

Everyone a winner this Australia Day

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AWARDS: The Redland City Choir is being well recognised this Australia Day with nominations for Cultural Award (conductor Anita Taylor), Community Organisation Award and senior award (Catherine Thomas).

Key Redland people will be recognised at the annual Redland City Australia Day awards being staged at Sheldon on January 21.

Council received 27 nominations across eight categories for the annual awards, with finalists then shortlisted for each category.

This year's finalists are – Citizen of the Year Award: volunteer Adrian Addicott, Lester McFadzen of the Genealogical Society of Queensland and biology teacher Michael Farnworth; Young Citizen of the Year Award : Trendz Hair and Beauty salon owner Kirra Longmuir, vocalist Leah Lever and volunteer Shannon Brierley; Senior Citizen of the Year Award: Catherine Thomas of Redland City Choir, Ian and Judy Wintle of the Open Garden scheme and Ken Thackeray of Volunteer Marine Rescue; Local Hero Award: Jill Lindley of Redlands Hearing Impaired Support group, Rotarian Nyree Ewings and SES volunteer Peter Gould; Community Organisation Award: Community Assist Redlands Enterprises Inc, Redland City Choir and The Cage Youth Foundation; Cultural Award: Anita Taylor of the Redland City choir and Melissa Anderson; Environment and Sustainability Award: Deirdre Hargreaves and Maureen Tottenham; Sports Award: Evie Massingham, Jake Eve and Sandra Middleton.

Redland City Mayor Karen Williams said the awards were a way for the community to thank those in the city who went “above and beyond”.

“Redland City residents and community organisations are known for their generosity and commitment to helping others and the annual Australia Day awards are an excellent way for everyone to recognise those that help make our city great,” she said.

“The calibre of nominees shows the incredible community spirit that exists in the Redlands and I congratulate everyone who was nominated as well as those who took the time to nominate their fellow Redlanders.