

# Cowra Shire Community Group of the Year 2025

The Cowra Shire Community Group of the Year Award recognises the achievements of an inspirational and outstanding group of people who make Cowra Shire a better place to live

## Guidelines and Criteria

### Eligibility Criteria:

- The group must have made an outstanding contribution to the Cowra Shire at the time of nomination.
- Groups may not nominate themselves; this includes Board members, employees or volunteer members.
- Individuals will not be eligible – this award relates to groups of people only.
- The group must be working on a predominately volunteer basis. (Paid employees contributing to the group will not necessarily render the group ineligible, provided the group is operating in a predominately volunteer capacity)
- A group can be awarded the same award in subsequent years.
- Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated in subsequent years.

### How to Nominate:

To nominate a group for Cowra Shire Community Group of the Year, please complete the attached nomination form. The nomination should detail the nature, duration and impact of the group's contribution to Cowra Shire. You are encouraged to discuss the nomination with members of the organisation and seek supporting documents. In assessing a nomination, the judging panel may consider:

- Achievements **in the years immediately prior to the nomination of the Award**, as well as consideration of the group's past achievements, longevity of service and ongoing contribution to the Cowra Shire community.
- The benefit to the community from the group's service or contribution.
- Other recognition of the group's contribution or work, including publicity.
- Whether the group has had to overcome any particular difficulties or hurdles.

The judging panel may contact the nominator and referee for further information. Nominations will not be accepted unless a nominator and referee have signed the form; phone or email confirmation will not be accepted. Please ensure contact details are correct. The nominee will be contacted to confirm acceptance of the nomination and notified of the expectation to attend the Australia Day Ceremony and other relevant functions should they be successful. Information provided on the nomination form may be published and must be accurate. Incorrect details may render the nomination invalid.

## Nominations close 4:30pm Friday 29 November 2024

Award recipients will be announced at the Australia Day Commemoration Service on  
**Sunday 26 January 2025**

The selection of award recipients will reflect the nominations received and information available to the Judging Panel at the time. Judging will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. Judges disclose any conflict of interest regarding nominations prior to judging.



For further information contact:  
Cowra Shire Council  
Community Projects Officer  
Phone: 02 6340 2064 or 02 6340 2086  
Email: [communityprojects@cowra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityprojects@cowra.nsw.gov.au)



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## Nomination Form

### SECTION I:

Please tell us about the group you are nominating for Cowra Shire Community Group of the Year

**Group Name**

**Address**

**Key Contact Person**

**Telephone**

**Email**

**Significant contribution and achievements**

Please refer to the Guidelines and Criteria and provide a detailed statement that addresses the following questions:

Please describe the group's outstanding service or positive contribution.

Over what period of time has the group made this contribution?

How has the group's contribution and/or service benefited the community?

Has the group had to overcome any particular difficulties or hurdles in achieving their goals?

Has the group's contribution been recognised elsewhere? Please provide details.

Please provide any additional information here:

Additional material including media articles, photographs and/or supporting references may be attached.

## SECTION 2:

### Your contact details

Please provide your contact details to enable the Cowra Shire Australia Day Committee to seek further information about this nomination (if required).

**Name**

**Address**

**Telephone**

**Email**

**Organisation** (if applicable)

**Signature**

**Date**

### Contact details of a referee

Please provide the contact details of an additional person who may be contacted for further information about the nominee (if required).

**Name**

**Address**

**Telephone**

**Email**

**Signature**

**Date**

**Nominations will not be accepted unless signed by nominator and referee. Referee confirmation by phone or email will not be accepted.**

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Please send your completed form to:  
**Cowra Shire Australia Day Committee**  
**Cowra Shire Council, Private Bag 342, Cowra NSW 2794**  
**In Person: 116 Kendal Street, Cowra NSW 2794**



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