2026 DENMARK CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS
GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

Nominations
Closes 4PM, 3rd November 2026
Late nominations will not be accepted.

Eligibility
A person must first be nominated to be considered for the awards. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

1. Nominees must be a person who resides in the Shire of Denmark and for;
- Citizen of the Year category, be a person of any age.
- Citizen of the Year - Youth category, be a person aged between 12 to 24 years.
- Citizen of the Year - Senior category, be a person over the age of 65.
- Citizen of the Year - Group category, be a local community group or not-for-profit organisation based within the Shire of Denmark.

2. Sitting members of State, Federal and Local Government are not eligible.
3. Nominations must be apolitical in nature.
4. Nominations will only be accepted on official nomination forms.
5. A person may only be nominated for one category on a nomination form. A person may be nominated more than once on separate nomination form.
6. Late entries will not be accepted.

How to Apply
Nomination must be submitted on the official Citizen of the Year Nomination Form available from the Shire of Denmark website. The completed form can be submitted via the by email or in person.

www.denmark.wa.gov.au/citizen-of-the-Year

info@denmark.wa.gov.au

Shire of Denmark
953 South Coast Highway Denmark WA 6333

Selection Criteria
The nomination must demonstrate that the person(s) or group(s) citizenship activities occurred within the Shire of Denmark. External activities that benefitted the Denmark community may be taken into consideration during the selection process.

Nominations will be assessed for an individual or group who has/have:

- Made a significant contribution to the Denmark community.
- Demonstrated leadership on a community issue resulting in the enhancement of community life.
- Undertaken a significant initiative that has brought about positive change and added value to community life
- Invested time and effort above the standard expected of any citizen (hours of time given, range of tasks undertaken, and length of service) and is a good role model for the community.

Selection Process
Successful nominees will be determined by Council and the results kept strictly confidential until the announcement at the award presentation.

All nominees will be notified prior to the event to allow recipients to invite friends and family to the presentation.

Presentation of the Citizen of the Year Awards will be held at a suitable Shire event, determined annually. for 2026, this will be at the Shire Christmas event on the 12th December at McLean Oval

For more Information
Contact Andy Percy - Community Development Officer on 9848 0300 or andy.percy@denmark.wa.gov.au

Denmark Citizen of the Year Awards

Policy Statement

This policy provides a framework for nominating and awarding the Shire of Denmark Citizen of the Year Awards.

Objective

To publicly recognise and award individuals and groups who go above and beyond their civic duties to contribute to the Denmark community in a constructive and positive way.

Scope

The Citizen of the Year Awards promote community pride, responsibility, and participation across four (4) categories:

1. Citizen of the Year (no age restriction).
2. Citizen of the Year - Youth (under 25 years).
3. Citizen of the Year - Senior (over 65 years).
4. Citizen of the Year – Group.

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2. demonstrated leadership on a community issue resulting in the enhancement of community life.

3. undertaken a significant initiative that has brought about positive change and added value to community life.
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Shire of Denmark reserves the right to withdraw any awards issued to recipients who bring the awards program or Shire of Denmark into disrepute.

Policy Commitments

This policy will have financial implications for the administration of the awards to be determined through Council's annual budget process.

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