

Redlands Coast Australia Day Awards

Each year, Redland City Council recognises outstanding residents and community organisations of Redlands Coast through its annual Australia Day Awards.

The awards acknowledge high-achieving members of our community who have made outstanding contributions, and have given freely of their time, knowledge and enthusiasm to promote the welfare and wellbeing of Redlands Coast.

The award categories are:

Award category	Criteria
Citizen of the Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outstanding achievement and leadership by an individual in the Redlands Coast community.• Demonstrated selfless commitment and involvement in activities that promote the welfare and wellbeing of the community.
Senior Citizen of the Year (60 years and over)	
Young Citizen of the Year (30 years and under)	
Local Hero Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outstanding dedication and contribution by an individual to one or more areas of Redlands Coast.• Demonstrated voluntary service, expertise and community leadership that has led to the betterment of the quality of life of others.
Community Organisation Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outstanding contribution by a voluntary service organisation to the wellbeing of Redlands Coast citizens• Demonstrated commitment and delivery of a service to improve lives and opportunities for community members.
Cultural Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant achievement by an individual or group who produces and promotes outstanding creative work in Redlands Coast• Open to performers, musicians, actors, directors, etc who reside in Redlands Coast• Building the capacity of local artists and cultural groups
Environment and Sustainability Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outstanding contribution and dedication by an individual or group to protect and enhance Redlands Coast's natural environment and community amenity.
Sports Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant achievement by an individual or group for their contribution to sport in Redlands Coast and beyond.
Reconciliation Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant achievement by an individual or group who are actively working on reconciliation between our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people in Redlands Coast.

Terms and Conditions

- All nominees must be an Australian citizen and reside within Redland City at the time of nomination
- Nominations must be made online via the official website link provided by Redland City Council.
- Groups or community organisations that are nominated must be located and operate in Redland City
- A photo of the nominee must be submitted with the nomination
- Supporting evidence must be attached to the nomination. This should describe the nominee's outstanding service and include examples that best demonstrate their achievement and contribution. As a guide, you may wish to consider some of the following questions:
 - In what role or area has the nominee excelled?
 - How has the nominee demonstrated service worthy of recognition?
 - How has the nominee's contribution impacted on a particular field, locality, group or community?
 - Over what period has the nominee made a major commitment?
- A candidate may be nominated in only one award category per nomination
- Nominations for minors (those under 18 years of age) must have the consent of the nominee's parent or guardian and provide the parent or guardian's contact details
- Winners of an Australia Day Award in the last three years are not eligible for nomination
- Nominations must be specific to the individual/group being nominated
 - Nominations close

Judging process

- Nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by the appointed judging panel.
- Nominations will be checked to ensure they meet the criteria and the conditions of entry
- Nominations that do not meet these requirements will not be accepted.
- The judging panel will make their decision based on the criteria for each award and the supporting information provided with the nomination.
- Judges reserve the right to consider any nomination for any award category
- Judges reserve the right to deem a nomination void or not appropriate
- The judging panel will shortlist successful the nominations into finalists
- Finalists will be invited to the Awards presentation dinner to take place in January
- The judges' decisions are final and no further correspondence will be considered
- Nominees who were not successful in being shortlisted as a finalist will not receive an invitation to the event.
- Nominees who were not successful in being shortlisted will not be mentioned in any event communications (Judges discretion)
- Nominees who were not successful in being shortlisted will not receive a letter of nomination from the Mayor. (Judges discretion)