

ISAAC REGION AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

TERMS & CONDITIONS

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Council accepts all award nominations in good faith and in the genuine spirit of the Australia Day Awards, which is to recognise the achievements of community members and organisations.
2. All nominees will be contacted regarding the nomination and will be given the chance to decline the nomination.
3. Individual nominees must be an Australian Citizen and resident of the Isaac Regional Council Local Government Area at the time of nomination.
4. If a nominee resides outside of the Isaac Regional Council Local Government Area but works or participates in sport, arts and culture, or volunteering within the Isaac Region, the nominee may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
5. All nominations must be received on the official nomination form by 11.59pm, 30 November 2026
6. All nominations must have one nominator and provide a response to all four criteria questions about the nominee. Additional information can also be supplied.
7. Nominators understand and accept that they might be asked to provide a referee's contact details to verify the information given about the nominee, and they consent to provide such details if necessary.
8. Contact details of nominators may be used by Isaac Regional Council for media and promotional material, including but not limited to forwarding on to media outlets.
9. Citizen of the Year nominees must be aged 27 years or older as at 26 January 2027.
10. Young Citizen of the Year nominees must be aged 16-26 years as at 26 January 2027.
11. Nominees can be nominated for both a regional-level award and the Community Champion Award on the same nomination form (where applicable).
12. Nominations will not be considered where an individual or group received an award in the same regional nomination category the previous year.
13. Nominees aged under 18 as at 26 January 2027 will require consent of a parent or guardian to be considered.
14. Where Council believes there is a question over the validity of the nomination, it may elect to contact the nominator or nominee directly for clarification.
15. Council maintains the right to exclude any nomination it considers would diminish the integrity of Council and/or the awards without recourse, which includes a criminal history involving conviction for any indictable offence.
16. Council may consider nominations under an alternate award category should it deem there is merit.
17. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
18. Council reserves the right to vary the terms and conditions of the awards program at any time at its absolute discretion.
19. By accepting a regional award nomination, the nominee acknowledges that the regional award ceremony will be held on January 25 in the town of the previous year's winner.
20. All nominees, their nominators, and immediate family members are cordially invited to attend the regional award ceremony.

CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

2027 ISAAC REGION AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS PROGRAM

In 2027 there will be one award ceremony hosted in the town of the previous Citizen of the Year

and Australia Day Event Sponsorship and Australia Day Event Sponsorship Program offering \$14,000.00 for community groups to apply for hosting events.

There will be community events held on Australia Day for people to enjoy in their local community, similar to previous years, and all Isaac region pools will be open and free to attend.

2027 award categories

Regional categories

Citizen of the Year (age 27+)

Young Citizen of the Year (aged 16-26) Community Event of the Year

Corporate Community Contribution of the Year Spirit of Isaac Award (*awarded, not nominated*)

Local category

Community Champion Award

Mayor's Award (*awarded, not nominated*)

Awards are bestowed at the whole-of-region level in the categories of Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year and Corporation Community Contribution of the Year.

At the local level, the biggest change to nomination categories is to only have one, the Community Champion Award, which is awarded to individuals or groups who demonstrate genuine passion, selflessness and undertake significant endeavours to better their community.

REGIONAL AWARDS

Citizen of the Year (age 27+)

Aged 27 years or over as at 26 January of the following year. Recognises outstanding members of the community for their personal endeavours, achievements and community input.

Consider the following when nominating:

- How has the nominee made an outstanding contribution to the local community?
- What personal goals and objectives has the nominee achieved?
- Has the work been undertaken on a volunteer or paid basis?
- How is the nominee an inspirational role model for the community?
- What degree of sacrifice or difficulty has the nominee experienced in their pursuits?

Young Citizen of the Year (aged 16-26)

Aged 16–26 years as at 26 January of the following year. Recognises young citizens for their personal endeavours, achievements and community input.

Consider the following when nominating:

- How has the nominee made an outstanding contribution to the local community?
- What personal goals and objectives has the nominee achieved?
- Has the work been undertaken on a volunteer or paid basis?
- How is the nominee an inspirational role model for the community?
- What degree of sacrifice or difficulty has the nominee experienced in their pursuits?

Community Event of the Year

To be presented to the individual or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year. The event had to involve and must be a significant contribution to the Isaac

Region's community.

Consider the following when nominating:

- How has this event contributed to the development of the community?
- Has the work been undertaken on a volunteer or paid basis?
- Did the event raise funds for a charity or not-for-profit organisation?
- Did the event highlight the significant contributions of members of our community?
- Did the event draw attendance within the region and/or outside the region?

Corporate Community Contribution of the Year

Recognises both large corporations operating in Isaac region and/or small to medium enterprises (SMEs) for significant events and/or initiatives which better the community.

Consider the following when nominating:

- How has this event/initiative contributed to the development of the community?
- Did the event/initiative raise funds for a charity or not-for-profit organisation?
- Was the event/initiative a one-off or part of an ongoing program to build community capacity?
- Did the event/initiative deliver measurable benefit to the Isaac region and its residents?

Spirit of Isaac Award (selected not nominated)

This award cannot be nominated for, it is selected from nominees. In 2020, Council instituted the Spirit of Isaac award which recognised those who embody the spirit of our region.

LOCAL AWARDS

Community Champion Award

A Community Champion Award is awarded in each community. It recognises individuals or groups who demonstrate genuine passion, selflessness and undertake significant endeavours to better their community. This may be in arts, culture or sports.

Consider the following when nominating:

- Has the nominee taken actions or initiatives to improve the community?
- Does the nominee demonstrate genuine passion and selflessness in their efforts?
- Has the nominee made an impact on the community, particularly in arts, culture, or sports?
- Is the nominee an inspiration and shows mateship in the local community?

Mayors Award (selected not nominated)

A Mayor's Award is awarded in each community. This award cannot be nominated for, it may be selected from nominees. This award is for our unsung heroes and quiet achievers who vastly contribute to our communities but can sometimes go unnoticed.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD JUDGING PROCESS

At the close of the 2027 award nomination period, all award nominations will be collated and provided to Councillors for their individual consideration. Councillors will then come together at December Briefing Session to collectively choose winners for each category. The individual scoring is intended to provide an indication of the relative merits of each nomination, but the final determination of winners will be at the discretion of the Council. Nominations may also be considered under an alternate award category should Council deem there is merit.

