



SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD



Wattle Range
COUNCIL

ABOUT OUR ANNUAL SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year, the Council invites nominations for its prestigious Senior of the Year Award. This accolade is designed to honor and recognise individuals aged 60 or over who have made exceptional contributions to our local community.

The award celebrates those who have demonstrated outstanding service, whether through a single remarkable achievement in the current year or through a sustained pattern of dedication over many years.



Nominating someone for the Senior of the Year Award is a meaningful way to recognise and celebrate the vital role seniors play in our community. It's an opportunity to publicly acknowledge their efforts, inspire others, and highlight the value of community service and engagement.



“The Senior of the Year Award looks to honour and celebrate a senior who has made a significant impact on the local Wattle Range community, whether through a recent achievement or a lifetime of service.”

Council encourages both individuals and groups to take this opportunity to nominate someone who has made a significant impact in your community and deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions.

Council is looking for individuals whose kindness, dedication, and community spirit have left a lasting impact.

CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS IN WATTLE RANGE

As part of the “Celebrating Seniors” initiative, the Senior of the Year Award is a key Council initiative aimed at fostering community vibrancy and appreciation for the vital role seniors play in building a stronger, more connected community.

The recipient of the Senior of the Year Award will be officially announced during Council’s Seniors Week celebrations in October.

“Celebrating Seniors” has shifted from a month-long program to a dynamic Seniors Week, and the launch of a program of additional events to be held throughout the year. The week will feature engaging, intergenerational activities, and uplifting events that highlight the experiences, stories and achievements of older residents.

The full Seniors Week program can be found at www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION?

To be eligible for the Senior of the Year Award, nominees must:

Be aged 60 years or older



Be a resident of the Wattle Range Council area



Have made a significant impact on the local community, either through recent efforts in the current year or through a long-standing commitment over a number of years



Council Elected Members, employees and Celebrate Seniors Working Party members are not eligible to be nominated for the Senior of the Year Award



NOMINATION CONSIDERATIONS

When submitting your nomination, you may like to include the following information as a guideline:

- The community benefit from the nominee's contribution or services
- Significant contributions and achievements of the nominee
- Additional national or international awards, certificates and other recognition
- Demonstration of leadership or any other outstanding qualities
- Demonstration of nominee overcoming particular difficulties or hurdles to do the work.

KEY DATES

Submissions open

Friday, 31 July 2026

Submissions close

Friday, 25 September 2026

Recipient announced

Friday, 9 October during the
'Celebrate Seniors' celebrations



HOW WILL THE NOMINATION BE ASSESSED?

The first stage is an eligibility check where nominations will be assessed against the eligibility criteria. If the nomination meets all eligibility criteria, key considerations for the award will then be assessed.

Both the eligibility and assessment stages are undertaken by a selection panel comprising of past recipients of the Wattle Range Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards, a representative from the Celebrate Seniors Working Party and Council staff.

All nominations will be treated as confidential.

NOMINEE CHECKLIST

- ☐ The nominee meets eligibility criteria
- ☐ An additional referee/ contact has been supplied
- ☐ The nomination outlines the difference the individual has made to the community which may/ or may not include the following:
 - ☐ Outstanding contributions and achievements of the nominee
 - ☐ The number of hours of work/volunteering and years undertaken is noted
 - ☐ The community benefit from the nominee's contribution or services is noted
 - ☐ Additional national or international awards, certificates and other recognition
 - ☐ Demonstration of leadership or any other outstanding qualities
 - ☐ Demonstration of nominee overcoming particular difficulties or hurdles to do the work.

NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY

Nominations can be submitted by anyone who believes they know a deserving candidate.

Completed nomination forms can be submitted by email to council@wattlerange.sa.gov.au, by post to PO Box 27, MILLICENT SA 5280 or in person at any Wattle Range Council office.

WHO CAN I TALK TO?

Wattle Range Council
Community Development Officer

e: council@wattlerange.sa.gov.au
t: 08 8733 0900



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NOMINATION FORM

SECTION 1 | DETAILS OF PERSON BEING NOMINATED

Surname		
First Name		
Address		
	Suburb/Town:	Postcode:
Telephone		
Date of Birth		
Email		

Is the person being nominated aware of this nomination and would they be willing to accept an award?

☒ **Yes**

☐ **No**

The presentations of the Award will be held at the Wattle Range Council, Civic and Arts Centre, Ridge Terrace, Millicent on **Friday, 9 October 2026** at the Award Ceremony.

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Note: Additional material may be attached if desired

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NOMINATION FORM

SECTION 2 | VERIFICATION

I verify the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name		
Address		
	Suburb/Town:	Postcode:
Telephone		
Email		
What is your relationship to the nominee?		
Date		
Signature		

Other persons who may be contacted for further information

Name		
Address		
	Suburb/Town:	Postcode:
Telephone		
What is their relationship to the nominee?		

Please return the completed nomination forms before 5pm **Friday, 25 September 2026** to any Wattle Range Council Office, Information Centres or Library.

Completed forms can also be emailed to council@wattlerange.sa.gov.au.