

MEDIA RELEASE

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Nominations are now open for Council's Australia Day Awards

Do you know of an individual or group who has gone above and beyond for our region?

Why not help Council recognise their efforts by nominating them for a Gladstone Region Australia Day Award 2021.

Nominations for the Gladstone Regional Council Australia Day Awards are now open and will close at midnight on Sunday 1 November.

Categories for the 2021 Awards include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sports Official of the Year
- Senior Sportsperson of the Year
- Young Sportsperson of the Year
- Arts and Culture Award
- Community Volunteer Award
- Community Event or Initiative Award.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the theme for the 2021 Awards is Reflect, Respect and Celebrate.

"The Gladstone Regional Council Australia Day Awards acknowledge and celebrate the contributions and success of individuals and groups within our region," Councillor Burnett said.

"These awards provide Council with an opportunity to publicly recognise and celebrate those in our community who have made significant contributions and achievements during 2020.

"This year has been one filled with challenges, so if you know an individual or group who has celebrated success or gone above and beyond for our community this year, I strongly encourage you to nominate them for a 2021 Australia Day Award."

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on events potentially changing between now and January 2021, Council will announce details regarding the 2021 Australia Day Awards closer to the date.

Please visit <u>www.gladstone.qld.gov.au</u> to nominate an individual or group for a 2021 Gladstone Regional Council Australia Day Award.

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