

2025 Australia Day Awards Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY IN CATEGORIES

All nominees must be Australian citizens and reside within the Maranoa Regional Council area at the time of nomination.

CATEGORIES

- **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD** Celebrating people who have given outstanding volunteer service to the local community during the current year or over several years.
- **YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD** Eligible nominees must be 25 years or younger as of 26 January 2023. Celebrating young people who have significantly achieved and/or given outstanding volunteer service to the local community.
- **COMMUNITY ORGANISATION AWARD** This award is presented to an organisation that has made a substantial contribution to the community through their volunteer work, activities or event held in the Maranoa between November 2023 and November 2024.
- **CULTURAL AWARD** This award is in recognition of people who have made a noteworthy contribution to the cultural life in the Maranoa region or an outstanding achievement in an arts or cultural activity.
- **SPORTS AWARD** Eligible nominees must be over 25 years as of 26 January 2025. In recognition of people or teams who have an outstanding record of achievement in sport and who have served as noteworthy ambassadors for their sport at regional, state or international level.
- **JUNIOR SPORTS AWARD** Eligible nominees must be 25 years or younger as of 26 January 2025. In recognition of young people who have an outstanding record of achievement in sport and who have served as noteworthy ambassadors for their sport in regional, state or international level.
- **COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION AWARD** In recognition of dedicated people who, through their active volunteer involvement in the community, committees, clubs, or organisations, have made a valuable contribution to the growth, development, quality of life and/or increased participation of activities within their community.
- **ANDREA MURRAY MEMORIAL AWARD** This regional award is presented by David Murray, in memory of his wife Andrea, in recognition of people who have made a noteworthy contribution to the disability sector through paid or volunteer work. The recipient's name will be engraved on the Andrea Murray trophy.
- **SPIRIT OF MARANOA AWARD** This award recognises individuals whose contributions, whether through volunteer efforts, community initiatives, or paid work, have significantly enhanced the wellbeing and quality of life in their local area. Please indicate which local area the nominee's contributions have most positively affected by ticking the local area you are nominating them for - Spirit of Bendemere, Spirit of Bungil, Spirit of Roma, Spirit of Warroo, Spirit of Booringa.

NOMINATIONS IN MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY

A person or organization can be nominated for an award in one or more categories.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Please submit one nomination form per nominee.

Complete the nomination form and send to Council with any supporting documentation by post or email by **5pm on Friday, 1 November 2024**.

Address: Maranoa Regional Council Australia Day Awards PO Box 620 Roma Qld 4455 OR

Email: council@maranoa.qld.gov.au

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Supporting documentation may also be provided with your nomination form. This can include personal references, photographs, media articles etc. **A maximum of 2 pages of support material will be accepted.** Please do not supply originals of supporting documentation, as all documentation will be retained by Maranoa Regional Council.

NOMINATIONS FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Nominations can be carried over for two extra years after the original nomination in three categories – Citizen of the Year, Young Achiever Award and Local Contribution Award. The nominator will be asked if they would like the nomination to be put forward again and if they have any extra information they would like to add to the nomination.

JUDGING PROCESS

Nominations will be reviewed by the appointed selection panel, who will recommend successful nominees for Council's consideration. Final decision will be made by the Maranoa Regional Council.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Award recipients will be announced and presented at a ceremony during the respective Australia Day Celebrations held across the region.

ENQUIRIES

Call your Local Development Officer on 1300 007 662 or visit www.maranoa.qld.gov.au.