

**LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT  
REGIONAL**



**HEAL  
COUNTRY!**  
4-11 JULY 2021

**NAIDOC  
AWARDS**

**2021**



**NOMINATION FORM**



## ABOUT THE AWARDS

Shellharbour City Council is the host Council for the 2021 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards. This is an annual event that celebrates and promotes the achievements of Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people and organisations that are based in the Kiama, Wollongong, Shoalhaven and Shellharbour Local Government Areas.

**Awards are presented in the following categories:**

- **Aboriginal Elder of the Year (male and female)**
- **Aboriginal Worker of the Year**
- **Aboriginal Young Achiever of the Year (male and female)**
- **Aboriginal Community Volunteer of the Year**
- **Aboriginal Organisation or Project of the Year**
- **Outstanding Contribution to Reconciliation (Aboriginal or Non-Aboriginal)**

*This event is the only collaboratively organised (by four Council's) NAIDOC Awards program of its kind in NSW.*

The Local Government Regional NAIDOC awards are made possible with financial support that is provided by Shoalhaven, Kiama, Wollongong and Shellharbour Council's as well as many government organisations, community groups and individuals.

*Note: Aboriginal\* inclusive of Torres Strait Islander people*



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**HEAL COUNTRY!**  
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The theme for the 2021 NAIDOC Week is 'Heal Country'



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*The Message Stick pictured was designed and made by Gerringong Elder, Uncle Steven Russell.*

*The Message Stick symbolises the continuity of time, story and people. It is passed from host Council to host Council at the end of each year's Awards in a ceremony that celebrates each Council's ongoing commitment to, and honour in, hosting the awards.*

*The Message Stick ceremony was first held at the 2014 ceremony that was hosted by Kiama Municipal Council.*

*The message stick was purchased with funds that were raised by Kiama High School students in an act of reconciliation.*



## AWARDS NIGHT

### Save the Date



The Awards will be presented on Saturday 24 July at the Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards Dinner at the Shellharbour Civic Centre, Shellharbour.

Approximately 180 people are expected to attend the event including Aboriginal Elders, community members, sponsors and other dignitaries.

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## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Online nominations are encouraged. If you are unable to access the online form please call Shellharbour City Council's Community Connections Team – (02 4221 6007)
- All information that is supplied in the nomination information must only relate to the past 12 months with exception to the Outstanding Contribution to Reconciliation (Aboriginal or Non-Aboriginal) Award.
- You can nominate more than one group or individual, but a separate form must be submitted for each nomination
- Organisations and businesses can self-nominate. The names of the office bearers of the organisation must be listed on the nomination form.
- Past winners may not be nominated for an Award in the same category that they have previously received an Award under.
- Previous unsuccessful nominations may be resubmitted for consideration in any category.
- All nomination information and materials that are submitted will remain the property of Shellharbour City Council.
- A person may be nominated for more than one category. No weight is given to the number of times a person is nominated
- The judging committee's decision is final.
- The aim of the Regional NAIDOC Awards is to acknowledge the contributions and achievements that local Aboriginal people make towards our communities. To be eligible for the nomination of an award, the nominee must:
  - Be an Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander person, with exception to 'Outstanding Contribution to Reconciliation (Aboriginal or Non-Aboriginal) award', and
  - Live, work or study locally, or be actively involved within their communities, and
  - Reside in the Shoalhaven, Shellharbour, Kiama or Wollongong Local Government Areas.

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## SELECTION CRITERIA

The Selection Panel will assess nominations using the following selection criteria. Please ensure your application addresses each criterion.

- **Demonstrated achievements**
- **Commitment to the betterment of Aboriginal community**
- **Promotes understanding and awareness of Aboriginal Culture to the wider community**
- **'Young Achiever' must be aged between 12 and 24 years & achievements must relate to the past 12 months only.**

## ENTRIES CLOSE



**Monday  
21 June 2021**

**Hand delivered  
or mailed  
applications**

Nominations can be delivered to Shellharbour, Wollongong, Shoalhaven or Kiama Councils

*If you would like help in completing a nomination, please contact your local government Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer at Shellharbour, Wollongong, Shoalhaven, or Kiama Councils for this help.*



**Friday  
25 June 2021**

**Online  
applications**

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## NOMINATION FORM

### Please select the Award you are nominating for

- Aboriginal Elder of the Year (male)
- Aboriginal Elder of the Year (female)
- Aboriginal Worker of the Year
- Aboriginal Young Achiever of the Year (male)
- Aboriginal Young Achiever of the Year (female)
- Aboriginal Community Volunteer of the Year
- Aboriginal Organisation or Project of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution to Reconciliation (Aboriginal or Non-Aboriginal)

### This person is:

- Aboriginal
- Torres Strait Islander
- Non-Aboriginal (outstanding contribution to Reconciliation only)
- Male
- Female
- Age (Young Achiever only)

### This person resides in the following Local Government Area:

- Wollongong
- Kiama
- Shellharbour
- Shoalhaven

### Details of person lodging nomination:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to person you are nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

### Details of person being nominated:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



*Please attach a photo of the person you are nominating (excluding organisation or project)*







