

Australia Day Awards 2016

Boulia came together at the Shire Hall on the 26th of January to celebrate Australia Day with the annual Australia Day Awards ceremony. This year, we were lucky to have Dr Barbara Piscitelli AM as our Australia Day ambassador. Dr Piscitelli joined the community for breakfast before letting us know a bit more about herself and the activities she was going to be undertaking with Boulia State School while in Boulia. The winners of this year's Australia Day Awards were:

Citizen of the year: Kurt Dunlop

Kurt supports the Boulia State School through his Adopt-A-Cop role and has also been involved with the P&C Committee. In 2015 he took it upon himself to apply for drought funding to run a family friendly dodgeball competition, which was a great success.

Organiser of the Year: Kaylene Sloman

Apart from volunteering her time at local events, Kaylene is also a valued member of the Boulia Country Women's Association. She continuously puts in a lot of extra time and effort in making the branch successful which has helped result in the QCWA Spring Fair becoming an annual event and seen the number of members of the CWA branch growing.

Community Event of the Year: Community Christmas party - Min Min Store

In December last year, Boulia was treated to a Community Christmas Party. The Shire hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and filled with talk and laughter as everyone enjoyed a BBQ dinner, visit by Santa and music by DJ Richo. It was a wonderful event that drew everyone together, even behind the scenes, where the Min Min Store and a number of committees and volunteers worked together to make the evening happen.



Young Citizen of the Year: Danielle Bedourie and Angela Corporal

Valuable members of the school community who actively participate in activities and events both in and out of the school environment, these two young citizens demonstrated that the goodwill of the youth of our community is definitely present, when they handed in a wallet they had found while at the park. As you can imagine, the owner of the wallet was extremely thankful to have received it back. The girls are both inspiring role models for the younger children of our community.



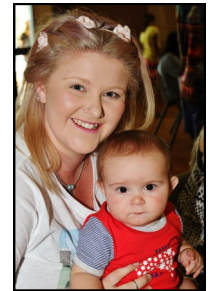
Junior Sportsperson of the Year: Trenton Dunne

Throughout 2015 Trenton has made a continuous effort every Sunday to travel up to Mt Isa to participate in the under 9's ruby league football games. He is also an avid participant in motorbike gymkhana's and won the Boulia State School's Overall Sports Award as well as the 'Overall Competitor' trophy for his age group at the District Border Sports.



Senior Sportsperson of the Year: Ronald Britton

His enthusiasm for sport has seen him making the effort to travel throughout 2015 to represent Boulia and the surrounding shires for football and he is a consistent participant in all local sporting events. Ronald also put together the 'Boulia Bulls', to represent Boulia at the Seven's Carnival in Longreach and was proactive at organising the travel arrangements in order for the team to be able to compete.



Congratulations to all the recipients and thank you to everyone who was able to come and enjoy the morning. Council would also like to thank

everyone who volunteered their time on the day to help run the breakfast. Nominations for Australia Day Awards 2017 are open now and will be taken all year round. Visit Council's website, www.boulia.qld.gov.au or come into the Library or Shire Office to pick up a nomination form.



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