



Dear Raymond,

This may come as a surprise to you, but you were nominated for the Australian of the Year Awards 2011. I am writing to congratulate you on your nomination.

The Australian of the Year Awards are our nation's pre-eminent awards and recognise outstanding Australians. Our nominees are of all ages, from all walks of life and exemplify achievement in many different fields of endeavour.

This year more than 2400 people were nominated for the Australian of the Year Awards. Being nominated is a great honour and I hope you feel proud of the impact you are having in your community and the nation.

Recently the National Australia Day Council announced the state and territory recipients for each award category who now progress to the national level of selection. Unfortunately your nomination wasn't successful this year; however we recognise the contribution you have made and are delighted to enclose a certificate to acknowledge your nomination. Please also find enclosed a list of the 130 state and territory finalists and recipients. You can read their stories on our website at www.australianoftheyear.org.au

The national announcement of the Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero 2011 will be announced on the lawns of Parliament House in Canberra on 25 January 2011. The presentation will be telecast on the Nine Network.

Thank you for your contribution to Australia and congratulations again on your nomination.

Yours sincerely

Adam Gilchrist AM
Chair, National Australia Day Council



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Congratulations

Mr Raymond Connell

on your nomination for the
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Gilchrist'.

Adam Gilchrist AM
Chair, National Australia Day Council

