

The Lord Mayoral Awards 2026

Nomination form

The Lord Mayoral Awards celebrate people who make a big difference for people with disabilities in the City of Darwin.

The awards are part of the DiversAbility Fun Day.

Who can you nominate?

- You can nominate yourself or someone else.
- You can send more than one nomination.
- The person or group you nominate must live in the City of Darwin.

How to send your nomination

- **Email:** darwin@darwin.nt.gov.au
- **In person:** Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin

Need help?

- Call the City of Darwin Community Development Officer on 08 8930 0300 if you have questions or need help with this form.
- Need an interpreter? Call TIS National on 131 450. Ask them to call City of Darwin on 08 8930 0300.
- Deaf, or have hearing or speech impairment? Call the National Relay Service on 133 677 (TTY) or 1300 555 727 (Speak and Listen). Ask for 08 8930 0300.

Award categories

There are 4 award categories. Choose 1 category for each nomination.

The Champion Award

For an experienced advocate with a disability. An advocate is a person who speaks up for the rights of others.

This person has made an outstanding contribution to the rights and wellbeing of people with a disability.

Who can be nominated

- 1) The person has a disability (lived experience).
- 2) They have made a big difference in the Darwin community. For example, better services, conditions, wellbeing, or understanding for people with disabilities.
- 3) They have a long record of standing up for the rights of people with disabilities.

The Rising Star Award

For a young person under 30 years with a disability who speaks up for the rights and wellbeing of people with disabilities.

Who can be nominated

- 1) The person is under 30 years old and has a disability (lived experience).
- 2) They keep making a positive difference in their school, workplace, or community.
- 3) They speak up for the rights and wellbeing of people with disabilities.

The Community Impact Award

For people or groups, with or without disabilities, whose work makes everyday life more inclusive for people with disabilities.

Who can be nominated

- 1) The nominee can be 1 person or a group. They can have a disability or not.
- 2) Their work has made everyday life more inclusive for people with disabilities.
This could be through advocacy, volunteering, activism, or community programs.

The Support Worker of the Year (new)

This award honours the legacy of Sharm Bali, founder of Territory Care and Support Services (TCASS) in 1999. It celebrates his lifelong commitment to person-centred support, selfless service and creating opportunities for people with disability to live with greater choice, independence and inclusion.

The Support Worker Award recognises a paid support worker or support team who demonstrates outstanding empathy, compassion and dedication, and who makes a meaningful difference in the life of a person with disability.

Proudly supported by Territory Care and Support Services (TCASS).

Who can be nominated

- A paid support worker or team of support workers who provide exceptional support to people with disabilities.
- The nominee has supported a person with disability to achieve a personal goal, build independence or participate more fully in community life
- The nominee may work for a disability service provider or independently.
- The nomination must be made by a person with disability or supported and signed by a person with disability.
 - a) See part (e) of the form.

Privacy statement

We will use the information on this form to assess nominations and announce the winners.

Information provided in this form will be used for the assessment process and award announcements. The person nominating may be contacted to clarify any information contained within the form. The City of Darwin may disclose the information provided by you to a third party in accordance with the NT Information Act or our Privacy Policy which is available on our website www.darwin.nt.gov.au.

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Please fill in every part of this form. Part (e) is only for the Sharm Bali Award.

(a) Your details (the person making the nomination)			
Name			
Phone		Email	

(b) Details of the person or group you are nominating			
Name			
Phone		Email	
Organisation or group (if any)			

(c) Award category: tick 1 box	
☐	The Champion Award An experienced advocate with a disability who has made an outstanding contribution to the rights and wellbeing of people with disabilities.
☐	The Rising Star Award A person under 30 with a disability who keeps making a difference by speaking up for people with disability.
☐	The Community Impact Award People or groups, with or without disability, whose work makes everyday life more inclusive for people with disability.
☐	Support Worker of the Year Paid support workers or teams who helped a person with disability reach a personal goal. You must also fill in part (e). "TCASS supports this award in honour of Sharm Bali's contribution and legacy".

(d) Why should they win?

Tell us how the nominee meets the “What we look for” list for the award you chose.

You could tell us:

- What did they do?
- Who did it help?
- What changed because of their work?
- For the Sharm Bali Award: what personal goal did they help the person reach?

You can use extra pages if you need more space. You can also attach supporting information, like letters, photos, or news stories.

(e) Sharm Bali Award only: support from a person with disability

A person with disability must make this nomination or sign to support it. Tick 1 box.
If signing is hard, call us on 08 8930 0300 to talk about other ways to show support.

☐	I am a person with a disability and I made this nomination.		
☐	A person with disability supports this nomination. They have signed below.		
Name			
Signature		Date	