

Yarra Community Awards 2026 - Nomination Form

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Before you start

Please read the Community Awards [2026 Nomination Guidelines](#). This includes full details on the terms & conditions, eligibility, criteria, key timeframes and FAQs.

Make sure you have spoken with the nominee and confirmed they are happy to be nominated.

If you are nominating multiple people / groups, a separate form is needed for each nomination.

You can save this form and return to it later via this link: <http://cityofyarra.smartygrants.com.au/>

Award category

* indicates a required field

Please select only one award category *

- ☐ Person of the Year
- ☐ Young Person of the Year
- ☐ Community Initiative of the Year
- ☐ Contribution to Arts & Culture
- ☐ Contribution to Sport & Recreation
- ☐ Contribution to Sustainability
- ☐ Contribution to Inclusion & Diversity

Nominee's details

* indicates a required field

Who are you nominating? *

- ☐ An individual
- ☐ A group or organisation

Only tick either individual OR group

If nominating an individual

Nominee's name

Title	First Name	Last Name

Nominee's email

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Nominee's phone number

If nominating a group or organisation

This applies to any award category, except 'Person of the Year' or 'Young Person of the Year'

Name of group or organisation

Name of specific project, event, activity or initiative

Nominee's email

Nominee's phone number

Nominee's eligibility

What is the nominee's connection to Yarra (select all that apply):

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| ☐ Live | ☐ Volunteer |
| ☐ Work | ☐ Active participant of a program |
| ☐ Study | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |

For 'Person of the Year' only

Is the nominee aged 26 years old or older (at 12 November 2026)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the nominee a current Yarra resident?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

To be eligible for this category, the nominee must be a Yarra resident

Nominee's post code

Of nominee's residential address

For 'Young Person of the Year' only

Is the nominee aged between 12 and 25 years old (at 12 November 2026)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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What is the nominee's age?

Is the nominee a current Yarra resident?

☐ Yes

☐ No

To be eligible for this category, the nominee must be a Yarra resident

Nominee's post code

Of nominee's residential address

Why are you nominating this person or group?

* indicates a required field

HELPFUL TIP: Please refer the criteria below to help prepare your written statement

Person of the Year

An individual who has made an exceptional contribution to improving the quality of life for members of the Yarra community, demonstrated exceptional leadership that inspired others as a role model, possess special skills, talents and attributes to stand out.

Young Person of the Year

An individual under 25, who has made an exceptional contribution to improving the quality of life for members of the Yarra community, demonstrated exceptional leadership that inspired others as a role model, possess special skills, talents and attributes to stand out.

Community Initiative of the Year

An initiative undertaken by a group of people, event, campaign or movement that has had a significant positive and meaningful impact on the Yarra community over the past year. This may include a group that was formed specifically to deliver a project or campaign.

Contribution to Arts & Culture

This category recognises contributions to the thriving and evolving creative experience in Yarra. This category also recognises contributions to the protection and enhancement of Yarra's history. Yarra has a rich history and is home to several historical buildings and sites that are of interest and value to the community. Heritage can relate to tangible features such as buildings, precincts, landscapes, streetscapes, archaeological sites, objects, collections and records, or to intangible elements such as cultural practices, stories, traditions, folklore and other knowledge that is inherited over generations.

Contribution to Sport & Recreation

This category recognises contributions to organised sport and encouraging physical activity in Yarra. We encourage physical activity as a part of everyday life for people of all ages and abilities.

Contribution to Sustainability

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This category recognises contributions made by a group or an individual initiating a project, program or activity that delivers genuine and measurable action in direct response to the climate emergency or an environmental issue relevant to Yarra. This might include advocacy for climate action, reducing carbon emissions, supporting circular economy, valuing biodiversity, supporting local food systems, building social connections and influencing the community to take sustainable climate action.

Contribution to Diversity & Inclusion

This category recognises contributions to making sure that all people can participate in community life in Yarra. We value our diversity, where people of all ages, genders, sexualities, abilities, incomes, educations, languages, cultures and backgrounds feel welcome and connected.

How does the nominee show leadership and / or be a positive role model for others?

This question only applies to the 'Person of the Year' and 'Young Person of the Year' nominations. **Please ignore this question if nominating for any other award category.**

How has the nominee made an outstanding contribution to the Yarra community over the past year?

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Demonstrate how the nominee has made a positive impact to the lives of others, in their field, in relation to the following community values:

- Cultural harmony
- Equality and equity
- Improving community health and wellbeing
- How does the nominee include or connect with the following groups? Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, LGBTIQ+, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, People with a Disability, gender, young people and older people.

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Your details (the person completing this nomination)

* indicates a required field

Name *

Phone number *

Email address *

Before Submitting Your Nomination

* indicates a required field

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions *

☐ Yes

I confirm that the nominee acknowledges and agrees to be nominated *

☐ Yes

I give permission and agree for my nomination to be shared for promotional purposes by Yarra City Council *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Where did you hear about the Community Awards?

Nominations are not submitted until you hit the 'submit button' on the final page of the form.

If you have missed a required field or one of your answers is over the word limit, you will not be able to submit your nomination. Any questions preventing you from submitting will be highlighted in red on the "Review and Submit" page of the form.

You will receive a confirmation email, and a PDF version of your submission, once your nomination has been successfully received by us.

