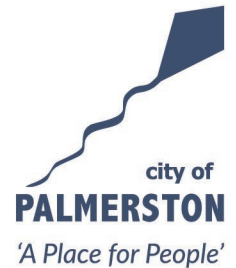


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PALMERSTON AWARD NOMINEES CELEBRATED

24 January 2025

City of Palmerston has announced their nominees of the prestigious 2025 Palmerston Australia Day Awards.

These annual awards honour individuals, groups and voluntary organisations who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and service to our community.

Nominees were celebrated at an exclusive cocktail party at Rydges Palmerston on Thursday, 23 January. Guests were welcomed with a red-carpet entrance, where they enjoyed canapes, beverage and a live performance from the talented Cathy Applegate String Trio.

Nominees were presented with their own certificate of achievement, acknowledging their remarkable contribution to the community. Award categories and nominees are:

Community Group or Event of the Year

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day
- Arafura Music Collective
- Aunties Place
- Aunty's Free Feeds
- Breatheasy NT S.T.A.A.R.S.
- Good Shepherd Lutheran College Palmerston Campus – Community Fun Day
- The Heart Foundation Walking Program
- Magnify Her - Women in Business
- Musical Night - The Tamil Society
- Orange Sky Palmerston Team
- Palmerston Rugby Union Junior 7's Tournament
- Palmerston NAIDOC Committee Elders Lunch
- Palmerston Park Run
- Riding for the Disabled in the Top End Community Open Day
- STEPS Group Palmerston
- STRIVE
- Taiwanese Community of the Northern Territory Dragon Boat Festival
- Walk to Remember

- Woodroffe Care Community

Young Citizen of the Year

- Elorah Ryan
- Niesha Korman
- Penny Ralph
- Yolanda Kanyai

Citizen of the Year

- Balachander MohanRaj
- Emma Cawood
- Dian Dunn
- Hannah Finbow
- Katie Grimshaw
- Luke Seib
- Natalie La Pira
- Paeatia Reea
- Rodney Greenwood
- Sanjeev Patel

City of Palmerston Mayor, Athina Pascoe-Bell expressed her gratitude towards all nominees, saying, "The Citizens of the Year cocktail party is our way of thanking all nominees of the Palmerston Australia Day Awards for their selfless efforts and valuable contribution to our community."

"We received a record number of nominations this year, which shows that the awards are held in such high regard."

Winners of the Palmerston Australia Day Awards will be announced on Sunday, 26 January 2025, with a celebration from 1pm at the Palmerston Recreation Centre. City of Palmerston extends its sincere congratulations to all nominees for their outstanding contributions to our community.

To read the bio of each award nominee, visit palmerston.nt.gov.au

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