

# Media Release

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## Nominations open for Camden Australia Day Awards 2019

Nominations for outstanding residents in the Camden LGA are being called for the Camden Australia Day Awards 2019.

The annual awards recognise the outstanding efforts of residents who dedicate themselves to making a positive difference in our community.

“It is a great chance to pay tribute to those in our community who contribute to the lives of others,” said Mayor Peter Sidgreaves.

“These people are often too humble to nominate themselves, so it’s a chance for families, friends, parents, teachers and mentors to become involved and let the community know of the outstanding achievements of people they know.

Residents can be nominated into five categories in total including the newly created Sports Achievement Award and Arts and Cultural Award.

The Sports Achievement Award is open to a committed sportsperson, sporting team, coach, volunteer or official, whose actions inspire and encourage others and combines the previous Sportsperson and Young Sportsperson of the Year awards.

A person or group who has made an influential contribution to the city through any art form can also be nominated for the Arts and Cultural Award.

Camden’s 2018 Young Citizen of the Year Lubna Sherieff has urged residents to nominate those they see making a positive contribution to the community.

“If you have seen someone putting in hard work as a volunteer whether it be at schools, events or retirement homes then I would say nominate them,” said Ms Sherieff.

“It came as a complete surprise for me but also a massive honour. I didn’t expect to be recognised for my volunteering so it was very special.”

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Categories for 2019 are:

- Camden Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sports Achievement Award
- Community Group Award
- Arts and Cultural Award

Nomination forms are available on Council's website, [www.camden.nsw.gov.au](http://www.camden.nsw.gov.au) and close on Friday 14 December, 2018.

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