



QUEENSLAND MEMORY AWARDS

Guidelines and selection criteria:
Awards

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The Queensland Memory Awards

The [Queensland Memory Awards](#) recognise past and future contributions of individuals and organisations in the investigation, preservation, and celebration of Queensland’s memory – past and present – through fellowships and awards.

The John Oxley Library Awards recognise outstanding contributions made to advance our understanding of Queensland’s cultural heritage. Awards are given annually to individuals and local community organisations for distinction and innovation in the documenting and sharing of Queensland’s history.

Fellowships support researchers and creatives of all kinds to interpret the significant collections of the John Oxley Library. Through deep engagement and interaction with the collections, these interpretations provide new insights into the collection and contribute new knowledge about Queensland’s history.

The Queensland Memory Awards are supported by sponsors and philanthropic donations through the Queensland Library Foundation.

Key Dates

14 August 2024	Nominations close
September 2024	Shortlisting and selection by judging panel
Early October 2024	Award winners notified
6 November 2024	Award winners announced at awards ceremony
All year round	Nominations can be made for both awards via SmartyGrants

JOHN OXLEY LIBRARY AWARD

One (1) award, recognition only.

Awarded annually to 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.

Additional information for this category:

This award may recognise a specific activity, or activities/contributions made over time
This award will be given to an individual only.

Selection criteria

Significance high quality, original and creative output(s) in the field of Queensland history	35%
Impact advanced public understanding and appreciation of Queensland history, including fostering new perspectives	35%
Professionalism and leadership role model for others and encouraged best practice	30%

JOHN OXLEY LIBRARY COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARD

One (1) award of \$5,000.

Awarded 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.

Additional information for this category:

The activity being nominated may have occurred at anytime in the past

This award will be given to an organisation or group, rather than an individual that is part of an organisation or group.

Selection criteria

Significance significant and relevant output(s) in the field of Queensland history	35%
Impact increased community access to and awareness of Queensland history Increased capacity and/or capability of the sector and community	35%
Collaboration collaborative approach to project and demonstrated sharing of knowledge	30%

ELIGIBILITY

JOHN OXLEY LIBRARY AWARD

- Open to Australian residents in any discipline or form of expression. This includes but is not limited to, researchers, artists, creatives, filmmakers, digital media practitioners, musicians and composers, curators and arts professionals, writers, independent scholars and other creators.
- The John Oxley Library Award is awarded to an **individual**.
- Interstate residents are eligible.
- Individuals cannot self-nominate for this category.
- Nominees do not need to be currently employed.
- A post humous nomination can be made in this category.
- The achievement being recognised can be a specific activity, or a combination of contributions/activities over time.
- University or Australian Research Council (ARC) research teams are ineligible.
- Projects that are a component of post graduate studies are ineligible.
- Current State Library of Queensland employees and board members are ineligible.

JOHN OXLEY LIBRARY COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARD

- Open to Australian community organisations or groups.
- The John Oxley Library Community History Award is awarded to an **organisation or group**, not an individual who is part of an organisation or group.
- Interstate organisations or groups are eligible.
- Individuals cannot self-nominate for this category.

- University or Australian Research Council (ARC) research teams are ineligible.
- Projects that are a component of post graduate studies are ineligible.
- Current State Library of Queensland employees and board members are ineligible.

WHO CAN SUBMIT A NOMINATION?

- Nominations for both awards are welcome via [SmartyGrants](#) **all year round**.
- Nominations can be made at any time, however there will be a cut-off date for each year's program. In 2024 the cutoff date for nominations for the 2025 Queensland Memory Awards is **midnight, 14 August 2024**.
- The [John Oxley Library Award](#) is for nominating **individuals**
- The [John Oxley Community History Award](#) is for nominating **community groups and organisations**.

HOW ARE WINNERS AWARDED?

- An independent judging panel made up of professionals with expertise in the related field access all nominations.
- Judges assess the nominees against the selection criteria.
- Judges decide on a shortlist and a successful nominee for each category.
- Judges award the nominee with the highest merit against the selection criteria as the successful applicant. Panels must decide on one successful nominee only per each award category per 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 there are no nominations of suitable merit.
- The names of the judges will be [published](#) at the conclusion of the judging process.
- Judges must disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest as soon as they become aware of them. State Library of Queensland records all conflicts of interest, perceived, potential and actual. The conflict of interest is managed by the State Library.

INFORMATION AND ENQUIRIES

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

Email: fellowships@slq.qld.gov.au

Web: www.slq.qld.gov.au/qma

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- State Library of Queensland reserves the right to change the conditions, cancel, or vary the awards processes at any time, whether before, on, or after the closing date.
- In all matters relating to the conditions of nominations and judging process, the decisions of the judges and State Library of Queensland are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- No person will be entitled to claim compensation for loss from State Library of Queensland for any matter in connection with the Queensland Memory Awards, including, but not limited to, a failure by State Library of Queensland to comply with the conditions of application.

PRIVACY NOTICE

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 scheme can be accessed through the Office of the Information Commissioner.