Self-nominations in individual categories (groups can nominate themselves).
- Individual nominations for current and past City of Casey staff (within five years of employment).
- Individual nominations for current or past City of Casey Councillors (within five years of serving as a Councillor).
- Nominations for groups that have current or past City of Casey staff holding executive roles (within five years of employment).
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- Incomplete nomination forms.
- Nominations received after the specified closing date.
- School-led volunteer groups are ineligible. Individual students or staff can be nominated, however groups of pupils/staff in school-based programs cannot.
- Group category nominations must be for not-for-profit organisations, sporting clubs and community groups. Nominations for businesses can be made through the Casey Business Awards.

How to nominate

- Nominations must be submitted via the City of Casey website form. Emailed nominations will not be accepted.
- The nomination form should include all relevant information about the nominee in detail.
- Nominations are assessed on the information contained in the form only. Please include as much detail as possible as this is what will be assessed by a community assessment panel to decide the winners of each category. Ensure you include how the nominee individual/ group fits with the category criteria you are nominating them for.
- A minimum number of five nominations per category are required. If minimum requirements are not met, the panel will allocate nominations to the most relevant alternative category. The panel's decision regarding a nominations category and relevant winners is final.
- Council staff can help complete a nomination if required. If you would like to speak to a council officer about completing a nomination, please contact us on 9705 5200, or at: caseysadawards@casey.vic.gov.au
- All nominees will be notified of their nomination after the closing date. At this time, they will receive a copy of their official nomination form, including the name of their nominator.

Contact the City of Casey:

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Customer Service Centres:

Narre Warren: Bunjil Place, Patrick Northeast Drive
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