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Australia Day Awards 2025

On Australia Day 2025, communities across the Warrumbungle local government area came together to “Reflect, Respect and Celebrate” what’s great about our country, our local communities and some outstanding local achievers.

Councillors joined community members and the visiting Australia Day Ambassadors at events across the local government area. Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Rindfleish, attended events in Binnaway, Baradine and Coolah.

“It was great to attend some of the local events and celebrate Australia Day with so many people in our communities”, said Cr Rindfleish. “As part of the celebrations, I and the other councillors, were pleased to present some very worthy recipients with Warrumbungle Shire Council Australia Day Awards for 2025.”

Cr Rindfleish said, “we had many high-quality nominations for this year’s awards and the Australia Day Selection Committee was challenged in making the final choices.”

The recipients of the 2025 Warrumbungle Shire Council Australia Day Awards were:

Citizen of the Year

Ted Hayman (Baradine)

Young Citizen of the Year

Kurt Rutter (Coonabarabran)

Senior Citizen of the Year

Geoffrey Gasior (Coonabarabran)

Young Sportsperson of the Year

Evie Matthews (Baradine)

Environmental Citizen of the Year

Malcom and Laura Hartley
(Coonabarabran)

Community Event of the Year

Coolah Veteran Touch Football Carnival
(Coolah)

Cultural Achievement Award

Coonabarabran High School Musical
Production Team for ‘Legally Blonde’
Musical (Coonabarabran)

Young Environmental Citizen of the Year

Ava Harley (Coonabarabran)

“These awards are a great opportunity to celebrate the things we most value about our local communities and recognise people for their outstanding achievements and contributions. I would like to take this opportunity to again congratulate not only the award recipients, but all the nominees,” concluded Cr Rindfleish.

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