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# CITY OF BALLARAT Senior of the Year Awards 2023

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INFORMATION AND NOMINATION FORM





## A message from the Mayor

The Ballarat Senior of the Year Awards recognise the contribution older people in Ballarat make to our community.

The Awards celebrate the people of Ballarat whose volunteer involvement supports and inspires others in our community.

We invite you to nominate colleagues, friends or family members to be considered for the 2023 Ballarat Senior of the Year Award categories.

This year's Awards will be presented at a reception in the Town Hall on Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Please nominate someone you think deserves recognition.

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## 2023 Award Categories

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### Volunteering Award

For exceptional contribution by an individual to their community.

### Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award

For an individual who has contributed significantly to a fairer, more accessible community for all. This person is dedicated to building an inclusive culture that encourages, supports and celebrates our diverse voices. This may include excellence in representing or advocating on behalf of communities such as LGBTIQ+, Disability, Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander, Multicultural or other diverse groups, improving community inclusion, or a project that improves social connection and participation.

### Healthy and Active Living Award

For an individual for helping to create active and healthy communities through community involvement and as a role model.

### Ageing Well Award

For an individual who has worked to combat ageism, promote social justice and engage with their community to support ageing well initiatives.

From these categories, the winner of the overarching **2023 Senior of the Year Award** will be chosen.

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## Who is eligible for the Awards?

To be eligible for these Awards, the nominee must be an Australian citizen, a resident of or volunteer in the City of Ballarat local government area and be aged 55 years or over. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander residents aged 50 years or over are eligible for nomination. Nominees will be assessed on their volunteer contribution and achievements since reaching the qualifying age.

## What is the selection criteria?

Nominees will be assessed on:

- How they make a difference to community wellbeing through volunteering
- Their good standing in the community
- How their positive attitude to ageing inspires others.

## Step by step guide to making a nomination

### 1. Complete the form, following the instructions carefully

### 2. Keeping in mind the selection criteria above, on two separate pages tell us:

- a) How has the nominee demonstrated commitment and contribution to the community?
- b) How is the nominee an inspirational role model?

### 3. Attach

- a) You must attach at least two letters supporting the nomination from colleagues or individuals in the community.
- b) You can attach copies of up to three pieces of supporting information about your nominee, such as awards and media articles.

### 4. Send completed nominations to:

Ballarat Senior of the Year Awards  
Cathy Bushell  
Ageing Well  
City of Ballarat  
PO Box 655, Ballarat, VIC 3353  
Or email [seniorsawards@ballarat.vic.gov.au](mailto:seniorsawards@ballarat.vic.gov.au)

## Further Information

For more information or help with completing a nomination form, call Cathy Bushell on 0428 485 450 or email [seniorsawards@ballarat.vic.gov.au](mailto:seniorsawards@ballarat.vic.gov.au)

Shortlisted nominees will be contacted in late September to advise they are being considered for an award and these nominees will be subject to a screening process conducted by City of Ballarat.

The Awards are assessed by a selection panel which includes a previous Senior of the Year Award winner and City of Ballarat officers.

The decisions of the panel are final. Information supplied with this form will not be returned, will be kept confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

# 2023 BALLARAT SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Closing date for nominations is **Sunday 17 September 2023**

## Name and age of person you are nominating

Name:

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Age:

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Suburb:

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Telephone/mobile:

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## Your details *(the nominator)*

Name:

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Address:

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Postcode:

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Telephone/mobile:

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Email:

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Relationship to nominee:

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## Which award(s) are you nominating the person for *(please tick)*

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Volunteering Award

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Equity, Diversity and  
Inclusion Award

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Healthy and Active Award

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Ageing Well Award

## How did you find out about the Ballarat Senior of the Year Awards? *(please tick)*

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City of Ballarat website

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Radio

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Facebook

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Social media

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Newspaper

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Other, please specify

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