

Casey Community Awards Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Casey Community Awards?

The awards are a recognition program to celebrate the remarkable individuals and groups whose contributions have improved the quality of life in the City of Casey. These people and groups consistently go above and beyond in their contribution to the Casey community as volunteers, professionals or community members.

Who can be nominated?

An individual or group that makes an outstanding contribution to the community in areas such as:

- charitable and voluntary services
- education
- fundraising
- sport
- the environment
- health
- community wellbeing
- employment
- arts
- social inclusion

How to Nominate

When do nominations open?

Nominations open on Monday 5 October, 2026.

Nominations close on Monday 16 November 2026 at 5.00 pm.

How can I nominate a group or individual?

The nomination form can be found on the Casey website: [Casey Community Awards 2026 | City of Casey](#)

If you need help to complete the nomination form, please contact the Community Volunteering & Leadership team on 9705 5200 or email caseysadawards@casey.vic.gov.au

What do I need to include?

Please read the '2027 Casey Community Award Guidelines' and 'Tips on how to nominate' factsheets, to help you with your nomination. Providing as much detail as possible (within the word limit) helps the community assessment panel to get a good understanding about the contributions of your nominee(s) and impact they have had on the Casey community.

How are nominees contacted?

Nominees will be contacted via email and/ or telephone.

Will my name be provided to my nominee?

Yes. Once nominations have closed, nominees will be contacted and informed about their nomination, including who nominated them.

What happens after a person is nominated?

Nominees will be contacted once the nomination period closes. They will be informed about their nomination and provided with the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination.

What happens after acceptance of the nomination?

Council will coordinate a Community Selection Panel that will assess all nominations. All finalists will be invited to an awards ceremony where winners will be announced.

What happens if my nominee declines the nomination?

We will contact you, (the nominator), to inform you that your nominee has declined to participate in the awards.

What is the Judging Process?

The City of Casey has a Community Selection Panel comprised of Casey residents that reflects our diverse community. This group of people will be called together to independently assess and make final decisions on all of the nominations. Council officers will coordinate the meeting, but do not hold voting rights.

Who is eligible?

Individual nominations

Individuals being nominated must:

- Be a resident in 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 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.

Categories

What are the categories for the Casey Community Awards?

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, LGBTIQ+ 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.

General

What happens if a person receives more than one nomination, and they are nominated in different categories?

Some nominees receive more than one nomination. 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.

What if there are less than 5 nominations in a category?

The Community Selection Panel group will use their discretion to allocate nominees to a different category which contains a minimum of 5 nominees. All decisions are final.

When are the winners announced?

Winners will be announced at an invitation-only ceremony in March 2027. All eligible finalists will receive an invitation to this celebration event.

What are winners required to do?

Winners will receive invitations to official events and activities in their area(s) of interest. They are not obligated to attend. Winners will be announced on the City of Casey website and in local media.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

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