

# CELEBRATE OUR GREATS

# QLD DAY AWARDS



## GUIDELINES



## MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

Queensland shines because of Queenslanders doing amazing things in our communities every day.

Our State is built on hard work, kindness and commitment. On the everyday heroes who roll up their sleeves, show up for others and embody that determined Queensland spirit.

From selfless grassroots achievers and local legends, to organisations and individuals who have shaped our great State, the Queensland Day Awards are our chance to say thank you.

Nominations for the 2026 Queensland Day Awards are open.

Now is the time to shine a light on someone who truly represents what it means to be a Queenslander — we all know them and now is the time to recognise them.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D. Crisafulli'.

**David Crisafulli MP**

Premier and Minister for Veterans



## QLD DAY AWARDS

The QLD Day Awards shine a spotlight on Queenslanders who are doing amazing things in our communities every day.

Whether it's a community volunteer who rolls up their sleeves in times of need, an individual or organisation who has shaped our great state, or a community champion who's always got everyone's back during a disaster, these awards celebrate everyday Queenslanders who show up for others and embody that determined Queensland spirit.

From local legends to quiet achievers, nominating someone for the QLD Day Awards is a chance to say thank you to the Queenslanders who go above and beyond for their community.

### AWARDS TIMELINE

**2 April**

**Nominations open**

**18 May**

**Nominations close**

**Early June**

**Recipients announced**

## SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The 2026 QLD Day Awards is proudly supported by Telstra.



## HOW TO NOMINATE

1. Refer to these guidelines and conditions of entry for full awards program criteria.
2. Complete your nomination **online** at [www.qld.gov.au/qldday](http://www.qld.gov.au/qldday).

### Nominations must include:

**a. COMPLETED ONLINE NOMINATION FORM (REQUIRED)**

Nominations must be completed online at [www.qld.gov.au/qldday](http://www.qld.gov.au/qldday). An individual cannot self-nominate, however an institution may be nominated by the institution's authorised officer. Nominations provided in hard copy or by way of email, USB or cloud storage will not be accepted.

**b. WRITTEN RESPONSE (REQUIRED)**

Address the required Nomination Criteria. This must be completed to be a valid nomination and assessed by the shortlisting and selection panels. These responses should not include confidential information as the responses may be made publicly available should the nomination be shortlisted.

**c. CONSENT (REQUIRED FOR ALL INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS)**

Nominators are to contact the nominee to obtain their consent to submit the nomination prior to submitting the completed nomination via the online form. Where the nominee is under 18 years of age, consent is to be obtained from the nominee and the nominee's parent or guardian.

3. Please note:
  - You may be contacted after submitting a nomination and asked to provide further details.
  - Nominations must be received by **5pm, Monday 18 May 2026**. Late nominations will not be considered. The department will not be held responsible for nominations that are not received by the closing date.

For more information about the awards or how to complete your nomination, please contact the Awards Coordinator via email at [QldDayAwards@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:QldDayAwards@premiers.qld.gov.au) or telephone (07) 3003 9200.

# NOMINATION CRITERIA

## NOMINATING FOR A QLD DAY AWARD

Tell us about the nominee (achievements and impact) (up to 400 words)

- Provide a brief overview of the nominee's contributions that have either significantly impacted Queensland, locally contributed to a Queensland community or contributed to a disaster response and recovery. For posthumous nominations, include a brief summary of the nominee's enduring legacy.
- Explain how their efforts have benefited Queensland and / or their local community, and reflect on their lasting legacy or influence. Include specific examples or evidence of their contributions, such as clear results, testimonials, or stories that demonstrate how they embody the Queensland spirit and values.

## NOMINATION TIPS

Your QLD Day Awards nomination should include details such as:



**The nominee's key contributions, their efforts to go above and beyond, and their positive impact on Queensland, whether that is statewide, local or in response to a disaster.**



**How their work has created a lasting legacy, meaningful change and made a difference in the lives of others.**



**Evidence of their achievements, including clear results or testimonials.**



**How the nominee embodies the Queensland spirit and values.**

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The nomination must address the criteria in the nomination form. This must be completed to be a valid nomination and will be addressed by the shortlisting process and by the selection panel. When addressing the criteria, it is important to provide specific examples of how the nominee's achievements, or meaningful contributions to Queensland, have created a lasting legacy and meaningful change.

The nominee's professional duties or role is not necessarily sufficient to be nominated.

Where the achievements / contributions relate to the nominee's occupation, vocation or volunteer work, those achievements / contributions must be over and above what might be reasonably expected of another in a similar position. The mere performance of duties will not necessarily be sufficient to support a nomination.

For further details or to explore past award recipients, please visit [www.qld.gov.au/qldday](http://www.qld.gov.au/qldday).

## NOMINATION CHECKLIST

### BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION, PLEASE ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

**You have reviewed the guidelines, nomination criteria and conditions of entry.**



**The required nomination criteria has been addressed.**



**Consent has been obtained from all individuals for their personal information to be collected, used, and disclosed by the State and the selection panel for any purpose connected with the Awards. Where the nominee is under 18 years of age, consent is to be obtained from the nominee and the nominee's parent or guardian.**



## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The State of Queensland through the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (the State) is the organiser of the QLD Day Awards (the Awards).
2. In these conditions of entry: 'Nomination Criteria' means the Nomination Criteria as set out in the Awards guidelines.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3. A nomination will only be eligible if:
  - a. a true and complete nomination, which addresses the Nomination Criteria, is submitted online at [www.qld.gov.au/qldday](http://www.qld.gov.au/qldday).
  - b. the nomination complies with these conditions of entry
4. Nominations close **5pm, Monday 18 May 2026** (the Closing Date).
5. All nominations must be received by the Closing Date. No responsibility is accepted for lost or misdirected nominations, or nominations received after the Closing Date.
6. All nominees must have been born in Queensland, resided in Queensland, and/or made a meaningful contribution or impact in Queensland throughout their life.
7. In the case of posthumous nominees, the State will seek consent from the nominee's next of kin (a person's closest living relative in order: the surviving spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings, cousins) during the judging process. The State may, at any time prior to the announcement of the recipients, exclude any nominations where the State considers, in its sole discretion, that appropriate consent has not been provided by the next of kin or relevant persons.
8. Institution nominees can be any company or organisation, private or public, regardless of size or industry, including multi-national subsidiaries, partnerships, franchises, incorporated or unincorporated associations, community organisations and registered charities.
 

Community organisations that operate solely as a social media or online group are not eligible for nomination as an institution.
9. All nominations must be submitted by a person other than the nominee and individuals cannot self-nominate. Nominations for institutions may be made by the nominated institution's authorised officer.
10. Nominations must be submitted by persons aged 18 years and over.
11. Nominees must be at least 16 years of age on 6 June of the Awards year.
12. Groups of people or couples will not normally be eligible, though in exceptional cases the selection panel reserves the right to consider such nominations.
13. A person needs only one nomination to be considered; additional nominations do not influence the selection process.
14. Sitting local, state and federal members of Parliament, and current vice regal officers are not eligible for nomination but may submit an eligible nomination. Retired members of Parliament and officers will be considered based on work in addition to their official duties.
15. A person or institution cannot receive more than one Award. Divisions or business units of institutions who have previously received an Award are not eligible for nomination. The selection panel and the State will, in their absolute discretion, determine whether a previously nominated person or institution is eligible for the 2026 Awards.

16. Nominations must address the Nomination Criteria and not exceed the word limit.
17. The State is not liable for any costs to the nominator or nominee associated with the Awards, including costs incurred in preparing the nomination, travel and /or accommodation for attendance at the presentation of the Awards.
18. The State reserves the right at any time to verify the eligibility of a nomination.
19. The State may in its absolute discretion reject or disqualify a nomination at any stage, if it considers that the nomination does not comply with the conditions of entry, the information contained in the nomination is false or misleading, or the nomination brings the Awards into public disrepute or ridicule, or offends public opinion, or reflects unfavourably upon the Awards' reputation.

## SHORTLISTING

20. Shortlisting of nominations will be conducted by Queensland Government representatives prior to the selection panel review.
21. Queensland Government representatives will assess all nominations to ensure they are eligible and compliant with the conditions of entry.
22. Shortlisted nominations will then be forwarded to the selection panel for further review and final decision-making.

## SELECTION PANEL

23. The Awards will be reviewed by a selection panel comprising representatives from diverse sectors and community groups.
24. The selection panel's decision is final on all matters relating to the Awards, including but not limited to the eligibility of nominees, the selection of Award recipients, and the allocation of Award recipients, and no correspondence will be entered into.
25. The selection panel and the State reserve the right to ask nominators or nominees to provide additional information.
26. The selection panel and the State reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to:
  - a. consider nominations submitted in previous years' Awards programs for the 2026 Awards
  - b. retain nominations submitted in the 2026 Awards for consideration in future years' Awards programs
  - c. invite a nominator to submit a new nomination for the nominee in the 2026 Awards program with additional information.
27. The number of awards allocated will be at the State and the selection panel's discretion.
28. The Premier retains the discretion to grant a special award, independent of the selection panel's decisions, to recognise a nominee for their exceptional contributions. This award is at the sole discretion of the Premier and may not align with the standard selection process.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

29. The nominator acknowledges and agrees:

- a. that the material contained in the nomination is not of a confidential nature
- b. that the State has a perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive licence to edit, amend, copy, reproduce, use, publish and communicate to the public, in full or part, the material contained in the nomination
- c. that the State's use of material contained in the nomination in accordance with these conditions of entry, will not give rise to any

- infringement or unauthorised use of any third-party intellectual property rights
- d. that they will not make any claim against the State arising from the exercise of this licence granted to the State, including claims in relation to any moral rights that they may otherwise have
- e. to indemnify the State against all costs and claims by any third parties arising from a breach of these warranties.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

30. The nominator agrees that:

- a. his/her/their personal information will be collected by the State for the purpose of administering the Awards using Formidable Forms, and the WordPress platform
- b. by submitting the nomination, you have obtained any necessary consents from the nominee and any other individual whose personal information is collected as part of the nomination for their personal information to be disclosed
- c. his/her/their name may be disclosed to the nominee

- d. his/her/their personal information will be given to the selection panel for the purpose of judging the Awards
- e. in the case of the posthumous nominees, the nominator's name may be disclosed to the nominee's next of kin
- f. he/she/they have obtained the prior consent of the nominee and any other individual whose personal information is collected as part of the nomination for their personal information to be collected, used, and disclosed by the State and the selection panel for any purpose connected with the Awards

## PROMOTION

31. The nominator consents to his/her/their name and material contained in response to the Nomination Criteria being used in connection with the Awards to report on, promote and publicise the Awards, both now and in future years, including in print and online format such as the State's Awards website and on the State's social media channels.

32. Award recipients may be requested by the State to be photographed or filmed for promotional purposes and to be profiled on the State's Awards website and on the State's social media channels.

## GENERAL

33. To the extent permitted by law, the State is not liable for any loss or damage suffered or incurred by any person or personal property in relation to the Awards including, but not limited to, consequential and indirect losses by reason of any act or omission, deliberate or negligent, by the State, its employees, sub-contractors or agents.
34. In no event will the State or selection panel be held responsible for any comment, viewpoint or expression, whether direct or implied, concerning a nomination. By submitting a nomination, the nominator agrees not to bring claims against any member of the selection panel or the State. The nominator must use its reasonable endeavours to obtain from the nominee their agreement not to bring claims against any member of the selection panel or the State.
35. The State may change these Conditions of Entry or cancel or vary the Awards at any time, whether before, on or after the closing date.

## PRIVACY INFORMATION

Your personal information will be handled in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (Qld) (IP Act) and the Queensland Privacy Principles (QPPs).

The information collected is necessary to coordinate/administer the QLD Day Awards (the Awards'). If you choose not to provide this information, your nomination will not be able to be progressed.

Personal information contained in the nomination will be provided to a judging panel, comprised of persons outside of the public service and/or industry and business representatives for the purpose of judging the Awards. The contact details that you provide on the nomination form may be used by the State to seek further information regarding your nomination for the Awards and to notify you of upcoming events, initiatives and programs administered by the State. Your name may also be disclosed to the nominee.

If at any time you would like your personal information removed from our database, please email [QldDayAwards@premiers.qld.gov.au](mailto:QldDayAwards@premiers.qld.gov.au) with your request.

The Awards program is being conducted by the State using Formidable Forms, a WordPress-based online form used to collect, store, and manage information submitted by users through a website.

Information you provide using Formidable Forms and the WordPress platform will be stored securely in Australia and only transferred outside Australia where reasonably necessary to administer the program and subject to the State's privacy protections. Further information on WordPress's handling of personal information is available at <https://wpengine.com/legal/privacy/>.

The privacy policy for the department explains how you may request access to and/or correction of your personal information. Our privacy policy also explains how you can complain to us if you consider we have breached our obligations to manage your personal information in accordance with the QPPs, and how we deal with privacy complaints [www.premiers.qld.gov.au/tools/privacy.aspx](http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/tools/privacy.aspx).

If you have questions regarding how your personal information will be handled contact:

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