

NOMINATE AN UNSUNG HERO

Let's recognise the local heroes in arts/culture, health, environment, education, sports and community work!

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2026



This is your opportunity to nominate a friend, colleague or relative, someone that deserves recognition for their achievements and contributions to the Burdekin community.

Their contributions could be through their personal involvement in local clubs, sporting groups, volunteering, charity work, cultural and youth groups.

2026 Australia Day Awards Nomination Form

Nominee

Name: _____

DOB: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Award Category (please select relevant categories)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Sportsperson of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Citizen of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Sportsperson of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Event of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Cultural Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Cultural Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Service Award* | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment Award |

* Please select years of voluntary service:

☐ 10 – 20yrs ☐ 20 – 30yrs ☐ 30 – 40yrs ☐ 40 – 50yrs ☐ 50yrs +

Please indicate exact years of service (if known): _____

Nominator

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note: You may be contacted to provide further information.

Referees (please supply two referees)

Please supply the names and contact details of two referees who can verify the achievements of the nominee

Referee 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Referee 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please note: Referees may be contacted to verify the achievements of the nominee.

Record of Nominee's Achievements

Please provide details of how the nominee has made a significant contribution to the community during 2025, including positions held/activities undertaken, and a statement in your own words about why you think the person should be recognised. Additional information and supporting documentation should be attached to this nomination.

Tell us about your nominee and why they should win this award. As a guide please include information about:

- **In what role or area has the nominee excelled? (please state if it is a paid or unpaid role)**
- **Please list all awards, contributions & achievements this nominee has made in their field of interest, community or group.**
- **What makes this nominee stand out from others?**
- **If nominating an event, please list details of the event and the events success.**

Information Privacy Act 2009. Burdekin Shire Council is collecting the personal information you provide on this form for the purpose of processing this application. This information will only be used by authorised Council Officers and a panel of judges selected by Council to assess the Australia Day Award nominations. Information on award winners will be published on Council's website and released to the media. This information will not be disclosed to any other third party without your consent unless required or authorised by law.

Conditions of Entry

- Nominations must be made on this form.
- Supporting evidence must be attached to the nomination form.
- **Nomination forms must be received by 5pm Monday, 8 December 2025.**
- The nominee must be an Australian Citizen and a resident of the Burdekin Shire Council area.

How Nominations will be Judged

The judging panel will comprise three independent community members. They will evaluate nominations based on the specific criteria for each award and the information submitted in the nomination form. All decisions made by the panel are final and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome.

How to Complete a Nomination

- Nominate your candidate for any relevant award categories.
- Legibly print/type your nomination.
- Information can be provided in dot point format.
- Provide detailed supporting information that highlights the nominee's exceptional service, including specific examples of their awards, achievements and overall contributions.

Award Presentation

- All nominees will receive a letter with advice of their nomination.
- All nominees and their nominators will be invited to attend the awards ceremony.
- The Mayor of Burdekin Shire Council will present the awards at the Australia Day ceremony to be held on Monday, 26 January 2026.
- All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition and award recipients will receive a framed certificate.

Please post or email the nomination form, nominee's photograph & other supporting documentation to:

Mail: Community Development
Burdekin Shire Council, PO Box 974, Ayr QLD 4807

Email: commdev@burdekin.qld.gov.au

Nominations close – 5pm Monday, 8 December 2025