

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS ACTIVELY ELEVATING THE IMAGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE?
EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION BY NOMINATING THEM FOR A KIDS IN COMMUNITY AWARD**

The Kids in Community (KIC) Awards seek to highlight the wide variety of ways that young people, and those supporting them, strengthen and inspire our community. Their contributions highlight the diversity of social and cultural backgrounds of our youth and the acceptance and respect they have for their differing traditions, interests and values. Many young people nominated for KIC Awards are not conventional achievers: they may not excel in sporting or academic pursuits. Yet, their optimism, generosity, enthusiasm, perseverance or courage has awakened others to opportunities or needs within our local communities. Community members nominated for KIC Awards are often unaware of the respect and gratitude young people have for them and of the extent of their impact on young people's lives. By acknowledging all these contributions, the KIC Awards encourage young people to reach out to others – both to give and to receive support.

Award Categories

KIC Awards feature 9 categories: 6 recognising the contributions of individual and groups of **young people in two age divisions (13 – 18 years and 19 – 25 years)** and 3 recognising the contributions of **other community members**.

YOUNG PEOPLE ACTIVELY SUPPORTING OTHERS – including their own peers, other young people from different social or cultural groups and/or individuals or groups within the broader community.

- 1 Youth in General** Recognises young people who demonstrate a caring attitude to other youth, in general. **Nominees** will have supported or encouraged someone to feel more comfortable or connected to their community or to enhance their personal dignity or self-worth.
- 2 Indigenous Youth** Recognises young people who promote the positive attitudes, skills and actions of Indigenous youth. **Nominees** will have supported or encouraged someone to achieve their goals or fostered reconciliation by building positive relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth.
- 3 Diverse Youth** Recognises young people who promote the positive attitudes, skills and actions of youth facing challenges or from diverse backgrounds. **Nominees** will have supported or encouraged someone to overcome their personal challenges or fostered inclusiveness by building positive relationships between diverse groups.
- 4 Community** Recognises young people who make a valuable contribution within the broader community. **Nominees** will have assisted or provided companionship to the elderly, ill or disabled or volunteered their time with community organisations or activities.

YOUNG PEOPLE INSPIRING THEIR PEERS – through the nature of their own achievements and/or how they have tackled challenges in their own lives.

- 5 Role Models** Recognises a young person whose words or actions are worthy of emulation & inspire others in the community. **Nominees** will have shown leadership through commitment to achieving their goals or through behaviour reflecting high personal standards & values.
- 6 Against All Odds** Recognises a young person who has triumphed over considerable personal challenges, inspiring others with their optimism, strength and courage. **Nominees** will have overcome challenges of health, disability, family circumstance, cultural factors or geographic isolation.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE to achieve their full potential – through voluntary or “above & beyond the call of duty” involvement with individual young people or through youth and community groups or by actively promoting young people's positive actions and achievements.

- 7 Individual Mentors & Supporting Groups** Recognises community members who have volunteered or gone “above & beyond the call of duty” in their support or encouragement of young people. Individual and group **Nominees** will have contributed to someone's personal development, either generally or in a specific area such as work, sport, study, spirituality, social or family life.
- 9 Media Reporting** Acknowledges the powerful role of the media in influencing public opinion about young people and youth issues – by recognising **Nominees** who have looked beyond sensational, negative stories and reported stories reflecting the positive contributions local youth (aged 13-25 years) make to their communities.

Who Can be Nominated?

NOMINEES FOR KIC AWARDS MUST TICK ALL BOXES:

- Live within the Northern Rivers Region (See map)
- Have made a contribution during the last 12 months
- Consent to being nominated
- Expect to attend the Awards Night (**8 July 2009**)
- Provide a passport-style photo with application – an original photo or digital format (300+ dpi)

NOMINEES IN YOUNG PEOPLE CATEGORIES MUST:

- Be aged between 13 and 25 years

NOMINEES IN COMMUNITY CATEGORIES MUST:

- Be nominated by someone aged 13-25 years

NOMINEES IN MEDIA REPORTING CATEGORY MUST:

- Relate to publications/ broadcasts, during the last 12 months, in the Northern Rivers region featuring local young people (aged 13-25 years)



How do I Make a Nomination?

Complete the attached **Nomination Form** and forward it, with any attachments (**MAXIMUM OF 3 DOCUMENTS**), to:

POST: Kids in Community, PO Box 950, Lismore 2480 **FAX:** 6625 1404 **EMAIL:** nominations@kic.com.au

OR ... nominate ONLINE at www.kic.com.au

All nominators are encouraged to attend the Awards Night to support their nominees.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: telephone 6624 4053 or email info@kic.com.au

How are the Nominations Judged?

KIC has appointed a panel of judges with expertise, knowledge and experience in youth issues, from across the geographical zones of the Northern Rivers region. The judges review all the nominations, assessing the information provided in relation to the degree to which the nominee's contribution:

- inspires, engages and/or includes other young people
- goes beyond their normal school or work activities
- helps more disadvantaged or excluded groups/ individuals
- makes an impact in their community
- fosters better relationships between different social, ethnic or cultural groups

Judges also consider the level of personal challenges faced by each nominee and the likely psychological impact of receiving the award. Ultimately, they **select a winner for each category & age division**, as well as for **two Judges' Choice Awards**:

- **Bronwyn Donaghy Memorial Award** – recognising an "all-rounder" who contributes to the community in a variety of ways.
- **Encouragement Award** – encouraging the ongoing participation of a young person less often acknowledged.

ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ENTERED INTO.

Nominee Benefits

All nominees will receive a certificate and prize bag at the Awards Night. Individual nominees will receive 1 FREE ticket to the Awards Night, with young people also receiving 1-2 extra FREE tickets for family &/or friends to come along and support them. Group nominees will receive up to 4 FREE tickets to the Awards Night.

NOMINATION FORM
Closing Date: Friday 29 May 2009

8 July 2009
Lismore Workers Club

Nomination Category

PLEASE TICK **ONE** CATEGORY ONLY. NOMINATED CATEGORY MAY BE CHANGED AT DISCRETION OF THE KIC COMMITTEE

YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORTING:

- 1 Youth in General
- 2 Indigenous Youth
- 3 Diverse Youth
- 4 Community

YOUNG PEOPLE ACHIEVING:

- 5 Role Models
- 6 Against All Odds

COMMUNITY SUPPORTING YOUTH:

- 7 Individual Mentors
- 8 Supporting Groups
- 9 Media Reporting

YOUNG PEOPLE AWARDS have two age divisions (13-18 years & 19-25 years) **COMMUNITY AWARDS** are open age

Nominee's Details

PLEASE PRINT (ITEMS MARKED WITH * MUST BE COMPLETED)

Name: *	Age (* if young person):
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Home Address: *
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Postal Address: *
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Phone – Home: *	Mobile:
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Email:	School /Group/ Organisation *:
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Nominee's photo: * Attached (print/disk) Will be emailed

PERMISSION TO USE IMAGE In line with National & State Privacy & Personal Information Protection legislation & principles, including "NSW Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act 1998" and Federal "Privacy Act 1988".

I,..... (print name of nominee) permit Kids in Community Inc to keep, store & use photographs of me/our group taken or provided, for advertising and promotional purposes, specifically in relation to the Kids in Community Awards. I understand that this may include printed and electronic publications.

Signed: _____ (Nominee/or consenting adult) **Date:** _____

Nominator's Details

PLEASE PRINT (ITEMS MARKED WITH * MUST BE COMPLETED)

Name: *	Age (* if nominating Community member):
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Postal Address: *
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Phone - Home: *	Work:
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Mobile:	Email:
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Relationship to Nominee* (eg: friend, teacher, student, parent, group leader):	
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Organisation , if relevant (eg: name of school, youth or service group):	
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PLEASE GIVE DETAILS OF A REFEREE WHO CAN BE CONTACTED TO SUPPLY ANY FURTHER INFORMATION IF REQUIRED.

Name: * _____ Phone: * _____ Mobile: _____

