

2027 John Oxley Library Awards - Nomination Form

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The John Oxley Library Awards - Introduction

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About the John Oxley Library Awards

The [Queensland Memory Awards](#) support the documentation, preservation and sharing of Queensland's memory—past and present—through fellowships and awards.

The John Oxley Library Awards recognise individuals and community organisations that have made outstanding and innovative contributions to documenting and sharing Queensland's history.

Use this form to nominate either:

- an **individual** for the [John Oxley Library Award](#) (recognition only), or
- an **organisation or group** for the [John Oxley Library Community History Award](#) (includes a one-off gift of \$5,000).

Nominations are accepted year-round. We are now taking nominations for the 2027 John Oxley Library Awards.

Nominations for the 2026 round closed on 1 August 2025. Winners will be announced at the annual Queensland Memory Awards ceremony in November 2025.

Refer to the [Awards Guidelines](#) for more detail. All nominations are assessed against the published selection criteria.

These awards are supported by sponsors and donations through the [Queensland Library Foundation](#).

The John Oxley Library Award

The [John Oxley Library Award](#) recognises an **individual** who has made an outstanding contribution to the appreciation of Queensland history. The award is granted annually to promote the value of pursuing historical knowledge and its role in shaping Queenslanders understanding of themselves and each other.

The achievement being recognised may relate to any aspect of Queensland's social, political, economic and cultural life; and may take any form, occurring in any context, and extending over any period of time.

View the list of [previous recipients](#).

The John Oxley Library Community History Award

The [John Oxley Library Community History Award](#) is gifted annually for outstanding contributions by **community organisations or groups** in the preservation, recording and sharing of Queensland history. This Award celebrates the people involved in projects that help Queenslanders better connect with their stories, both past and present.

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View the list of [previous recipients](#).

Eligibility

John Oxley Library Award

- Open to **individuals** only
- Interstate residents eligible
- Self-nominations are not accepted
- Nominees may be retired or not currently employed.
- Posthumous nominations are accepted
- The achievement may be a specific activity or reflect a body of work
- University and ARC research teams are ineligible

John Oxley Library Community History Award

- Awarded to organisations or groups (not individuals within them)
- Open to Australian-based community organisations or groups
- No individual nominations
- ARC/university research teams ineligible
- Current State Library staff/Board ineligible

Who can submit a nomination?

- External nominations for both awards are welcome using this SmartyGrants online nomination form.
- You can nominate an **individual** for the John Oxley Library Award or an **organisation or group** for the John Oxley Community History Award.

How are recipients awarded?

- An independent judging panel made up of professionals with expertise in the GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums) sector assess all nominations.
- Judges assess each nomination against the selection criteria outlined in the [Awards Guidelines](#).
- Judges decide on a shortlist and a successful nominee for each category.
- Judges select the nominee who best meets the selection criteria as the successful applicant. Only one recipient is awarded per category each year.
- The judges may, at their discretion, consult with other experts to assist in evaluating the merits of each nomination.
- The outcomes of the judging process are final, and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into regarding decisions or the judging process.
- Judges may choose not to award a category if no nominations meet the required standard. They may also select a highly commended nominee from a previous year, retained on a longlist.

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- The names of the judges will be [published](#) at the conclusion of the judging process.

Information and enquiries

If you have any questions please contact State Library of Queensland.

Phone: 07 3840 7887 Email: fellowships@slq.qld.gov.au Web: [State Library of Queensland - Queensland Memory Awards](#)

I confirm that I have read and understood the guidelines (above) prior to completing this form. *

Yes

How to apply?

1. Read the [Awards Guidelines](#).
2. Complete this SmartyGrants form. Hard copy applications will not be accepted.
3. Preview the nomination form before submitting. Mandatory fields, word count limits and file size limits apply. All mandatory fields must be completed to submit.
4. Once you start your form, you can save and edit it as many times as you like before submitting it. No changes can be made after submitting it.
5. Your nomination should address the selection criteria outlined in the [Awards Guidelines](#) and will need to include:
 - a concise description of the individual or organisation or group being nominated
 - description of a nominated group or organisation's achievements
 - two (2) referees.
6. You have the option of attaching any supporting material, such as letters of support.
7. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your nomination. **Important:** if you do not receive this email, please check your junk folder. If you cannot find the email, immediately contact State Library at fellowships@slq.qld.gov.au or (07) 3840 7887.

Nominator Details

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Nomination type

Please note, the *John Oxley Library Award* is awarded to an **individual** and the *John Oxley Library Community History Award* is awarded to an **organisation or group**.

Which award are you submitting a nomination for?

- The John Oxley Library Award
 The John Oxley Library Community History Award

Please select either or both award category.

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Nominator contact details

Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Email *

Must be an email address.

Phone Number *

Please include area code if landline.

Nomination Details - The John Oxley Library Award

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Individual nominee details

We understand that you may not have all the contact details of the person you are nominating. Please include as much as you can, but please ensure the person's full name is provided.

Please read the selection criteria in the **Awards Guidelines** to help ensure your nomination is relevant and strong.

Nominee's first name

Nominee's surname

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Nominee's phone number

Please include area code if landline.

Nominee's email address

Must be an email address.

Nominee's achievements

Briefly outline the individual's achievements in relation to Queensland history. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Please refer to the [Awards Guidelines](#) to review the selection criteria used to assess this nomination.

Supporting material

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Please upload any supporting material you wish to include as part of your nomination for this individual.

Attach a file:

A maximum of 3 files may be attached.

You may wish to include letter(s) of support.

Please provide website (URL) link(s) if publicly available supporting material is accessible and relevant to your nomination.

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Nomination Details - The John Oxley Library Community History Award

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Organisation or Group nominee details

We understand that you may not have all the contact details related to the organisation or group you are nominating. Please include as much as you can, but please ensure the organisation or group's name is provided.

It is critically important to read the selection criteria in the [Awards Guidelines](#) so you prepare responses relevant to this nomination.

Nominee organisation or group's name *

Nominee organisation or group's email address

Must be an email address.

Nominee organisation or group's phone number

Must be an Australian phone number. Please include area code if landline.

Nominee organisation or group's website

Must be a URL.

Nominee's achievements and significance

Please provide a concise description of the achievements of this organisation or group. *

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Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Explain why these achievements are significant to Queensland's history or community. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Supporting material

Please upload any supporting material you wish to include as part of your nomination for this organisation or group.

Attach a file:

A maximum of 3 files may be attached.
You may wish to include letter(s) of support.

Please provide website (URL) link(s) if publicly available supporting material is accessible and relevant to your application.

Referees

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Referee 1

Nominators are required to provide contact details for two (2) referees.

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number *

Please include area code if landline.

Email *

Must be an email address.

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Relationship to nominated individual, organisation or group *

Referee 2

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number *

Please include area code if landline.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Relationship to nominated individual, organisation or group *

Declaration, Privacy and Feedback

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Declaration

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information in this nomination form is correct. If this nomination is successful, I agree to abide by the requirements set out in the Awards Guidelines. *

Yes

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Date *

Must be a date.

Privacy

The State Library of Queensland is subject to privacy legislation which applies to the Queensland public sector — the *Information Privacy Act 2009*. The *Information Privacy Act* contains a number of privacy principles that set out how agencies must handle personal information. Further information on the Queensland Government's information privacy

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scheme can be accessed through the Office of the Information Commissioner. For more information, please read our [Privacy Statement](#).

Feedback

You are now nearing the end of this form. Before you review your nomination and click the **SUBMIT** button please take a few moments to provide some feedback.

How did you find out about the Queensland Memory Awards? *

- State Library of Queensland website
- State Library of Queensland email
- Other website
- Social Media
- Word of mouth
- Newspaper
- Radio
- I'm a previous applicant
- Other:

Please select all that apply.

Please indicate how you found the nomination process: *

- Very easy Easy Neutral Difficult Very difficult

Please provide us with your suggestions about any improvements and/or additions to this form that you think we need to consider.

Which website?

Which social media platform?