

WHO INSPIRES YOU? NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE NORTHERN MIDLANDS AUSTRALIA DAY 2026 AWARDS

Do you know someone who makes our community stronger, kinder, and more connected? The Northern Midlands Council is calling on residents to help shine a light on the region's unsung heroes, with nominations now open for the Australia Day 2026 Awards and Volunteer Recognition Awards.

This year's Australia Day celebrations will be held at the Campbell Town Recreation Ground, where Council will present three prestigious honours:

- **Citizen of the Year 2025** – recognising a resident who has made a significant contribution to the Northern Midlands and serves as a role model for others.
- **Young Citizen of the Year 2025** – celebrating a young person whose energy, leadership, and dedication have made a positive difference.
- **Community Event of the Year 2025** – awarded to an event that has brought people together and showcased the Northern Midlands in a positive light.

Council will also present its Volunteer Recognition Awards, acknowledging the dedication of individuals who have made a significant, unpaid contribution to a community group or organisation. Volunteer recognition was formally included in the Australia Day celebrations in 2016 and has since become a highlight of the day.

The Australia Day Event rotates annually between Avoca, Cressy, Longford, Perth, Campbell Town, Evandale, and Ross – giving each community the opportunity to host.

Nominations are now open and can be found on the Northern Midlands Council website. Hard copy nomination forms are also available by contacting the Council office: **6397 7303**

Completed forms must be returned by **Wednesday 12 November 2025**.



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

FROM PADDOCKS TO PROGRESS: NEW WOOL FACILITY OPENS IN TRANSLINK



Wool Solutions has officially opened its new premises in the Northern Midlands' Translink precinct, marking an important milestone for the locally owned and operated business.

Founded in 2018 by brothers Rob and Alistair Calvert, Wool Solutions is built on a family legacy that spans generations in Tasmania's sheep and wool industry. The company has grown to include a small, highly experienced team with more than 250 years of collective service to the sector. Their father, Andrew Calvert, served as a Northern Midlands Councillor for many years and has long been involved with the Campbell Town Show.

Mayor Mary Knowles OAM said the Calvert family's commitment to the wool industry and the local community was "deeply embedded in the region's story". One of the latest businesses to open in the new 32-hectare Translink development, Wool Solutions played a key role in bringing the project to life.

A true celebration of local heritage, innovation, and investment in our region's future.

A DAY OF WELCOME AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Northern Midlands Council Chambers hosted one of the largest citizenship ceremonies held in recent years, as our community proudly welcomed new Australians from South Africa, the United Kingdom, India, the Philippines, Nepal, and England. It was a moving and memorable occasion, filled with warmth, celebration, and the shared joy of embracing our newest citizens.

BELOW: Mayor Mary Knowles OAM joins in celebrating a new chapter for some of our newest Australians.



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