

Fraser Coast Ability Award Categories

AWARD	BRIEF	Selection Criteria
<p>Excellence in Innovation</p>	<p>This award recognises an Organisation, Group, Club, Business or Education Provider that has developed a new, innovative or different initiative to improve the outcomes for people with a disability or add value from the perspective of people with a disability. This award is for those that think outside the box, inspire and innovate to do better.</p>	<p><i>Recognising innovative initiatives that improve outcomes for people with a disability.</i></p> <p>Selection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly demonstrates a new, creative, or significantly different approach that benefits people with a disability. Evidence of meaningful involvement or consultation with people with disabilities in developing the initiative. Measurable impact and outcomes for individuals with disabilities or the broader community. Scalability or potential for the innovation to be adopted or adapted by others.
<p>Outstanding Inclusive Initiative</p>	<p>This award recognises an Organisation, Group, Club, Business or Education Provider that has demonstrated a significant contribution to improving inclusion and participation of people with a disability in the community. The initiative shows outstanding commitment to encourage, welcome and support people with a disability in mainstream workplaces, education settings, or community with demonstrated positive outcomes.</p>	<p><i>Recognising initiatives that significantly improve inclusion and participation.</i></p> <p>Selection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated commitment to building inclusive environments in mainstream workplaces, education, or community settings. Evidence of real-world, positive outcomes for people with disabilities (e.g., increased participation, improved access, stronger social connections). Initiatives designed <i>with</i> (not just <i>for</i>) people with disabilities. Sustainability and long-term impact of the inclusive practices.
<p>Community Changemaker</p>	<p>For an Individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the community through engagement, leadership and advocating for the rights and well-being of people with a disability. This individual goes above and beyond.</p> <p><i>(Could be a person with a disability, teacher, allied health professional, caregiver, coach etc – can't be an organisation)</i></p>	<p><i>For individuals making an outstanding difference in their community.</i></p> <p>Selection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant, direct contribution to advancing the rights, wellbeing, or inclusion of people with disabilities. Demonstrated leadership, advocacy, or peer support that has led to positive change. Evidence of ongoing commitment beyond their formal role or employment.

	<i>CEO or Director has to be someone with a disability or someone that works directly with people with a disability)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal qualities of resilience, empathy, and empowerment. <p>Note: Eligible nominees must be an individual (with or without a disability) who works directly with or is a person with a disability – not CEOs, Directors, or those removed from direct service delivery.</p>
Sport and Recreation	This award recognises an individual with a disability who has demonstrated outstanding personal achievement in sport or recreation. It celebrates their determination, resilience, and dedication – whether through participation, leadership, advocacy, or elite-level performance. The award also acknowledges the individual’s personal growth and the inspiration they bring to their community through inclusive and empowering engagement in sport and recreation.	<p><i>Celebrating personal achievement, growth and inclusive practice in sport and recreation.</i></p> <p>Selection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated significant personal achievement in sport or recreation. • Evidence of personal growth (e.g., increased participation, performance milestones, other achievements etc). • Contribution to the broader community through inspiration, advocacy, or by creating opportunities for others. • Display of sportsmanship, leadership, and commitment to inclusion in sport and/or recreation.
Arts and Culture	This award recognises an individual with a disability who has demonstrated outstanding personal achievement in the arts or cultural life of their community. It celebrates creativity, resilience, and dedication – whether through artistic expression, cultural leadership, or advocacy. The award also acknowledges personal growth and the inspiration they bring to others by promoting inclusion and representation through arts and culture.	<p><i>Celebrating creative expression, personal growth and inclusive participation in arts and culture.</i></p> <p>Selection Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated significant personal achievement in an arts or cultural field (e.g., visual arts, performance, music, writing, film, cultural practice). • Evidence of personal growth, innovation, or creative development. (e.g., increased participation, performance milestones, other achievements etc). • Contribution to the broader community through inspiration, advocacy, or by fostering inclusion in the arts. • Demonstrated leadership or collaboration in projects, performances, or initiatives that promote inclusive arts and cultural participation.
Ted Weber Individual Achievement Award	This award recognises an individual with disability who has achieved a significant milestone or demonstrated outstanding success in any area of life. This could include personal	<p><i>Recognising significant milestones or outstanding success in any aspect of life.</i></p> <p>Selection Criteria:</p>

	<p>accomplishments in the arts, sport, music, civic participation, business, education or any aspect of community life – including creating inclusive opportunities for others. This award celebrates not only the achievement itself but also the individual's journey, impact, and contribution to a more inclusive community. It celebrates individuals who lead by example – with resilience, leadership and commitment to inspiring change.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of a significant personal milestone or outstanding achievement across arts, sport, music, civic participation, business, education, or other community contributions. • Demonstrated resilience, determination, and commitment in pursuing their goal(s). • Contribution to raising awareness or advancing disability inclusion, through advocacy, leadership or lived experience, or inspiring others through their success. • A compelling personal story that reflects authenticity, courage and leadership– empowering others, shifting perceptions and contributing to a more inclusive and equitable community.
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