

Australia Day Awards Guidelines

Eligibility:

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

Award Categories:

1. Citizen of the Year

For individuals aged 26 and over who have given outstanding volunteer service or community leadership over several years.

2. Young Citizen of the Year

For individuals aged 12 to 25 who have made a significant positive impact in their local community.

3. Community Contribution Award

Recognises individuals who actively volunteer in the community, including in committees, clubs, or organisations, and who have made a valuable contribution to community growth, development, quality of life, or participation in local activities.

4. Community Organisation Award

Presented to a not-for-profit organisation that has made a substantial contribution through events, services, or initiatives between November 2024 and November 2025.

5. Cultural Contribution Award

Recognises achievements in arts, culture, or heritage preservation.

6. Sports Award

In recognition of people or teams who have made an outstanding record of achievement in sport and who have served as noteworthy ambassadors for their sport at regional, state, or international level.

7. Junior Sports Award

For individuals aged 25 years or younger as of 26 January 2026 who have demonstrated outstanding sporting performance and represented their community at a regional, state or national level.

8. Andrea Murray Memorial Award (Regional Award)

Presented in memory of Andrea Murray by David Murray, recognising people who have made a significant contribution to the disability sector through paid or voluntary work. The recipient's name will be engraved on the perpetual trophy.

How to Nominate:

- Submit one nomination form per nominee.
- Complete the nomination form and email or post it to Council by 5pm on Friday, 31 October 2025.

Post:

Maranoa Regional Council Australia Day Awards

PO BOX 620, Roma QLD 4455

Email:

council@maranoa.qld.gov.au

Supporting Documentation

- You may provide up to two pages of supporting material (e.g. references, articles, photos).
- Please do not send original documents. All materials will be retained by Council.

Nominations for more than one year

Nominations in the following categories can be carried forward for up to two additional years:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Contribution Award

To resubmit a nomination for the following year, please tick the re-nomination box on the form.

Judging Process

All nominations will be reviewed by a Councillor selection panel. The panel will assess:

- The impact of the nominee's contribution.
- Duration and consistency of service or achievement.
- Level of leadership, innovation, or community benefit.

Final decisions will be endorsed by Maranoa Regional Council.

Award Recipients

Winners will be announced and presented at Australia Day celebrations held across the region on 26 January 2026.

Enquiries

For more information, contact your Local Development Officer on 1300 007 662 or visit www.maranoa.qld.gov.au

If you require a printed nomination form or assistance completing the form, please contact your Local Development Officer.

All nominations and supporting documents will be treated as confidential and used solely for the purpose of judging the awards.

Let us celebrate those who make the Maranoa a stronger, kinder and more vibrant place to live!

