

2026 Ipswich Australia Day Awards

NOMINATION GUIDE

NOMINATION STEPS

Submit your nomination
in 5 easy steps before
**11.59 pm Sunday
2 November 2025.**

- 1 Review the nomination criteria
- 2 Gather the relevant information
- 3 Go to our online [nomination portal](#)
- 4 Select the award category
- 5 Complete nomination and add supporting documents

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **NOMINATIONS OPEN**
7 August 2025
- **NOMINATIONS CLOSE**
2 November 2025
- **FINALISTS ANNOUNCED
AND CONTACTED**
From 2 December 2025
- **AWARDS CEREMONY**
21 January 2026

AWARD CATEGORIES

Ipswich residents can be nominated for:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Cultural Award
- Sport and Recreation Award
- Community Group of the Year

View the full description of each category here
ipswich.qld.gov.au/ausdayawards

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN THE NOMINATION

- **WHAT** achievements/contributions has the individual/group accomplished?
- **WHAT** benefit or impact have they made in Ipswich?
- **WHEN** did the nominee demonstrate their service/contribution?
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- **WHY** does the individual/group deserve this nomination?
- **HOW** long have they contributed/volunteered their services to the community?

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION EXAMPLES



Newspaper
clippings

Photos



Reference
letters



Webpage
links

Video



Finalists and their nominators will
be invited to the official Awards
Ceremony to be held on
Wednesday 21 January 2026

FAQs

How long does it take?

On average submitting a nomination
takes less than 30 minutes.

Can I nominate myself?

No, all nominees must be nominated
by a third party.

Can I nominate more than one person or community group?

Yes.

Can I send my nomination via mail?

No, nominations can only be submitted
online via the official nomination portal.

Who judges the nominations?

A group of representatives from
the Ipswich community.

Do I have to include a referee?

Yes, including a referee is critical for
the nomination.

Can I nominate the same person more than once?

No, nominating someone multiple times
does not add merit to their nomination.
The selection panel will assess each
nomination against the eligibility,
category and judging criteria.

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