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ONE WEEK TO NOMINATE FOR 2022 AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

2022 Australian of the Year Awards nominations close 31 July 2021
Nominate now at australianoftheyear.org.au

There's just one week left to submit nominations for the people you think should be in the running for the 2022 Australian of the Year Awards.

The awards rely on the public to submit nominations for people who should be recognised each year and **nominations close at midnight (AEST), Saturday 31 July 2021.**

Nominating is simple and can be done online at australianoftheyear.org.au.

There are four award categories:

- Australian of the Year
- Senior Australian of the Year
- Young Australian of the Year
- Australia's Local Hero

National Australia Day Council CEO Ms Karlie Brand said it only takes one nomination for someone to be considered for the awards.

"One nomination is all it takes to ensure the person you find inspiring is in the running for the Australian of the Year Awards," said Ms Brand.

"We rely solely on members of the public to nominate people for the awards, so you really do have a very important say in who you think should be recognised.

"Your nomination could find the 2022 Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero.

"Each year when we announce the award recipients, there are people out there in the community who submitted a nomination which put things in motion – it's a very powerful thing to nominate someone."

While submitting a nomination is very easy to do, there are some useful tips available here:

<https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate/>

If you have difficulty speaking or understanding English and need assistance to submit a nomination, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on 131 450 for the cost of a local call. TIS National operates nationally and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for over 160 languages and dialects

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****Interviews and photos available on request**