



NOMINATION CRITERIA

CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FRASER COAST COMMUNITY

The Australia Day Awards are presented annually to local citizens and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the Fraser Coast Community. The Awards are an opportunity to come together to recognise and honour the achievements of community members and celebrate the diversity of our community.

IMPORTANT DATES

9am – Monday 26 August 2024 Nominations Open
Midnight – Friday 6 December 2024 Nominations Close

AWARDS CATEGORIES

- a) Citizen of the Year
- b) Young Citizen of the Year
- c) Community Group or Organisation of the Year
- d) Sport and Wellbeing Award
- e) Arts and Culture Award

CONDITIONS OF NOMINATIONS

- Nominees must reside within the Fraser Coast Regional Council area, or alternatively where this is not the case, the nomination must demonstrate that a significant contribution has been made by the nominee to the Fraser Coast Regional Council community and that they are considered to be part of the community.
- All organisations that are nominated must operate predominantly in the Fraser Coast Council Region.
- Pseudonym names are not eligible.
- Council may not grant an award in any of the categories if circumstances arise where it is not considered appropriate.
- Individuals or groups can self-nominate.
- Councillors, Council Staff, State and Federal elected representatives are eligible for nomination providing the contribution for which they are nominated is not directly related to their official responsibilities of office or duties as part of their employment.
- The successful recipients will be available and committed to promoting pride and active citizenship throughout 2025.



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- In the event that no nominations are received in any of the categories, the Australia Day Awards Committee reserves the right to grant the award to a group, event or citizens of its choice, or revoke the award category for that year.
- A nomination will be deemed ineligible if the field of service is illegal or if the Australia Day Awards Committee considers it would diminish the integrity of Council and/or the awards.
- Posthumous nominations will be considered at the discretion of the judging panel and where the passing of the nominee occurred during the current calendar year.
- Nominations close midnight, 6 December 2024. Nominations received after this will be ineligible.
- All entries must be submitted online via Council's website.
- Nominations will be accepted for more than one category; however an online nomination must be submitted for each entry.
- Council reserves the right to accept, reject or refuse any nomination at any time.
- Council does not accept responsibility for lost, late or misdirected nominations.
- Council may vary the terms and conditions of this competition at any time at its absolute discretion.
- All category winners will be selected by an independent judging panel. The panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- **Nominating a young person under the age of 18 requires the consent of a parent or legal guardian.**

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Eligibility Criteria:-

To be eligible for the Citizen of the Year Award, the nominee must:

- Reside within the Fraser Coast Regional Council Area, or alternatively where this is not the case, the nomination must demonstrate that a significant contribution has been made by the nominee to the Fraser Coast Regional Council community and that they are considered to be part of the community.
- Not have received the Citizen of the Year award in the last five years.

Selection Criteria:-

The Citizen of the Year will be awarded to the nominee who:

- Is an inspirational role model and displays continued excellence in their field and in the community.
- Has shown a significant and outstanding contribution to the community.
- Provided their time in contributing to the community during the current year/and or given outstanding service to the community over a number of years.
- Has provided their contribution on a voluntary basis or exceeded the normal requirements of the nominee's paid work.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Eligibility Criteria:-

To be eligible for the Young Citizen of the Year Award, the nominee must:

- Reside within the Fraser Coast Regional Council Area, or alternatively where this is not the case, the nomination must demonstrate that a significant contribution has been made by the nominee to the Fraser Coast Regional Council community and that they are considered to be part of the community.
- Be under the age of 26 as of the 26th of January 2025.
- Not have received the Young Citizen of the Year award in the last five years.

Note - Nominating a young person under the age of 18 requires the consent of a parent or legal guardian.

Selection Criteria

The Young Citizen of the Year will be awarded to the nominee who:

- Is a role model that other young people can aspire to
- Has shown a significant and outstanding achievement in their chosen field; e.g. academic, environment or civic responsibility.
- Provided their time in contributing to the community during the current year/and or given outstanding service to the community over a number of years
- Has provided their contribution on a voluntary basis or exceeded the normal requirements of the nominee's paid work

COMMUNITY GROUP OR ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

Eligibility Criteria:-

To be eligible for the Community Group or Organisation of the Year award, the nominee must:

- Be a local community group or organisation based within the Fraser Coast Regional Council area or alternatively, where this is not the case, the nomination must demonstrate that a significant contribution has been made by the nominee to the Fraser Coast Regional Council community and that they are considered to be part of the community.
- Not have received the Community Group or Organisation of the Year award in the last five years.
- Not be a commercial or "for profit" group or organisation.

Selection Criteria:-

The Community Group or Organisation of the Year will be awarded to the nominee who demonstrates:

- The social, cultural and/or economic benefits of the community group or organisation has brought or will bring to individuals, community organisations or the community in general.
- Significant volunteer involvement.
- Excellence in their field or previous awards or recognition received.
- Bringing recognition or credit to the community or region.
- Building community partnerships.
- Activities which result in the short and long term benefits for the community as well as promoting welfare and wellbeing.
- An outstanding contribution by a group or organisation (This can include community events).

SPORT AND WELLBEING AWARD OF THE YEAR

Eligibility Criteria:-

To be eligible for the Sport and Wellbeing Award of the Year Award, The nominee must:

- Reside within the Fraser Coast Regional Council Area, or alternatively where this is not the case, the nomination must demonstrate that a significant contribution has been made by the nominee to the Fraser Coast Regional Council community and that they are considered to be part of the community
- Not have received the Sports person of the Year award, Young Sports person of the Year award or Sport and Wellbeing Award of the Year in the last five years.

Selection Criteria:-

The Sport and Wellbeing Award of the Year will be awarded to the nominee who has provided:

- An outstanding contribution by an individual or group that has made a significant contribution towards the sporting, recreational, or health and wellbeing achievements of the region. Open to all ages (under 18 nominees must have permission from a parent or guardian).

- Provided their contribution on a voluntary basis or exceeded the normal requirements of the nominee's paid work.

ARTS AND CULTURE AWARD OF THE YEAR

Eligibility Criteria:-

To be eligible for the Arts and Culture Award of the Year Award, The nominee must:

- Reside within the Fraser Coast Regional Council Area, or alternatively where this is not the case, the nomination must demonstrate that a significant contribution has been made by the nominee to the Fraser Coast Regional Council community and that they are considered to be part of the community.
- Not have received the Cultural Award of the Year, Young Cultural Award of the Year or Arts and Culture Award of the Year in the last five years.

Selection Criteria:-

The Arts and Culture Award of the Year will be awarded to the nominee who has:

- Shown vision, leadership, innovation or creativity in the arts and/or cultural community.
- Been a role model that people can aspire to.
- Provided their time in contributing to the community during the current year/and or given outstanding service to the community over a number of years.
- Provided their contribution on a voluntary basis or exceeding the normal requirements of the nominee's paid work.
- Made an outstanding contribution -by an individual or group- to the cultural and creative life of the region. Open to all ages (under 18 nominees must have permission from a parent or guardian).

SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION

Nominations must be submitted in the correct category through the online application form which can be accessed via the Council website at www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/australia-day

Please ensure that each question is answered fully and with as much detail as possible. The information supplied in the application will be used by the assessment panel to make a final decision. Attaching support materials to the application is encouraged. Attachments can include media articles (e.g. social and print media), copies of other awards or achievements, personal references, or copies of written feedback received by the person or group.

NOMINATION ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Following the close of nominations, the Australia Day Awards Judges will review and make a decision on the winners of each category based on the responses to the selection criteria.

Council may not necessarily make an award in any of the categories in any given year if circumstances arise where granting of an award is not considered appropriate. In the event that no nominations are received in any of the categories, the Australia Day Steering Group reserves the right to grant the award to a group or individual of its choice. The decision of the Judges is final and no additional correspondence will be entered into.

NOMINEES ANNOUNCEMENT

Nominees for Australia Day Awards will be announced at an invitational event to take place prior to the awards ceremony.

AWARDS CEREMONY

The Australia Day Awards Ceremony will take place at the Brolga Theatre.



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