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2026 Taree Australia Day Awards Nomination Form



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Nomination Category Please tick the award category being nominated.

- ☐ Citizen of the Year
- ☐ Young Citizen of the Year (persons under 25 years)
- ☐ Services to Sport Award
- ☐ Community Group of the Year
- ☐ Sports Star (person 20 years and under)
- ☐ Young Artist of the Year (person 15 year and under)
- ☐ Hero of the Year (Male or Female)

Person or Group Being Nominated

Name:

Contact Person (if Community Group Category):

Address:

Telephone Number:

Mobile Number:

Email:

Age:

Please include a photo of the nominee with your application.

Nominator Information

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email:

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Achievements – Why is this person/ group being nominated?

- Outline the achievements of this person or group. List appropriate commitments to volunteering, participation in community events, and any associations with community organisations.
- How have they contributed to our Community? List positive impacts.
- Why do you believe they should receive this award?

Additional material may be added in support to a maximum of 5 A4 pages.



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References

Please provide the contact details for two persons who can substantiate the nomination. Alternatively provide letters of support for the nomination.



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Referee One

Name:

Contact Phone

Email:

Referee Two

Name:

Contact Phone

Email:

2026 Australia Day Awards

These independent awards are intended to continue the tradition of recognising the exceptional positive contributions that individuals and groups make to our community each year.

We invite our community to nominate fellow citizens in recognition of their valued contributions to the Manning Valley.

These awards are an initiative of the 2026 Taree Combined Service Clubs Australia Day Committee. The Committee includes members of the Committees of the Rotary Club of Taree, Rotary Club of Taree on Manning, The Lions Club of Taree and the Quota Club of Taree and Manning River Lions Club.

The event is supported by Club Taree, Saxby's Soft Drinks, Manning River Times, Midcoast Eggs, JR Richards and Sons, FAIM First Aid & Industrial, 2RE/Max FM and Australia Day Council.

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Criteria

Citizen of the Year

- Has made a significant contribution to our Community.
- Open to persons 25 years and older.

Young Citizen of the Year

- Has made a significant contribution to our Community.
- Open to persons under the age of 25 years.
- This is not a sporting award, however, may be won by a junior citizen who has made a significant contribution to our sporting Community through volunteering, rather than participating.

Services to Sport Award

- Has made a significant contribution in a voluntary capacity to the sport of their choice.
- Open to all age groups.
- Has outstanding achievements in sport.
- Displays an incredible sense of sportsmanship.

Community Group of the Year

- A group who has made a significant contribution to our community
- Can be a volunteer organisation, a committee, group, sporting team, association, service club or not for profit.

Sports Star of the Year

- Open to persons 20 years and under.
- A person who has shown their ability to play their chosen sport and shown leadership, encouragement and caring to their fellow players and team.

Young Artist of the Year

- Open to persons 15 years and under.
- Has designed an A3 poster for the 2027 Australia Day showing the reason we celebrate this great National Day.

The poster will be used as advertising for Taree Australia Day Celebration 26th January 2027 on the River Stage in Queen Elizabeth Park .

The poster will be reproduced and displayed in shop windows and on social media.

The winner will receive a \$150.00 donated by Friends of the Manning Regional Art Gallery

Hero of the Year

- A person who has supported their community during difficult times without accepting any acknowledgement or praise. A true Hero



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Guidelines

- To nominate, please complete the appropriate nomination form.
- Nominations must be emailed to the committee via the email address dencon@bigpond.com or dropped into Essential Tax and Accounting, 22 Pulteney Street Taree or Club Taree Reception at 121 Wingham Road Taree by Tuesday 9th December 2025
- Photos and supporting documentation (up to five A4 pages) can be attached to the nomination form.
- Any nominations received after 5.00pm Tuesday 9th December 2025 will not be considered for the Awards.
- Additional information cannot be provided after the closing date and time, unless it is a correction.
- All nominees will be notified after the closing date, advising that they have been nominated. All Nominees and Nominators will be invited to attend the 2026 Taree Combined Service Clubs Australia Day Ceremony at 8:30am on 26th January 2026.
- The winners will be announced on Australia Day at the 2026 Taree Combined Service Clubs Australia Day Ceremony, which will be held in Queen Elizabeth Park Friday 26th January 2026 commencing at 8:30am.

Eligibility

- Nominees must reside in the Manning Valley to be eligible across all award categories.
- Nominees must be Australian Citizens.
- Nominees must be undertaking their contributions in voluntary roles. Persons should not be nominated for positions in which they are paid or have financial interest.
- Nominees should have made an exceptional contribution to our Community in the last 12-month period (note: this period may be longer).
- All nominations must include all parts of the nomination criteria.
- Anonymous nominations cannot be accepted.
- The selection committee may request additional information about the nominated person or group.

Enquiries

- Please contact the committee chair David Denning via email: dencon@bigpond.com or call 0416 296 825



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