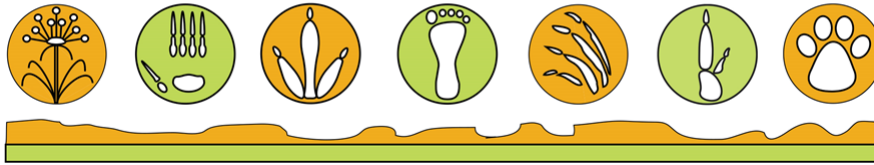


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Nominate an unsung hero now

It's that time of the year to nominate an individual or community group for the 2017 Barkly Region Australia Day Awards.

Proudly supported by Barkly Regional Council and the Australia Day Council NT, the local government awards recognise the exceptional contribution, hard work and determination of citizens who make a positive difference to their community.

People such as the Citizen of the Year in 2016 Kirsty Eberl inspire everyone through their achievements and challenge us all to make our own contribution to making a better Barkly.

A talented dancer, Kirsty received the award for all the time and effort she has put into developing the skills, talent and esteem of so many youngsters as well as her positive role modelling.

"It was such an honour to be recognised with this award," she said. "It's been a wonderful opportunity to receive this award and I thank my supporters."

Council President Barb Shaw said it was amazing to see how the dedication and passion of one individual could inspire an entire community.

"The positive differences these individuals make to our community are worthy of celebration," President Shaw said. "It is our hope that these awards not only recognise our unsung community heroes but also inspire others to follow in their footsteps."

Award categories include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year (Male and Female), Volunteer of the Year, Community Event of the Year, and Senior Citizen of the Year.

Winners will be decided by a community panel and presented with their awards during the Barkly Regional Council's Australia Day celebrations on 26 January 2017 at Battery Hill.

Nominations close on Friday, 4 November, 2016. Forms are available from Council reception, 41 Peko Road, or from our website <http://barkly.nt.gov.au/news-events/australia-day-2017> Return completed forms either to reception or via email to events@barkly.nt.gov.au or ktima.heathcote@barkly.nt.gov.au

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