

Blacktown City NAIDOC Awards Guidelines

How to nominate

1. Entries for the 2025 Blacktown City NAIDOC Awards are open from 23 May 2025 to 30 June 2025. Entries must be received on or before the closing time.
2. The awards will be announced on 13 July 2025 at the Warami Mittagarr Concert, Blacktown Showground.
3. All entries must be submitted on the official nomination form online. However, if you need assistance with completing the form, please see below point 4 and 5 for other accessible options. Alternatively contact Community Development at community.development@blacktown.nsw.gov.au or on (02) 9839 6203.
4. Nominations can be submitted via a video or voice recording, answering the questions from the nomination form and emailing to community.development@blacktown.nsw.gov.au
5. Nominations can be submitted by calling 9839 6203 where a staff member will record your nomination on your behalf.
6. Official nomination forms must be completed in full, and all required details provided by 11.59pm on 27 June 2025 to be considered a valid nomination.

Who can be nominated

1. To be nominated you must be living, working, volunteering or the organisation based in or operating in Blacktown City.
2. Nominees are eligible for recognition for any contributions made within the past 12 months.
3. Past winners will not be considered in the same category again if they have received awards in the past 3 years.
4. Previous award recipients are eligible for recognition in different categories, allowing for a wide-ranging acknowledgment of their varied contributions to the community.
5. Previous unsuccessful individuals and groups that have been nominated previously, can be nominated again, provided that the nomination is updated and relevant.
6. Blacktown City Council staff and Councillors are unable to nominate or be nominated.
7. The Selection Panel members and First Nations Advisory Committee Members are unable to nominate or be nominated.
8. Individual nominations are accepted.
9. Nominees must agree to be nominated. Nominees may be required to confirm the truth and accuracy of the information provided.
10. If the nominee is under 18 years, you must have the permission of that nominee's parent or guardian to nominate them.
11. A separate form must be completed for multiple nominations.
12. No weight is given to the number of times a person is nominated.

Selection process

1. All applicable nominations will be recognised for their contribution, as long as the nomination meets the criteria.
2. Finalists will be decided by the Awards Selection Panel. Judging is based on a scoring matrix against the selection criteria for the selected Award category.
3. Members of the selection panel must declare any potential conflicts of interest with any nominees and will not participate in the evaluation of those nominations.
4. Blacktown City Council reserves the right to modify or remove award categories based on the number and quality of nominations received.
5. All enquiries and submitted information in regard to the awards will remain confidential (with the exception of eligible nominees) unless permission is obtained by Blacktown City Council.
6. Nominees, nominators or referees may be contacted for further information by Blacktown City Council staff.
7. All judges' decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into relating to the decision.

Notification to nominees

1. Nominees will be contacted by Council staff to confirm they have agreed to be nominated for the awards. Instructions will be emailed directly to each nominee.

Awards Ceremony

1. The nominees and finalists will be announced at the Warami Mittigar Concert on Sunday 13 July 2025.
2. All eligible nominees plus guest/s, will be invited to attend the Awards ceremony where finalists for the category will be announced and receive a trophy of achievement and a certificate of recognition will be presented to all nominees.
3. Photos, videos, and audio recordings taken at the Ceremony will be used by Blacktown City Council for promotional purposes unless otherwise advised by an attendee.

General

1. Council will collect the personal information of individuals who submit a nomination and the nominee's details for the purpose of the awards and for media purposes.
2. Your personal information may be accessed by you and Council. A request to access, update or correct any information should be directed to Blacktown City Council.

3. The personal information collected will be stored by Council for the purposes indicated above. However, any personal information may be disclosed as required.