How people are chosen for an honour

1 Banknotes
People honoured on banknotes must be of historical interest. The Treasurer makes the final choice, after meeting with the Note Printing Branch.

2 Street or suburb names
People who have streets or suburbs named after them must have made an important contribution to Australian life. The award is often made after the person dies. The people are usually chosen by the local government.

3 Order of Australia
There are four levels of awards for the Order of Australia:

- **Companion:** for the most special and important service, which helps people all over Australia, sometimes even overseas.
- **Officer:** for special and important service to people in Australia or overseas.
- **Member:** for exceptional service in a particular area or for a particular group.
- **Medal of the Order:** for a particularly special achievement or service.

Anyone can suggest a person for an award. The Council for the Order of Australia decides who will be given an award. The council members are not part of the government.

4 Stamps
People are usually commemorated on stamps after their death, for an important contribution to Australian history or culture. The Treasurer makes the final choice, after meetings with the Australia Post board of directors.

5 Australian, and Young Australian, of the Year
Anyone can suggest the name of a person who shows evidence of fairness to all, community involvement and the pursuit of excellence. The final choice is made by the National Australia Day Council. They are currently making a set of rules on how to choose Australians (and Young Australians) of the Year.