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,

About the DiversAbility Fun Day

- **When**: Thursday 3 December 2026, 11am to 2pm
- **Where**: Territory Netball Stadium, 235 Abala Road, Marrara
- **Cost**: Free, including food and drinks

The DiversAbility Fun Day is an inclusive event for people of all abilities, ages and support needs. There will be sports and games, arts and crafts, singing and dancing, live entertainment, community displays, and award presentations. Accessible parking is available.

Who can you nominate?

- You can nominate yourself or someone else.
- You can submit more than one nomination. Please use a new form for each one.
- 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 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 disability.

Who can be nominated

- The person has a disability (lived experience).
- They have made a big difference in the Darwin community. For example, they have helped bring about better services, conditions, wellbeing or understanding for people with disability.
- They have a long history of standing up for the rights of people with disability.

The Rising Star Award

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

Who can be nominated

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

The Community Impact Award

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

Who can be nominated

- The nominee can be 1 person or a group, with or without disability.
- Their work has made everyday life more inclusive for people with disability. 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 award recognises a paid support worker or support team who shows outstanding empathy, compassion and dedication, and who makes a real difference in the life of a person with disability.

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

Who can be nominated

- The nominee is a paid support worker, or a team of support workers, who gives exceptional support to people with disability.
- They have helped a person with disability to reach a personal goal, become more independent or take part more fully in community life.
- They can work for a disability service provider or for themselves.
- The nomination must be made by a person with disability, or supported and signed by a person with disability.
    - Also, complete part (e) of the nomination 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.

We may contact the person making the nomination to check any details.

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Please fill in parts (a) to (d). Only fill in part (e) if you are nominating someone for The Support Worker of the Year Award.

Use a new form for each nomination.

(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 disability who has made an outstanding contribution to the rights and wellbeing of people with disability.
☐	**The Rising Star Award** A person under 30 with 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.
☐	**The 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).*

(d) Why should they win?
Tell us how the nominee meets the “Who can be nominated” points for the award you chose (see the Award categories section). You could tell us: • What did they do? • Who did it help? • What changed because of their work? • **For The Support Worker of the Year 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) Support Worker of the Year Award only: support from a person with disability	
A person with disability must make this nomination, or sign to show they support it. Tick 1 box.	
☐	I am a person with disability, and I made this nomination for Support Worker of the Year.
☐	A person with disability supports this nomination for Support Worker of the Year. Their contact details are below.
Name	
Phone	

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