

Example of a Top Nomination for Australia Day Awards

Selection Criteria

1. Please explain how the Nominee has performed an extraordinary or sustained contribution to the Livingstone Shire community?

JO CITIZEN:

- Joined The Lions' Club Of Yeppoon Inc 2007 and has held most positions except Treasurer.
- As a Yeppoon Lion 2007 – 2008 Membership Committee, YOTY Committee 2008 – 2009 Club Secretary, Lioness Liaison Officer, YOTY Committee 2009 – 2010 Club Secretary, Lioness Liaison Officer, YOTY Club Chairman 2010 – 2011 Club Secretary, YOTY Club Chairman, Pinefest Chairman 2011 – 2012 President, YOTY Club & Region Chairman, Pinefest Committee, Club Appreciation Award 2012 – 2013 District YOTY Chairman, Immediate Past President, Membership Committee, James D Richardson Award 2013 – 2014 District and Club YOTY Chairman, Membership Committee, Ray Phippard Fellow Award 2014 – 2015 District, Club & Region YOTY Chairman, Club Secretary,
- Pinefest Secretary, Care & Concern Contact, Melvin Jones Fellowship 2015 – 2016 Assistant Secretary, Assistant Pinefest Secretary, YOTY Club Chairman, Distinguished Service Award 2016 – 2017 Pinefest Secretary, YOTY Chairman, Gold Centennial Award 2017 – 2018 Pinefest Secretary, YOTY Assistant, Greeter, Catering Committee 2018 – 2019 Club Secretary, Pinefest Secretary, YOTY Assistant, Catering Committee, 2019 – 2020 Club Secretary, Pinefest Assistant Secretary, Catering Committee, YOTY Assistant, Convention Committee, Disaster Committee, Delegate to 2019 International Lions' Convention in Milan (Italy) Other:
- Moved to Yeppoon in 1979 1979 - Active P & C member for Yeppoon State Primary School's Pre school. Between 1979 and 1993 – active on P & Cs for Yeppoon State Primary School and Yeppoon State High Schools. Assisted at Tuck Shops. 1981 – 1987
- Joined Yeppoon Coastguard in 2005 and has been active as a crew member and inshore skipper for rescues, radio work, teaching and assessment, quartermaster, fundraising etc. Currently holds a Coxswain's Certificate. Attends regular 5 week rotational Duty Crew week ends from 6am – 6pm both Saturday and Sunday.
- Teacher at Emu Park State School during which time as well as teaching classes, participated in fund raising, taught and conducted the school choir and entered the choir in Rockhampton Eisteddfods. Took Year 7s on excursions to Brisbane, organized and ran a star gazing night and for students.
- Holds a Bachelor of Education. Spent 6 weeks as the acting principal at Keppel Sands State School.
- Taught "School Of The Air" which included Distance Education students from the Livingstone Shire. Later taught as a Learning Support teacher at both Emu Park and Farnborough State Schools. From 2008
- Undergoing training in Yeppoon Coastguard to be an effective in shore skipper and crew member Undertaking Marine Radio Operators Licence and Radio Officer Training. Regularly upgrades First Aid and CPR Certification. Taking regular roster position in marine radio to provide coverage for the Capricorn Coast. (Originally 24 hour watch - now approximately 6 hourly rosters at least once a fortnight). Accepting call outs for boat work for general rescues and night rescues, Police Searches and Ambulance evacuations.
- Trainer & Assessor – holds Certificate 4 Current 1st Aid and CPR Contributes to Lions through assistance to the community, entertainment and fund raising functions
- Delivering meal-on-wheels in early 1980s
- Participated in Yeppoon Primary School P&C Participated in Yeppoon High School P&C A guarantor of funds for the Yeppoon High School Assembly building 2009 – 2011 -
- Donates blood in Yeppoon.
- 1994 - Assisted with fundraising for charity as part of the Pinefest Ambassador Quest.

2. Please explain how the positive and ongoing impact of the Nominee's community work undertaken, influences and inspires others?

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- Encouraged community members to join Lions and Coast Guard and sponsored several members of the Community into Lions.
- Participates in all activities when available and is an active member on several Lions' sub committees.
- Past experience and knowledge and willingness to share this knowledge and mentor others, especially for Pinefest, has been invaluable.
- Has mentored and assisted new Coast Guard members to learn general Coast Guard operations, radio room procedures and gain experience as boat crew members. As currently the only female skipper at Yeppoon Coast Guard, encourages others to advance their capabilities and qualifications. As Delta Crew Duty Office, skipper, trainer and assessor and crew member, encourages upskilling, camaraderie and safety both on land and at sea.
- In Yeppoon Choral Society - attends regular practices and assists others with learning the part singing.

3. What are the Nominees personal, academic or professional achievements?

JO CITIZEN is a supportive family member, married for nearly 50 years and is a parent and grand parent.

Achievement include:

- Yeppoon Lions – 2011 – 12 – Club Appreciation Award,
- 2012 – 2013 James D Richardson Award,
- 2013 – 14 – Ray Phippard Fellow Award,
- 2014 – 15 Melvin Jones Fellowship,
- 2015 – 16 Distinguished Service Award Being Pinefest Chairman and Lions' President in 2010 - 2011.
- Yeppoon Coast Guard – Recognition for over 100 rescues, 1000 hours in the Radio Room (Largest number recognition), Awarded 10 Year Service medal (15 years in 2020) Being the 1st female skipper (Coxswain) in the Yeppoon Coast Guard.
- Teaching as a Primary, Secondary and Learning Support Teacher, Part time Mathematics lecturer at the University Of Central Queensland late 1970s and early 1980s for Education students, Teaching “School Of The Air” through the Capricornia School Of Distance Education” Holding a Bachelor Of Education.

4. How has the Nominee demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity in our community?

JO CITIZEN demonstrates leadership, innovation and creativity in the community by:

- Regular attendance at Coast Guard Crew days, As skipper and crew during rescues and training – encourages crew participation, learning and looking out for each other and rescued community members. Coast Guard radio room operations – leads by example, encourages members to gain operating confidence and gain information through participation, encourages members to become independent radio operators to assist with mid-week radio and week end operations practices work place health and safety protocols. Organizes, manages and participates in the Coast Guard mid week radio watch roster and is “on call” for rescues. Yeppoon Coast Guard's Quartermaster and Delta Crew's Duty Officer.

- Participates in many Lions activities and mentors new members with information and encourages them to participate in Lions' activities. As Secretary, looked after record keeping, prepared rosters, keep members up to date with Lions and Community information, contacted members who are unwell or have undergone operations etc.
- Active member of the Pinefest Committee assisting with organizing all aspects of Pinefest since joining the Lions' Family. was Pinefest Chairman in 2010 – overseeing all aspects of Pinefest. Has also been the Club's Youth Of The Year Quest chairman and District Chairman – encouraging local youth to participate since the early 2000s.
- Yeppoon Choral Society – encourages and assists the altos with their song harmonies. Participates in fund raising concerts, prompt for the YCS musical and sings with YCS on Anzac Days and other community functions.

5. What are the Nominee's personal interests and community involvement?

Assisting the community through Lions, Coast Guard and Yeppoon Choral Society. Visiting family and encouraging their participation in all activities including sport and volunteering in their local communities. Travelling, socializing with friends, reading, gardening, boating, playing mah-jong. When JO CITIZEN's children were in Yeppoon, JO CITIZEN was an active member of P & Cs & Local Swimming Club Committee.

6. Please provide information regarding any awards or official recognition the Nominee has received?

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- 2014 – 15 Melvin Jones Fellowship,
- 2015 – 16, Distinguished Service Award Yeppoon Coast Guard – Recognition for over 100 rescues, 1000 hours in the Radio Room (Largest number recognition), Awarded 10 Year Service medal (15 years in 2020)

7. What voluntary work has the Nominee undertaken beyond paid employment?

JO CITIZEN has been involved with:

- Schools P & C membership and fundraising,
- Assisting physically with clean ups on a variety of properties after Cyclone Marcia with Lions.
- Assisting the Salvation Army to prepare meals for volunteers after Cyclone Marcia.
- Clean Up Australia, Street Collections for the Heart Foundation and other organizations.
- Being a driver for St Brendan's College students who were collecting door to door
- Assisting at other Yeppoon Lions' activities and committees.
- Assisting setting up for Anzac and Remembrance Day ceremonies for the RSL
- Purchasing food supplies and working in the Lions' Food Van each year at a variety of functions.
- Assisting Emu Park Lions and The Caves Lions at a variety of their activities.
- Serving meals to the Emergency Services at the Barmaryee Multi Sports Ground during the 2019 Bush Fire emergency.
- Coast Guard in a variety of roles.