



ISAAC REGION  
AUSTRALIA DAY  
AWARDS 2025

*our nominees*



We acknowledge the **Koinjmal, Widi, Birriah, Barada Kabalbara Yetimarala, Jangga, Barada Barna, Western Kangoulu and Wirdi Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters throughout the Isaac region** and their enduring cultural connection to country and community.

We pay our respect to the Elders' past, present and emerging for they hold the stories, culture and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Our relationship with Traditional Custodians and First Peoples will shape a shared future that celebrates the history and culture of our First Peoples as the foundation of our region's collective identity.





This year, we received 71 nominations for Isaac's Australia Day Awards. Each nomination tells a story of dedication, selflessness, and community spirit. While we can only choose five winners, every single nominee is deserving of recognition.

Our people are the heart and soul of Isaac. Across our 17 unique communities, we see everyday people doing extraordinary things.

Together, we recognise and celebrate those who give their time, commitment, and care to make our region a great place to live, work, and raise families.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate someone.

We appreciate your help in shining a light on the efforts of those who might otherwise go unnoticed.

Congratulations to all nominees and winners of the 2025 Australia Day Awards. Thank you for your resilience, mateship, resourcefulness, and for fostering connections within our community.

It's what the Aussie spirit is all about!

**Mayor Kelly Vea Vea and Councillors**  
*Isaac Regional Council*

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# The nominees are...



## **4RFM Community Radio Radiothon**

**Moranbah**

**Community Event of the Year**

The 4RFM 24-hour Radiothon in November 2024 was a vibrant community event, with radio announcers like Alaina Earl tirelessly presenting over the air waves helping local groups and clubs share their news and activities.

## **Amber Smith**

**Moranbah**

**Community Champion Award**

Amber Smith is a tireless, dedicated community servant who supports clients and vulnerable people beyond regular working hours.

## **Amelia Baker**

**Dysart**

**Community Champion Award and Young Citizen of the Year**

Mature beyond her years, Amelia Baker excels in ranch bronc riding and farm work. Known for her community spirit, she mentors new riders, supports mental health advocacy, and embodies the values of Trademutt.

## **Annabelle Binnekamp**

**Moranbah**

**Young Citizen of the Year**

A dedicated athlete and community volunteer from Moranbah, Annabelle Binnekamp has excelled in gymnastics and athletics while supporting local events. Despite personal hardships, she graduated with top academic honours and plans to study physiotherapy.

## **Anne Ahern**

**Dysart**

**Community Champion Award**

Anne Ahern is a dedicated advocate for vulnerable children, tirelessly supporting them for 13 years with compassion, organising impactful events, and embodying true selflessness.

# The nominees are...

## **Belinda Hargreaves, Terri-Ann Walsh and Toni Linke**

*Isaac Coast*

*Community Champion Award*

Belinda, Terri-Anne and Toni are a dedicated trio who led art sessions for the award-winning 2024 St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend, creating impactful sculptures and ensuring the success of The Sanctuary installation.

## **Bianca Marek**

*Moranbah*

*Community Champion Award*

Bianca Marek runs Kanga Training, supports local mums through a Facebook group. She fosters social connections and offers parenting advice, all while being a dedicated mum and wife.

## **Binda Park parkrun**

*Moranbah*

*Community Event of the Year*

Binda Park parkrun, a free weekly 5km Moranbah event, promotes physical health, social connections, and inclusivity, welcoming all ages and fitness levels to walk, jog, run, volunteer, or spectate.

## **Bonnie Fuller**

*Dysart*

*Community Champion Award*

A dedicated rider, Bonnie Fuller has represented Dysart Pony Club at local and state levels, achieving notable successes in jumping and dressage. She also serves on the club committee, balancing her commitments with studies and work.



# The nominees are...



## **Bridget Kidcaff**

*Dysart*

*Citizen of the Year*

Bridget Kidcaff is a dedicated businesswoman who goes beyond for her clients, delivering exceptional service. Her passion and pride also shine through in her steadfast support for the local community.

## **Candice Schmidt**

*Dysart*

*Community Champion Award*

Candice selflessly supports the community of Dysart, balancing roles in the kindy, school P&C, tuckshop, and local sports, all while managing her household, job, and studies with a smile.

## **Carmila Hotel**

*Isaac Coast*

*Corporate Community Contribution of the Year*

Grant and Kerry-Anne Quantock of Carmila Hotel are deeply committed to the community. They have championed rural sports by supporting the rodeo, raising \$2,000 for the medical chopper, and ensuring professionalism, safety, and lasting local impact.

## **Carmila Hotel's Ride-Tuff Series Final Bull Ride 2024**

*Isaac Coast*

*Community Event of the Year*

Carmila pub funded and organised a bull ride, attracting over 900 punters. The rodeo raised \$2,000 for CQ Rescue, with professional management by Grant and Kerry-Anne Quantock, volunteer support, and safe transport for attendees.

## **Carmila RSL**

*Isaac Coast*

*Community Champion Award and Community Event of the Year*

Anzac Day in Carmila is a cherished event, honouring servicemen and women, reuniting locals, and supported by the RSL's year-round fundraising efforts.

# The nominees are...

## **Cherry Paine**

**Nebo**

### **Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year**

Cherry Paine exemplifies dedication, leading Nebo SES, presiding over Nebo P&C, organising the school's 150th anniversary, and balancing motherhood with a full-time job. Her passion and determination inspire us all.

## **Clearsky Counselling and Support Services**

**Clermont**

### **Corporate Community Contribution of the Year**

Matthew Martin from Clearsky Counselling and Support Services transforms lives across Central Queensland, balancing community events, swim lessons at Clermont Swimming Centre, and inclusive services with his wife Hayley, making a profound impact on the community.

## **Clermont and District Servicemen's Club**

**Clermont**

### **Community Champion Award**

The Clermont and District Servicemen's Club hosts weekly raffles, community events, and sponsors local school awards, fostering a welcoming space and celebrating Clermont's heritage and milestones.

## **Clermont Golf Club**

**Clermont**

### **Community Champion Award**

The Clermont Golf Club, cared for by dedicated volunteers, stands out as a regional gem. Hosting events like the Jet Group PGA Pro-Am, they foster community spirit and inspire future golfers.

## **Clermont Historical Centre Open Day**

**Clermont**

### **Community Event of the Year**

Clermont Historical Centre's open day showcased remarkable dedication, featuring steam engine demonstrations, artist lessons by Catherine Clark Dowden, and a barbecue by Clermont RSL, attracting growing community attendance each year.





# The nominees are...



## **Clermont Show**

**Clermont**

### **Community Event of the Year**

For over 150 years, the Clermont Show has continued to be a staple in the Isaac region's fabric. Hosted by the Clermont Rodeo and Show Society, it features local artwork, trade displays, food vendors, a grand parade, and fireworks, attracting visitors from across Queensland and interstate.

## **Clermont Swimming Centre**

**Clermont**

### **Corporate Community Contribution of the Year**

Matthew and Hayley Martin revitalised the Clermont Swimming Centre, securing funding for various programs, adding a hot food van, and enhancing the pool's aesthetics, significantly benefiting the community.

## **Clermont Work Camp**

**Clermont**

### **Community Champion Award**

The Clermont Work Camp has significantly supported local community groups with maintenance and repairs, including painting the local bowls club, rejuvenating the showgrounds, and installing disabled facilities in Clermont.

## **Clinton White**

**Clermont**

### **Community Champion Award**

Clinton White, a promising ambassador for regional tourism, promotes gold prospecting to boost Clermont's economy, preserving its heritage while ensuring a vibrant future through fundraising, organising events, and enhancing community engagement.

## **Coalfields Carpet Cleaning and Pest Management Services**

**Dysart**

### **Corporate Community Contribution of the Year**

Coalfields Carpet Cleaning and Pest Management Services consistently go above and beyond, providing reliable, high-quality services while supporting the local community through sponsorships and contributions to regional growth and wellbeing.

# The nominees are...

## **Corbin Wood**

*Moranbah*

### *Community Champion Award and Young Citizen of the Year*

Corbin Wood, the Moranbah State High School's 2024 Captain, inspires through excels in academics, STEM, and community service, proving that passion and dedication can create meaningful change in the community.

## **Create-A-Sign**

*Moranbah*

### *Corporate Community Contribution of the Year*

Melissa Foley from Create-A-Sign brings festive joy to Moranbah children through personalised Santa packages, creating a cherished tradition of excitement and magic each Christmas. In 2023, over 100 packages were delivered.

## **Dysart Golf Club's Family Fun Fair**

*Dysart*

### *Community Event of the Year*

The Dysart Golf Club's Family Fun Fair united the town's families with activities for all ages, creating a memorable and inclusive event for young families, children, and adults alike.

## **Dysart Bulls' Senior Rugby League's 50th Anniversary**

*Dysart*

### *Community Event of the Year*

Dysart Bulls' Senior Rugby League celebrated their 50th anniversary by achieving financial stability through fundraising, securing sponsorships, hosting events, and reconnecting past and present members to honour their enduring legacy.

## **Elizabeth Blinco**

*Moranbah*

### *Community Champion Award*

Elizabeth Blinco has been a key member of Moranbah State School's student support team for 20 years. She is known for her dedication to inclusivity and consistently going beyond for students and staff.



# The nominees are...



## **Grant Quantock**

*Isaac Coast*

*Community Champion Award*

Grant Quantock supports the community by hosting events, fundraising, and providing free services. In their spare time, they mentor young riders in the bull riding and barrel racing circuit, showcasing their dedication and passion.

## **Grant Oswald**

*Clermont*

*Community Champion Award*

Grant Oswald has been a driving force behind the success of Jugs and Jocks in Clermont, a powerful program uniting local fosters men to openly discuss mental health. His efforts help break barriers by championing men's mental wellbeing.

## **In the Dark Fundraiser**

*Clermont*

*Community Event of the Year*

Katie Hobbs organised the In the Dark fundraiser in Clermont on 28-29 September 2024. It raised important funds for Isaac Navicare and suicide awareness.

## **Jackie Kalinowsky**

*Dysart*

*Citizen of the Year and Community Champion Award*

Jackie Kalinowsky has dedicated over 15 years to volunteering across multiple community groups, tirelessly improving the community and Dysart State High School P&C, asking nothing in return.

## **Jayke Hiles**

*Glenden*

*Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year*

Jayke Hiles, a proud local of Glenden, embodies the spirit of community. He's a mentor to young people and a tireless volunteer. He inspires others through unwavering support and dedication.

# The nominees are...

## **JET Group Clermont Pro-Am**

**Clermont**

### **Community Event of the Year**

The JET Group Clermont Pro-Am showcased Clermont's community spirit, featuring junior and ladies' clinics, national-level golf, and local hospitality, uniting residents, and Australia's brightest golfing talents in a truly memorable event.

## **Jodie Sabbo**

**Dysart**

### **Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year**

Jodie Sabbo has transformed the Dysart Bulls' Senior Rugby League Club, securing financial stability, hosting events, and gaining sponsorships. As a coach, P&C supporter, and business owner, she exemplifies dedication and community spirit.

## **Jugs and Jocks**

**Clermont**

### **Community Event of the Year**

Clermont's successful Jugs and Jocks program, organised by local pharmacist Grant Oswald, fosters men's mental health discussions, bringing local men together through connection, support and promoting wellbeing.

## **Kate Flohr**

**Clermont**

### **Citizen of the Year and Community Champion Award**

Kate Flohr has been pivotal to the Clermont Rodeo and Show Society, serving as secretary and treasurer, ensuring events run smoothly, and actively volunteering in the community while managing local businesses.

## **Kerry-Anne Quantock**

**Isaac Coast**

### **Community Champion Award**

Kerry-Anne Quantock, passionate about Carmila, runs multiple businesses, mentors' youth in rodeo sports, and tirelessly fundraises for community causes, showcasing her dedication and drive.



# The nominees are...



## **Kristen Cant**

**Glenden**

**Community Champion Award and Young Citizen of the Year**

A dedicated young community leader, Kristen actively supports local events, excels in sports, and prioritises others' needs, embodying the spirit of selfless service and leadership.

## **Lauren White**

**Clermont**

**Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year**

Lauren White is a true community champion in Clermont, inspiring others through her passion for yoga, inclusivity, and well-being, while balancing family life and sharing her knowledge with the town.

## **Leeroy Gersekowski**

**Moranbah**

**Community Champion Award And Citizen of the Year**

Leeroy Gersekowski selflessly dedicates countless hours to improving Moranbah's sports organisations, from maintaining the golf course to supporting the rugby union club, showcasing his commitment and community spirit.

## **Lindsay Chicken**

**Moranbah**

**Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year**

Lindsay Chicken and Simone Myles established Binda Park parkrun in Moranbah, a free, inclusive event every Saturday at 7am, promoting community, fitness, and supporting local businesses.

## **LPS Plumbing and Gas Queensland**

**Moranbah**

**Corporate Community Contribution of the Year**

Daniel Flaherty, a dedicated plumber and gas fitter, founded LPS Plumbing and Gas Queensland to support Moranbah. He balances family commitments while actively serving the community through both large projects and everyday tasks.

# The nominees are...

## **Lucas Brown**

*Moranbah*

*Community Champion Award and Young Citizen of the Year*

Lucas, a dedicated Year 12 student, excels in multiple sports, volunteers extensively, and represents his school and community with pride. His numerous awards and willingness to help highlight his commendable contributions.

## **Marilyn Gibbins**

*Isaac Coast*

*Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year*

A selfless community pillar, this is a posthumous nomination for Marilyn. She used to cook for the sick, check on neighbours, welcome tourists, and deliver meals to the elderly, earning her enduring love and remembrance.

## **Martin Tomas**

*Moranbah*

*Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year*

Martin lovingly prepares his Torana each year for local school leavers' formals, providing transport and photo opportunities. His dedication and involvement in the local car club fosters community connections.

## **Matthew and Hayley Martin**

*Clermont*

*Community Champion Award*

Matthew and Hayley Martin enhanced the Clermont Swimming Centre by securing funding for various programs, adding a hot food van, and improving the pool's aesthetics.

## **Matthew Martin**

*Clermont*

*Citizen of the Year*

Matthew from Clearsky Counselling and Support Services is a true community asset, supporting vulnerable individuals, fostering inclusivity, and hosting vibrant events at the local pool, creating joy and connection for all.



# The nominees are...



## **Melissa Foley**

**Moranbah**

**Citizen of the Year**

A dedicated community member brings joy to Moranbah children each Christmas with personalised Santa packages, creating lasting memories and strengthening community spirit. Her selfless actions inspire others and embody generosity and care.

## **Middlemount Race Day**

**Middlemount**

**Community Event of the Year**

Middlemount Race Day, held on 17 August 2024, attracted over 800 punters, featured community engagement, local business support, and raised over \$10,000 for CQ Rescue thanks to the speedy Dachshund Race, despite inclement weather challenges.

## **Moranbah Rodeo**

**Moranbah**

**Community Event of the Year**

The 2024 Moranbah Rodeo, in its second year back, was a huge success with over 1,600 attendees, focusing on junior riders and creating a family-friendly, engaging event for the community.

## **Nari Smith**

**Clermont**

**Young Citizen of the Year**

Nari Smith, a well-respected Clermont State High School 2024 Captain, is known for encouraging others and her dedication at Penny's Cafe. Her bright future is a testament to her hard work and kindness.

## **Natalie Ramsdale**

**Moranbah**

**Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year**

When you mention Natalie Ramsdale, you think of Moranbah Netball – she lives and breathes it. Balancing a full-time job, presidency, coaching, fundraising, and facility upgrades, she creates endless opportunities for young netballers.

# The nominees are...

## **Nebo SES**

*Nebo*

### *Community Champion Award*

Demonstrating remarkable resilience, this 15-member volunteer group tackled over 60 tasks in 2024, solidifying their status as a vital community asset.

## **Nebo State School 150th Celebrations**

*Nebo*

### *Community Event of the Year*

The Nebo State School celebrated 150 years, with the help of its school P&C. Volunteers organised an anniversary full of rich history with a reunion dinner, historical displays, and a fun fair, strengthening community spirit and attracting students and teachers from the past and present.

## **Pembroke Olive Downs Complex**

*Moranbah and Coppabella*

### *Corporate Community Contribution of the Year*

The Pembroke Olive Downs Complex Community Expo brought together over 3,000 people at Ted Rolfe Oval in Moranbah. The expo supported local groups and businesses and connected the community with job providers, generating dollars for the local economy.

## **Peter Quinn**

*Middlemount*

### *Community Champion Award*

Peter Quinn, a dedicated Middlemount grazier, leads with unwavering commitment, disaster management, and mentoring, fostering a legacy of leadership and generosity through his family's active involvement.

## **Pink My Town**

*Clermont*

### *Community Event of the Year*

The inaugural Pink My Town fundraiser, led by Lou Power, united Clermont businesses in support of McGrath Breast Cancer nurses, creating a heartwarming community spirit and raising significant funds.





# The nominees are...



## **Quincey Barwick**

*Clermont*

*Community Champion Award and Young Citizen of the Year*

Quincey Barwick, a state-level boxing champion, founded BlakRok Boxing in Clermont with his father, mentoring local youth and promoting dedication and resilience through his passion for the sport.

## **Rhiannon Rowe**

*Dysart*

*Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year*

Rhiannon Rowe has transformed Dysart through community events, securing funds for the golf club, and organising a Christmas fair, showcasing her dedication to enhancing the town for the future.

## **Rhinotech Moranbah and Computer Services**

*Moranbah*

*Corporate Community Contribution of the Year*

This IT support company excels in reliability and professionalism, aiding local businesses and supporting community events. Their festive displays foster unity and joy, making them deserving of recognition.

## **Rhyan Cook**

*Dysart*

*Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year*

A dedicated teacher and firefighter for nearly four years, Rhyan Cook inspires students and ensures public safety, exemplifying leadership, resilience, and commitment to the community.

## **Richard Bethel**

*Valkyrie*

*Community Champion Award*

Richard Bethel led a small, creative team to organise the celebrations for Valkyrie school, attracting over 400 attendees and showcasing the community's rich history and talents.

# The nominees are...

## **Richelle Styles**

*Dysart*

*Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year*

Richelle Style's dedication, supporting an event for a child's assistance dog despite her personal battle. Her unwavering commitment to the community and youth makes her a true role model.

## **Ryan Sterritt**

*Moranbah*

*Community Champion Award*

Ryan Sterritt is a dedicated community leader, providing reliable IT support, aiding nonprofits, and creating festive events like Halloween and Christmas displays that unite and inspire the Moranbah community.

## **Simone Myles**

*Moranbah*

*Community Champion Award*

Simone Myles launched Binda Park parkrun with Lindsay Chicken in Moranbah, a free, welcoming event every Saturday at 7am, fostering community spirit, encouraging fitness, and boosting local businesses.

## **Six Ducks and a Yarn Community Cricket Day**

*Nebo*

*Community Event of the Year*

Six Ducks and a Yarn is a community charity cricket event, organised by Nebo Medical Action Group, uniting families and local businesses while raising mental health awareness. Featuring cricket matches, entertainment, and a guest speech by Michael Kasprowicz.

## **Tegan Sutton**

*Moranbah*

*Community Champion Award*

Tegan Sutton, a dedicated prep teacher, tirelessly contributes to her school and community. She volunteers extensively at the Moranbah Bulldogs AFL Club and the Highlanders Swim Club, all while managing family commitments.



# The nominees are...



**Terry Kerr**

**Moranbah**

**Citizen of the Year**

Terry Kerr is a pillar of the Moranbah community, dedicating decades to mentoring youth, fostering horsemanship, and leading events like the Moranbah Rodeo, inspiring others with his unwavering commitment and leadership.

**Toni Linke**

**Isaac Coast**

**Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year**

Toni Linke embodies selflessness, dedicating her time to cooking for the elderly, supporting local events, assisting with transport, and volunteering tirelessly. Her unwavering care and generosity make her a true community treasure.

**Valkyrie State School's 50-Year Celebrations**

**Valkyrie**

**Community Event of the Year**

Through droughts, cyclones, floods and bushfires, and even a pandemic, Valkyrie celebrated five decades of education. Thanks to the dedication from the school's P&C led by Richard Bethel.

**Veronica Johnstone**

**Moranbah**

**Community Champion Award and Citizen of the Year**

Veronica Johnstone, a compassionate nurse and dedicated community volunteer, supports numerous local groups including St Joseph The Worker Catholic Church, and Moranbah Arts. She also mentors at the AFL fields, all while being a devoted wife and mother-of-four.

*good luck to all our nominees*



Happy Australia Day

