

## **Media Release**

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## **Nominations open for Australia Day Awards**

Nominations for outstanding residents in the Camden LGA are being called for the Camden Australia Day Awards 2018.

The annual awards recognise the efforts of residents to inspire, enhance and support the community through voluntary service, sporting achievements and organising events.

"We want to recognise the people in our community who contribute to the lives of others in a positive way," said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

"The typically humble, community minded people are often the last to seek recognition but are the ones who deserve it the most," Cr Symkowiak said.

"We have so many extraordinary people of all ages who are truly inspirational that deserve to be nominated," she said.

"This is a chance for families, friends, parents, teachers and mentors to become involved and let everyone know the outstanding achievements of people they know."

Winners of this year's awards encourage people to nominate for the reception.

"I was honoured, I was shocked. I thought that there were others that would win this, and not me, but it was fun, really good. I've enjoyed it," said 2017 Camden Citizen of the Year, Robyne Meeke.

"It's a great achievement to become Young Citizen of the Year, because you are recognised for what you have done in the community and the community work that you do," said 2017 Camden Young Citizen of the Year, Johann Morais.

Categories for 2018 are: -

- Camden Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Young Sportsperson of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Group of the Year



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Nomination forms are available on Council's website, www.camden.nsw.gov.au and close Friday 15 December.

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