



Ku-ring-gai Local Citizen of the Year Awards **2026**

Nomination Guidelines

Guidelines for all Categories

The Ku-ring-gai Local Citizen of the Year Awards will be presented on Australia Day, 26 January 2026.

Please complete the online nomination form.

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The Ku-ring-gai Citizen of the Year Award aims to recognise the contribution and commitment of citizens who either live, work or give voluntary time and effort to the Ku-ring-gai community. The award is open to people who are outstanding in the fields of community service, including welfare, charity, arts, heritage, sport and leisure.

The Citizen of the Year Award is open to people:

- Who have a significant association with the Ku-ring-gai area, through residency or other continuous involvement within the community.
- Who have demonstrated significant achievement in any field, for example: academics, the arts, sport, business, heritage etc.
- Who have shown a commitment to community service over a considerable and/or continuous period of time and a significant contribution to the well-being of the community through personal service.
- Who have positive and inspiring personal attributes, showing qualities such as versatility, flexibility and perseverance in the delivery of community services.
- Whose personal efforts have made a lasting and significant difference to the quality of life of the community.
- Who have had an exceptional or extraordinary history of achievement across a range of disciplines.

The Ku-ring-gai Young Citizen of the Year Award aims to recognise the achievements or services of an outstanding young person which make Ku-ring-gai a better place to live.

The Young Citizen of the Year Award is open to people:

- Who are aged between 16 and 25 years of age on Australia Day 2026.
- Who have made an outstanding contribution to the Ku-ring-gai community.
- Who are residents of Ku-ring-gai or have a significant association with the area (e.g. attend a local school or involved in a local organisation).
- Who are willing to undertake the role of Young Ambassador for Ku-ring-gai Council during the Year 2026.
- Who have demonstrated significant achievement in any field, for example: academics, the arts, sport, business, heritage etc.
- Who have offered outstanding contributions to the community through leadership or services, requiring personal initiative and effort.
- Who may have shown a capacity to overcome major obstacles or disadvantages to reach their goals.

The Ku-ring-gai Environmental Citizen of the Year Award aims to recognise the achievements of an individual, organisations, groups and schools who have made an outstanding contribution through environmental initiatives in Ku-ring-gai.

The Environmental citizen of the year is open to individuals, organisations, groups and schools:

- Who have implemented environmental initiatives in Ku-ring-gai.
- Who have demonstrated efforts that contribute to a sustainable future.
- Who have demonstrated innovative ways to support the environment.



Mayor's Award for an Outstanding Contribution by an Individual or Community Organisation

The Mayor's Award aims to acknowledge individuals or organisations who contribute positively to social, heritage, arts, economic or cultural programs that build community in Ku-ring-gai.

Selection Criteria

The Mayor's Award is open to individuals or organisations:

- Who have contributed to the social, heritage, arts, economic and cultural wellbeing of the community through personal service over a considerable and/or continuous period of time.
- Who have demonstrated working with a group, or variety of groups, and building partnerships between groups and individuals.
- Who have positive and inspiring personal attributes, showing qualities such as versatility, flexibility and perseverance towards building links within the community.
- Whose efforts have made a difference to the quality of life of the community.
- Who have a history of achievement in building community networks.
- Who have significant association with the Ku-ring-gai area through long-term residency or other continuous commitment.



Nominations open for Ku-ring-gai Local Citizen of the Year Awards 2026



Citizen of the Year (25 years+)

Young Citizen of the Year (16 – 25 years)

Environmental Citizen of the Year (individual/organisation/group/school)

Mayor's Award for an Outstanding Contribution by an Individual or Community Organisation

If you know of an individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to the Ku-ring-gai community, now is your chance to give them the recognition they deserve. To nominate an individual or group, complete the form below then attach any documentation which further supports the nominee being selected in the chosen category. The Ku-ring-gai Local Citizen of the Year Awards will be presented on Australia Day, 26 January 2026.

The selection of recipients will reflect the nominations received and information available to the judging panel at the time. Ku-ring-gai Council reserves the right to withdraw an award if further information or the recipient's conduct draws the NSW Local Citizen of the Year Awards into disrepute.

Nomination Form

Please indicate which award the nomination is for:

☐ Citizen of the Year (25 years+)

☐ Environmental Citizen of the Year
(individual/organisation/group/school)

☐ Young Citizen of the Year (16 – 25 years)

☐ Mayor's Award for an Outstanding Contribution
by an Individual or Community Organisation

Nominee's Name: _____ Nominee's Phone: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

In a minimum of 25 words, provide background information on nominee and their achievement for which the nomination is made (*if you need more room please use the reverse of this page or attach a separate page*)

Nominator's Name: _____ Nominator's Phone: _____

Nominator's Address: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to: Mardi Pistachia, Events Coordinator Visitor Experience & Events
email events@krg.nsw.gov.au

For further information please contact Mardi Pistachia on 9424 0980

Nominations close Sunday 7 December 2025

