

CITY OF WOLLONGONG AWARDS COMMITTEE – MINUTES



Date	11 June 2025	Start Time: 4.33pm	Finish Time: 5.03pm	Location: Level 10 Committee Room Wollongong City Council, 41 Burelli Street Wollongong & Online via Teams
Meeting Purpose	The City of Wollongong Awards Committee is an advisory committee who provide guidance on the delivery of the 2026 City of Wollongong Awards presentation. In addition, the committee facilitate the scoring of all nominations received across the award categories.			
Apologies:	Jack Brown, Sarah Wilson, Sally Stevenson, Aunty Barbara Nicholson, Susan Wardle			

ITEMS

No.	What	Timing	Who
1.	Acknowledgement of Country - <i>"I would like to pay my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Dharawal Country, the land on which we meet. I would like to pay my respect to Elders past, present and those emerging. I would also like to extend my respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present here today."</i>		Lord Mayor Cr Tania Brown
	Minutes of the previous meeting were declared a true and accurate record of the meeting on the motion of Cr Docker and seconded by R. Hampton.		
2.	City of Wollongong Awards Committee A general summary of the City of Wollongong Awards was provided by the Lord Mayor, new members were introduced, and their roles acknowledged. New Members Introduced were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Malika Reese – Citizen of the Year ○ Ken Habak OAM – Senior Citizen of the Year ○ Jack Brown – Young Citizen of the Year (apology noted) 		Lord Mayor / Chair

3.	<p>Nominations for the awards</p> <p>The discussion started on this item started with the review of categories and criteria.</p> <p>The updated award categories and criteria were shared with the committee. V. Cvetkoski provided an overview of the suggested amendments. Led by the Lord Mayor, the committee discussed the suggestions and agreed on the updated category and criteria for the 2026 City of Wollongong Awards.</p> <p>Following, the discussion moved to the nomination process with the committee considering refinements to the shortlisting and scoring of nominations. There was agreement on a change to consider all nominations and shortlist finalists and winners in each category.</p> <p>It was noted that improvements to the nomination form would need to be made to ensure clarity on finalist selection process.</p> <p>The committee were advised that the nominations for the City of Wollongong Awards will open in November. Further discussion around the promotion of the nominations with confirmation that there would be social media and online advertising the Award nominations opening. The committee agreed to support the promotional activity by sharing the opportunity for nominations through their networks.</p> <p>A draft communication plan to be provided to the committee at the next committee meeting.</p>		Lord Mayor / Chair+ Events representative
4.	<p>General Business</p> <p>V.Cvetkoski noted key dates and advised that calendar invites would be circulated to committee once refined.</p> <p>There was discussion about the presentation event format and venue options. There was further discussion about the ticketing and ticket cost.</p> <p>There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 5.03pm</p>		
5.	<p>Suggested meeting schedule for 2025/2026</p> <p>Tuesday 5 August 2025 Tuesday 7 October 2025 Tuesday 4 November 2025 Tuesday 16 December 2025</p>		

Next meeting details and agenda – 5 AUGUST 2025