



GLEN EIRA
CITY COUNCIL

Who makes you proud?



Citizen of the Year Awards 2025

Glen Eira City Council's *Citizen of the Year*, *Young Citizen of the Year*, *Community Group of the Year* and *Sustainability Awards* recognise the outstanding contributions of Glen Eira residents who, through hard work and dedication, have significantly contributed to the community.

To nominate someone who makes you proud,
visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/who-makes-you-proud

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD AND YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

ELIGIBILITY

- *Citizen of the Year Award* — to be eligible, the nominee must be a resident of Glen Eira.
- *Young Citizen of the Year Award* — to be eligible, the nominee must be a resident of Glen Eira and be 25 years or younger on 31 December 2024.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

A person who is nominated must:

- reside in Glen Eira; have made a significant contribution to the Glen Eira community throughout 2024 and/or over previous years;
- have outstanding leadership skills and/or be a role model for other community members or organisations; and
- excel in one of the following areas: aged services; charity/humanitarian; education; public health; arts/culture; community services; sustainability; and sports/recreation.

Outstanding achievements and the demonstration of these key selection criteria are the basis of these awards.

COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR AWARD

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a community group or organisation must be not-for-profit and operate in the City of Glen Eira. They can be nominated for their usual activities or for a special project they have implemented or completed.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

A community group or community organisation that is nominated must:

- have made a significant contribution to the Glen Eira community in 2024 and/or over a number of years;
- demonstrate that it meets a community need or priority; and
- demonstrate that it provides exceptional service to the local community.

Outstanding achievements and the demonstration of these key selection criteria are the basis of the award.



SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

ELIGIBILITY

This award is open to individuals and not-for-profit community groups, organisations, schools and early childhood services who demonstrate outstanding achievements in sustainability and climate action.

- An individual must be a resident of the City of Glen Eira.
- A community group or organisation must be not-for-profit and operate in the City of Glen Eira.
- Children's services and schools must be not-for-profit and located in the City of Glen Eira.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

An individual, community group, school or organisation nominated must have significantly contributed to sustainability action that benefits the Glen Eira community in at least one of the following areas:

- Advocacy for strong climate action and change.
- Reducing carbon emissions, for example through renewable energy and energy saving.
- Supporting a circular economy by avoiding waste and improving reuse and recycling.
- Valuing biodiversity and caring for our environment.
- Supporting local food systems.
- Fostering sustainable transport behaviours.
- Building social connections to increase resilience to climate impacts, such as extreme weather, energy and food security.
- Making a positive impact on sustainability and climate change outcomes.
- Engaging and influencing people in the Glen Eira community to take sustainability and climate action.
- Creating a point of difference, such as a novel or creative approach, tools, mechanisms or actions that are leading to scalable, longer lasting change.

Outstanding achievements and meeting at least one of these key selection criteria are the basis of the award.



CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Nominations must be made online using the *SmartyGrants* portal (one nomination per application form).
- All entries must be submitted between Monday 3 February 2025 and Monday 24 March 2025.
- The name of at least one referee must be supplied.
- Nomination information and material submitted will remain the property of Glen Eira City Council.
- The decision of Glen Eira City Council in relation to the awards is final. No correspondence will be entered into in respect of the decision.
- Consent must be given by the person being nominated.

SELECTION PROCESS

A selection panel will consider all nominations before making a recommendation to Council. Awards will be announced as part of Council's *Community Awards Event* during *National Volunteer Week* in May 2025.

WHAT TO INCLUDE ON THE NOMINATION FORM

- Answer the relevant key selection criteria and complete all questions.
- Describe the nominee's contribution and achievements in the local community.
- Describe the nominee's role and how the community has benefited from their contribution.
- Detail if the nominee has been recognised for their contribution elsewhere, e.g media, other awards or by interest groups.
- Provide evidence of the nominee's work.
- Upload supporting material such as photographs, media or newspaper clippings, promotional materials and letters of support.

REFEREES

- Referees listed in the nomination form may be contacted for further information.
- Referees can provide a supporting letter.
- Referees should be advised that this process is confidential.

HOW TO ENTER

Visit www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/who-makes-you-proud and follow the instructions.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email communityawards@gleneira.vic.gov.au. National Relay Service: TTY 13 36 77 or Speak and Listen 1300 555 727 or internet-relay.nrscall.gov.au then enter 03 9524 3333.

