

Byron Shire Council YourSay Survey Responses

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I am unsure/don't have a preference	I would participate either way		Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year		None of the above	No	70 – 84 years	Female	No
I don't support	I am not interested in participating	Australian of the year awards, 'citizen awards', 'community awards' etc. should be held on Australia Day 26 January	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year, Other: Science and/or innovation-based award	There would be no 'Australia' if there were no coming together of our European and Indigenous Australians which is marked in history on 26 January 1788. Although this is a date from which heinous atrocities have sprawled out from, there is also so many positive historic impacts of European settlement in Australia and I am of the opinion that it is our perspective of the way we look back on our shared history in reflection for our plans for the future that we should focus on building strong cultural ties moving forward. You cannot change the dates of history.	None of the above	No	25 – 34 years	Male	No
I don't support	I would be less likely to participate		Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year		Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	35 – 49 years	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say
I don't support	I would be less likely to participate	Australia Day	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	35 – 49 years	Female	No
I don't support	I would be more likely to participate		Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Male	No
I don't support	I would be less likely to participate	Australia Day			None of the above	No	35 – 49 years	Male	No
I don't support	Unsure		Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	70 – 84 years	Female	No
I don't support	I am not interested in participating	As is	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year	No	None of the above	No	85 years and over	Male	Yes
I don't support	Unsure	Same day as Citizenship day	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year	When we reward our community members for exemplifying certain values it should be an example for our new citizens to help them identity with their new community.	Prefer not to say	Yes	70 – 84 years	Female	No
I don't support	I am not interested in participating	no	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year	no	None of the above	Prefer not to say	50 – 59 years	Female	No
I don't support	I am not interested in participating	Australia Day	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year	I think it is ridiculous to even consider changing the day. History is exactly that and no amount feel good posturing will change that	None of the above	No	70 – 84 years	Male	No
I don't support	I would be less likely to participate	Annually on Australia Day 26 January each year	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year		None of the above	Yes	70 – 84 years	Male	No
I don't support	I would be less likely to participate	As it currently is... it's not broken, don't try to fix it!	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year		None of the above	Yes	Prefer not to say	Male	No

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I don't support	I would be less likely to participate	leave it on OZ day	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year		None of the above	No	60 – 69 years	Male	Prefer not to say
I don't support	I would be less likely to participate	Never	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year	Keep Australia Day Do not change history	None of the above	No	60 – 69 years	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say
I don't support	I am not interested in participating		Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Community Event of the Year		None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Male	No
I don't support	I am not interested in participating		Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year		None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Male	No
I don't support	I would be more likely to participate	October	Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year	Nursing home of the year Volunteer org of the year	None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Female	No
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I support	I would participate either way		Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year, Other: Community Group of the Year, Community Initiative of the Year		None of the above	No	25 – 34 years	Female	No
I support	I am not interested in participating				None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	may 8th	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	18 – 24 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	the date doesn't matter, as long as it's not 26 Jan	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year, Other: Local Business of the yr, Local charity of the Yr		None of the above	No	35 – 49 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate		Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	35 – 49 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate		Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	25 – 34 years	Female	No
I support	Unsure	Anzac Day	Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Community Event of the Year	Uncertain about some aspects because I have little experience with event planning.	None of the above	No	60 – 69 years	Male	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	May the 8 = Mate. Any time that is NOT associated with Australia Day	Creative Artist of the Year	I think that all the awards should have an indigenous name - so we could have the 'Elder of the Year' or rather than Senior Citizen of the Year. Terms or words from the Bundjalung language could be used for all of the categories. We've seen this move in our postal service so that the indigenous land name of the address is recognised. Moving indigenous language into the awards we give provides	None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Male	No

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				acknowledgement of our first people's, a necessary requirement for any community award program. Neighbourhood Hero - each village/town can nominate someone who they think has contributed to their local area in a significant way					
I support	Unsure	Away from other significant events. A date of its own.	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year	Socially-minded business of the Year Best New Business of the Year (best for variety or community) Best Not-For-Profit Organisation of the Year Best Community Project of the Year	None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	28 July	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate		Other: First nation history & culture focus		None of the above	No	70 – 84 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	At the conclusion of each year	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year, Other: Community resilience initiative		None of the above	No	35 – 49 years	Female	Yes
I support	I would be more likely to participate	Maybe this could take place on or around harmony day?	Volunteer of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year	Could we change the wording of 'Citizen' in the above categories? There could be some amazing people in our community doing amazing things that aren't technically 'Australian citizens'. I think we could change the language to be more inclusive of everyone's residencies rights/circumstances and say: 'Person of the Year' or 'Byron local of the Year' 'Young person of the Year' 'Senior person of the Year' or something like this to promote more inclusion. Other categories could also include: Advocacy Program of the Year or a wider categoriy such as 'Social impact program of the Year'	None of the above	No	25 – 34 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	Doesn't have to be a public holiday.	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	70 – 84 years	Male	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	brunswick river open space area	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year		Prefer not to say	No	50 – 59 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	no.	Volunteer of the Year ,Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	70 – 84 years	Male	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate		Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	60 – 69 years	Female	Yes
I support	I would be more likely to participate		Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year,		None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Male	No

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			Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year						
I support	I would be more likely to participate	30 January	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	Yes	35 – 49 years	Female	Yes
I support	I would be more likely to participate	On a date that is not offensive to anyone	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year	I stumbled on this survey through social media despite having had previous email correspondence with Council members about this exact issue. I would appreciate Council picking up the conversation	None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Male	Yes
I support	Unsure	May along with celebrating volunteers in that month	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year, Other: Charity of the Year and Good Neighbour		None of the above	No	70 – 84 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	Solstice or Equinox	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		Prefer not to say	Yes	70 – 84 years	Male	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	A neutral date significant to our Shire	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year, Other: I would like to see the word citizen dropped and just have person. Business of the year. Lifetime achievement by a person or organisation. activist of the year.	This is a celebration of our community, voting and proposals should be encouraged with innovative methods. See a community event with participation from many people in the community	None of the above	No	60 – 69 years	Female	Yes
I support	I would be more likely to participate		Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	60 – 69 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate		Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	Not January.	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year, Other: advocate of the year (eg Disability Advocate, or Women's Health advocate.	Thanks for putting it out there!	None of the above	No	35 – 49 years	Female	Yes
I support	I would be more likely to participate				None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Female	
I support	Unsure	another day in January	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	50 – 59 years	Female	No
I support	I would be more likely to participate	Hmmm.....	Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Creative Artist of the Year, Community Event of the Year, Environmental Program of the Year		None of the above	No	60 – 69 years	Female	Yes