BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

2027 Australia Day Awards



NOMINATIONS OPEN:
1 OCTOBER 2026
CLOSE: 13 NOVEMBER 2026



AWARD CATEGORIES

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

To be presented to a Barcaldine Regional Council resident:

- who has made an outstanding contribution to the community during the 2026 year or over a number of years.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

To be presented to a Barcaldine Regional Council resident:

- who has made an outstanding contribution to the community during the 2026 year or over a number of years; and is 25 years or under as at 26 January 2027.

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

To be presented to a Barcaldine Regional Council resident or community group:

- who has staged a significant community event during the 2026 year; or
- with an outstanding record of staging community events over a number of years.

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

To be presented to a Barcaldine Regional Council resident or community group:

- who has achieved significant sporting success during the 2026 year; or
- with an outstanding record of sporting achievement over a number of years; or
- a resident who has made a significant contribution to sport as a coach, official or administrator; and is 26 years or older as at 26 January 2027

YOUNG SPORTSPERSON AWARD

To be presented to a Barcaldine Regional Council resident or community group:

- who has achieved significant sporting success during the 2026 year; or
- with an outstanding record of sporting achievement over a number of years; or
- a resident who has made a significant contribution to sport as a coach, and is 25 years or under as at 26 January 2027

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

To be presented to a Barcaldine Regional Council resident or community group:

- who has devoted considerable time to volunteering for the community during the year 2026; or
- who has an outstanding record of volunteering for the community over a number of years.

CULTURAL AWARD

To be presented to a Barcaldine Regional Council resident or community group:

- who has achieved significant cultural success during the 2026 year; or
- who has made a significant contribution to the cultural life of the community during the 2026 year; or
- who has an outstanding record of cultural contribution over a number of years and is 26 years or over as at 26 January 2027

YOUNG CULTURAL AWARD

To be presented to a Barcaldine Regional Council resident or community group:

- who has achieved significant cultural success during the 2026 year; or
- who has made a significant contribution to the cultural life of the community during the 2026 year; or
- who has an outstanding record of cultural contribution over a number of years and is 25 years or under as at 26 January 2027



TIPS TO NOMINATING

When filling out the nomination form, there are a few things you should consider to ensure your nomination provides the judges with enough information about the achievements or contribution of the person you are nominating.

1. Share their story - Strengthen your nomination by painting a picture of the person. What motivates them to make a difference? Why do they inspire others?
2. Provide details of their achievements and/or service to the community. Don't assume the person is known. The judging is based on the information you provide in the selection criteria.
3. How does the person stand out from the pack? How has their achievement and/or service been greater than what might be normally expected of a person their age and in their field. Focus on both the quality and quantity of their achievement and/or service.
4. Provide examples to support your statements for the selection criteria. Don't just make a statement - prove it with examples.
5. Check with other community groups to see what the nominee is/has been involved in.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- **Nominations close at 5 pm on Friday, 13 November 2026.** Late nominations will not be accepted under any circumstances.
- The nominee must be a resident within Barcaldine Regional Council.
- Only individual nominations will be accepted for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year. Individual or group nominations will be accepted for Community Event of the Year, Volunteer Awards, Sports Award, Young Sports Award and Cultural Awards.
- All categories will have one overall regional recipient selected from the nominees, except for the Volunteer Awards which may have multiple recipients.
- Nominations are to include as much detail about the nominee as possible, as this is the only information that the judges will use to assess nominations. In the case of more information being required, Barcaldine Regional Council reserves the right to contact the nominator to request additional information.
- Judges reserve the right to reclassify the nominated categories of any entry. It is at the Judges' discretion to award prizes. The judges' decisions will be final.
- A previous recipient of an award can be nominated for the same category or any other category.
- An individual may be entered into more than one category but will be assessed according to their merits on the basis of the selection criteria for each individual category for which they are nominated.
- Barcaldine Regional Council Councillors are eligible to receive nominations. However, please notify the Councillor before nominating so they have the option to decline.
- Barcaldine Regional Council employees and their families are eligible to be nominated and/or nominate a person for the awards.
- Award recipients will be announced on Council's website and social media on the evening of Tuesday 26 January 2027. All nominees will be invited to attend the ceremonies which will be part of the Australia Day community events. Community events and ceremony details will be provided to the nominee and nominator closer to the time.

PRIVACY NOTICE

Barcaldine Regional Council is collecting your personal information for the purpose outlined on this form this document will be stored according to the *Privacy Act 2009* in a secure document management system as authorised under the s.26 of the *Public Records Act 2002 , The Information Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023 (IPOLA) and updates* for the disposal of common and administrative public records created by all public authorities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Barcaldine Regional Council
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2027 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please read the conditions of entry prior to completing the four easy steps below.

STEP ONE: Please complete the nomination details.

Award nominee details

Name or community group: .....

Address: .....

Email: .....

Telephone: .....

Age and date of birth: ..... ☐ Not applicable

Award category *(Please check the appropriate box)*

☐ Citizen of the Year

☐ Young Citizen of the Year

☐ Community Event of the Year

☐ Sportsperson of the Year

☐ Young Sportsperson of the Year

☐ Volunteer Award

☐ Cultural Award Young

☐ Cultural Award

Please complete for a Community Event of the Year nomination only:

☐ One off event ☐ Recurring event

Event name: .....

Event date/s: .....

Number of attendees: .....

Telephone: .....

☐ Actual number ..... ☐ Estimated number .....

STEP TWO: Please complete each of the following selection criteria.

1. How has the person or community event made an outstanding contribution to the local community?

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2. What qualities does the nominee have that makes you want to nominate them?

3. How long has the nominee contributed to the community or for a community event, how has the event benefited the community (eg. economic, social or cultural benefits)?

4. In 100 words or less, why do you believe that this person or community event should receive an Australia Day Award? *(To be used at the awards ceremony and in the media.)*

STEP THREE: Please complete the nominator's details.

Nominated by: .....

Address: .....

Email: ..... Phone: .....

☐ I support this nomination and acknowledge the information contained within is accurate. Date: .....

Seconded by: .....

Address: .....

Email: ..... Phone: .....

☐ I support this nomination and acknowledge the information contained within is accurate. Date: .....



STEP FOUR: Submission of entry.

Please return the completed nomination form to Council by 5pm on Friday, 13 November 2026. Email (as an attachment): council@barc.qld.gov.au
Please include subject line: 2027 Australia Day Nomination Form.

FINAL CHECKLIST

- ☐ I have addressed each of the selection criteria in detail.
- ☐ I have provided examples to support my statements in the selection criteria.
- ☐ I have checked with other community groups to see what the nominee is/has been involved in.
- ☐ I have read and understood the conditions of entry.