



2015 Australia Day Awards



Somerset Regional Council is seeking nominations from individuals and community organisations for the 2015 Australia Day Awards. The Australia Day award program recognises the valuable contribution individuals and organisations make to the Somerset community.

Before making a nomination, please ensure you read the guidelines and eligibility criteria carefully.

Nominations close 5pm Friday, 19 December 2014

SELECTION CRITERIA

In choosing the recipients of the Australia Day Awards, regard is given to the nominee who has made a significant contribution to their local community in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the community. A nominee need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.

Citizen of the Year Award

- Significant contribution to the community.
- Is an inspirational role model for the Australian community.
- The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area.

Young Citizen of the Year Award

- Significant contribution to the community.
- Is an inspirational role model for the Australian community.
- The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area.

Event of the Year Award

- The quality of the event.
- The scope of impact the event has on the local government area.
- The event's contribution to the community.

Sports Award

- Has achieved exceptional results in sporting endeavours.
- Is an inspirational role model for the Australian community.
- The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area.

Arts and Cultural Award

- Has achieved exceptional results in arts or cultural endeavours.
- Is an inspirational role model for the Australian community.
- The scope of impact the individual's contribution has on the local government area.

Community Group of the Year Award

- A not-for-profit group that has made a significant contribution to the community.
- Is an inspirational role model for the Australian community.
- The community group's contribution to the local government area.



Australia Day Awards Guidelines

Conditions of Entry

- Nominations must be made on the official form.
- Supporting evidence may be attached to the nomination form.
- Incomplete nomination forms will not be considered.
- Nomination forms must be received by 5pm Friday, 19 December 2014.
- A candidate may only be nominated for one award category.
- The nominee must be a resident of the Somerset Regional Council area.

Award Presentations

- Nominees will receive letters advising them of their nominations.
- Nominees and nominators will receive invitations to the official award ceremony.
- Awards will be presented by the Mayor of Somerset at the ceremony.
- Nominees will receive certificates of acknowledgement.
- Award recipients will receive medallions and framed certificates.

Eligibility Criteria

- Citizen of the Year Award: to be eligible, the person must be an Australian citizen.
- Young Citizen of the Year Award: the person must be an Australian citizen under 30 years of age on 26 January 2015.
- Event of the Year: this is presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the past year.

How Nominations Will be Judged

- The judging panel will make its decision based on the criteria for each award and the information completed on the nomination forms. Judges reserve the right to consider any nomination for any award category.
- The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence about their decisions will be entered into.

How to Complete the Electronic Nomination Form

- Download forms from www.somerset.qld.gov.au or email mail@somerset.qld.gov.au
- Complete each section nominating your candidate for one category only.
- Keep information concise and relevant to meet the conditions of entry.
- Once completed click the Submit Button (top right) to automatically email the form.
- If you wish to submit attachments, save the completed form (Do not use the submit button) then attach the form file and supporting files in an email to mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

How to Complete a Printed Nomination Form

- Obtain the printed form from a Somerset Regional Council office.
- Complete each section nominating your candidate for one category only.
- Keep information concise and relevant to meet the conditions of entry.
- Type or legibly print your nomination details (you may attach typed pages to the form).
- Mail the completed form and attachments to:

Chief Executive Officer
Somerset Regional Council
PO Box 117
ESK QLD 4312



Selection Criteria

Please consider the selection criteria and eligibility criteria when completing your nomination.

How has the person / event made a significant contribution to the community?

How is the person/event an inspirational role model for the community?

Why do you believe this person/event should receive an Australia Day Award?

Please forward this form and other supporting documents to:

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For more information phone Somerset Regional Council on (07) 5424 4000.