



Burdekin Shire Council

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Office of the Governor – Government House Queensland

Invitation – Formal Dinner at Government House – Wednesday 28 April 2021 – Mayor McLaughlin – Government House Queensland

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Mayor Lyn McLaughlin – Burdekin Shire Council

Australia Day Awards 2021 – Community Event of the Year Achievement Award – Sweet Days Hot Nights Virtual Festival – Mayor McLaughlin – Burdekin Shire Council



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 26 February 2021 12:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Formal Dinner at Government House - Wednesday, 28 April 2021 - McLaughlin

Good morning Rosemarie

Please see below an invitation for the Mayor to attend a dinner and breakfast here at Government House in April.

RE: Invitation for Mayor, Burdekin Shire Council, Cr Lyn McLaughlin and Spouse/Partner

His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, and Mrs Kaye de Jersey request the pleasure of your company at a formal dinner for Queensland Regional Mayors at Government House. The invitation also includes staying overnight at Government House Queensland.

Dinner Details:

Date: Wednesday, 28 April 2021
Time: 6.45pm for 7.00pm – 9.30pm
Dress: Lounge Suit/ Cocktail attire
Speech/Role: Attend only, no formal role or speech required
Rsvp: Monday, 8 March 2021

Accommodation Details:

- Arrival to Government House Queensland between 12.00pm – 3.00pm on Wednesday, 28 April
- Departure from Government House Queensland between 9.00am – 12.00pm on Thursday, 29 April
- Buffet breakfast served from 8.00am – 9.00am on Thursday, 29 April
- Queen suite with private bathroom
- Program includes buggy tour of the House and Estate and a walking tour of Government House Queensland

Attire Details:

- Dinner – Lounge Suit/ Cocktail attire
- Breakfast – Smart casual (Collared shirt, no tie)
- Government House Queensland is situated on 14 hectares with manicured gardens, bushland and ponds. Suggest comfortable walking shoes to enjoy the gardens.

It would be appreciated if you could advise of their availability to accept this invitation at your earliest convenience. Once an acceptance has been received, the Office of the Governor will forward a formal 'to remind' invitation.

If an acceptance is forthcoming, please provide:

- Provide advice of any **food allergies** or specific dietary restrictions that our Chef should be aware of;
- Provide advice of any access / **mobility requirements**;
- Provide an event day **mobile phone contact**; and
- Provide the most suitable **mailing address** for the formal invitation.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Warm regards
Amelia



Amelia Long | Aide to the Governor

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19 February 2021

Virtual Festival Extraordinaires
Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival
Burdekin Shire Council
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Dear team, *all*

Re: Australia Day Awards 2021 – Community Event of the Year Achievement Award

On behalf of Burdekin Shire Council and residents of our community, I write to sincerely congratulate you all on being awarded the Community Event of the Year Achievement Award at the Shire's Australia Day Awards evening held at the Burdekin Theatre on Tuesday 26 January 2020.

The *Sweet Days, Hot Nights Virtual Festival* was worthy of receiving the Community Event of the Year Achievement Award. I understand firsthand the level of work which went in to creating all the online content. The community and viewers certainly embraced the change in delivery of the Festival.

As a token of remembrance, I have attached a copy of the commentary on the nomination. Photographs of the ceremony are also available on Saskia Photography's Facebook page.

Once again, I extend my sincere congratulations and wish the team all the best for future events.

Yours sincerely,

Lyn McLaughlin

Lyn McLaughlin
Mayor

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The 2021 Community Event of the Year Achievement Award is presented to the *Sweet Days Hot Nights Virtual Festival*. The award will be accepted by Nathan Toll.

Following the significant restrictions on staging events that were imposed as a response to the 2020 COVID 19 pandemic, this award recognises the innovative and exceptional undertaking of a small team to present the first ever *Virtual Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival*.

The event adapted significantly in 2020 following national mass gathering restrictions, and with the sugar cane crushing season still proceeding, the team took a new approach, filming content that transformed a three-day physical festival into a three-week virtual event.

Council staff produced videos that featured interviews with iconic locals, footage of the first fire of the year from start to finish, and an introduction to five of the cultures that call the Burdekin home. The virtual event provided something for isolated families to look forward to at 7pm every night for three weeks and brought more attention to the Burdekin than the festival's previous events. The event received local, state, national and international following, reaching over 120,000 viewers.

Congratulations to all involved with the *Sweet Days Hot Nights Virtual Festival*!