



Nominations open for the 2026 Everalld Compton Community Champion Medal

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Ahead of International Volunteer Day December 5, National Seniors Australia (NSA) has announced nominations open for the 2026 Everalld Compton Community Champion Medal (ECCCM).

NSA Founder, Everalld Compton AO, was joined by NSA Chair, Mr Ross Glossop, and NSA CEO, Chris Grice, as together with inaugural medal recipient and Cycling Without Age Gold Coast Founder, Wayne Sticher, they declared nominations open for the distinguished award that celebrates everyday champions who make a significant difference in their communities.

“At NSA, we are often reminded of the amazing, yet humble members of our older community. From volunteering, donating time and skills, to caring for others – what they do may not always be visible, but it certainly makes an impact,” NSA Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris Grice said.

“Last year, we learned about truly inspiring and selfless individuals, including winner, Wayne Sticher, who introduced Cycling Without Age (CWA) to the Gold Coast in January 2020. CWA provides free trishaw rides for older people, people living with a disability, and people impacted by loneliness, enabling them to enjoy the experience of nature, moving, and socialising.

“Too often, older Australians get cast aside. But their value and contributions make our communities and our country what they are today. At 94 years-old, Everalld, and at 67 years-old, Wayne, are shining examples of the experience, wisdom, and spirit that comes with age. A combination we need to celebrate!

“We look forward to learning about the 2026 ECCCM nominees and the way they help to shape their communities for the better.

“Ahead of International Volunteer Day, we acknowledge the value and contribution of older Australians, including volunteers like Wayne and those in 2026 we are yet to discover.”

Nomination criteria for the Everalld Compton Community Champion Medal include the following categories: impact on community; leadership & inspiration; community involvement; inclusivity & accessibility; and intergenerational. In 2026, in recognition of the prevalence and impact of dementia as well as mental health conditions, a category for support in the areas of dementia care and mental health will also be introduced.

**To nominate for the Everalld Compton Community Champion Medal, please visit [here](#)
Nominations close on 31 March 2026, and the winner will be announced on 28 May 2026**

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