



2025 SOMERSET  
**AUSTRALIA DAY  
AWARDS**

**NOMINATION PACK**



*Proudly celebrating our outstanding region!*



**Somerset**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL



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# AWARD CATEGORIES

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## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Persons who have provided their time in contributing to the community during the current year or have given outstanding service to the community over several years.



## YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Young persons (aged 16 to 30) who have provided their time in contributing to the community during the current year or have given outstanding service to the community over several years.



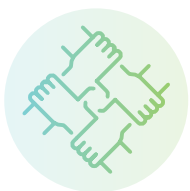
## ARTS AND CULTURE AWARD

Open to performers, musicians, actors, directors and artists, celebrating their individual creative achievements for the preceding year, as well as those who have worked to develop cultural activities and projects within the Somerset region.



## SPORTS AWARD

Open to coaches, administration and officials who have provided their time in contributing to the Somerset sporting community or an athlete or team who has achieved exceptional results in sporting endeavours.



## COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR

A not-for-profit group that has made a significant contribution to the community within the Somerset Regional Council area.



## EVENT OF THE YEAR

This is presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during 2024 within the Somerset Regional Council area. Events must have occurred between Friday, 1 December 2023 and Friday, 1 November 2024.



# GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Nominations must be made on the official form.
- Supporting evidence may be attached to the nomination form.
- Incomplete nomination forms will not be considered.
- Nomination forms must be received by 5pm Sunday, 1 December 2024.
- A candidate may only be nominated for one award category per form.
- An individual can only receive one award in the same year.
- The nominee must be a resident of the Somerset Regional Council area.
- Nominations will not be accepted for category winners from the previous two years.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

- 1 Find and complete the form at [somerset.qld.gov.au](https://somerset.qld.gov.au) or collect and complete the nomination form at any Council office
- 2 Mail your submission to:  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Somerset Regional Council**  
**PO Box 117**  
**ESK QLD 4312**  
**or email [mail@somerset.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@somerset.qld.gov.au)**
- 3 Hand in your submission to your nearest Somerset Regional Council Customer Service office:  
LOWOOD • 1-3 Michel Street  
ESK • 2 Redbank Street  
KILCOY • 15 Kennedy Street



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## KEY DATES

- **Nominations open 9am Tuesday, 1 October 2024.**
- **Nominations close 5pm Sunday 1, December 2024.**
- **Winners announced at the award ceremony held Friday, 24 January 2025 at the Somerset Civic Centre, Esk.**

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Keep information concise and relevant to meet the conditions of entry.
- In choosing the recipients of the Australia Day awards, regard is given to the nominee who has made a significant contribution to their local community in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the community.
- Supporting documents that you feel will assist the judges in making their decisions may also be provided with your nomination form. This can include items such as portfolios, personal references, photographs or samples of work. Please note Council will retain all supporting documentation, so do not supply originals.

## JUDGING

- The judging panel will make its decision based on the criteria for each award and the information completed on the nomination form.
- Judges reserve the right to consider any nomination for any award category.
- The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence about their decisions will be entered into.
- A nominee need only be nominated once to be considered.

## NOTIFICATION PROCESS AND CEREMONY INVITATIONS

- Nominees will receive a letter advising them of their nomination.
- Nominees and nominators will receive an invitation to the award ceremony.
- Awards will be presented by the Mayor of Somerset at the Australia Day Ceremony Friday, 24 January 2025.
- Nominees will receive a certificate of acknowledgement.



# NOMINATION FORM

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## CATEGORY DETAILS

Please select the award category (one category only) you are nominating for:

- CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**
- YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**
- ARTS AND CULTURE AWARD**
- SPORTS AWARD**
- COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR**
- EVENT OF THE YEAR**

## MY NOMINATION GOES TO

(Name of individual or contact person for the community group or event of the year)

## DATE OF BIRTH

(Only required for Young Citizen of the Year category)

## ADDRESS

## EMAIL

## PHONE/MOBILE

# MANDATORY QUESTIONS

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Please answer the questions as concisely as possible.

**Q1. Provide a brief history of the person, community group or event objectives**

(Wordcount 25 to 200 words)

**Q2. Provide examples of their current achievements/contribution/commitments.**

(Wordcount 25 to 200 words)



# MANDATORY QUESTIONS

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Please answer the questions as concisely as possible.

**Q3. What impact has this person, group or event had on the local community?**

(Wordcount 25 to 200 words)

**Q4. How is this person, group or event an inspiration to our region?**

(Wordcount 25 to 200 words)



# YOUR DETAILS

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## FULL NAME

## ADDRESS

## EMAIL

## PHONE/MOBILE

## RELATIONSHIP TO THE NOMINEE

(Please select)

- Immediate Family Friend
- Significant Other
- Work Colleague
- Someone You Admire
- Other (please specify)

## CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATION

I hereby confirm that the nominee is aware of the nomination and they are willing to be nominated for a Somerset Regional Council Australia Day Award. I also declare that the information I have provided is truthful and accurate.

## SIGNATURE

## NAME

## DATE