



**HEAL
COUNTRY!**
4-11 JULY 2021

Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) NAIDOC AWARDS 2021

Awards Nomination Form

Nominations Close: 26 July 2021

Nominations & Award Winners are now being sought for the 2021 Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) NAIDOC *“Heal Country!”* Awards Ceremony.

The awards are based on nominations received from Community across the region and will recognise Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people, and other community members who have made an outstanding contribution to their local EMR community.

As part of NAIDOC Week 2021, local organisations and agencies will again be sponsoring the EMR NAIDOC week *“Heal Country!”* Awards.

Please read the categories and guidelines below and forward your nomination form to events@mmigp.com.au

If you require further information, please contact Jean Ciancio on (03) 9725 2166 or 0476 851 235.

The 2021 EMR NAIDOC

AWARD Categories

Elders Award

Sponsored by Boorndawan Willam Aboriginal Healing Service

Arts Award

Sponsored by Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place

Community Award

Sponsored by Eastern Health

Youth Award Sporting Achievement

Sponsored by Yarra Ranges Council

Youth Award Educational or Employment Achievement

Sponsored by Swinburne University of Technology

Non-Indigenous Community Service Award

Sponsored by Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association

Caring for Country Award

Sponsored by Karen Milward Consultancy

The guidelines are:

1. **Elder** - Must be recognised as an Elder within the EMR Indigenous Community.
2. **Arts** - Can be in any area of the arts including painting, photography, performing arts, ceramics, music etc.
3. **Community** - Can be any Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who has made a valuable contribution to the EMR Indigenous Community.
4. **Youth Award Sporting Achievement** - Can be any young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in sports.
5. **Youth Award Educational or Employment Achievement** - Can be any young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the areas of education and employment.
6. **Non-Indigenous Community Service Award** – Can be any non-Indigenous person who has made an outstanding contribution to the EMR Indigenous community whether in a service provision or volunteer capacity.
7. **Caring for Country Award** - recognises the contribution of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and communities who care for country within the EMR – the land, waters and all living things – conserving our biodiversity and protecting our environment for future generations. This Award nomination is open to an individual residing or working within the EMR, an Aboriginal community within the EMR or an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander specific project delivered within the EMR.
8. The person proposed for a **Youth award** is to be **between the age of 16 and 25 years old at the time of submission.**
9. Nominations must be on the **attached form** and must be signed by the nominator and one other referee. Additional pages may be attached if required.

This is an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in the EMR and acknowledge their role within the community.

All nominations must be forwarded to the EMR NAIDOC Committee, via Jean Ciancio at events@mmigp.com.au. The NAIDOC committee will assess the nominations based on the eligibility guidelines above and apply merit-based principals that are efficient, effective, fair, and honest.

Final award winners will be made by the sponsoring organisation or individual.

The NAIDOC committee and sponsors will announce both nominations and winners for each award to be presented at the EMR NAIDOC Ball and Award Ceremony on the 20th August 2021.

NOMINATION DETAILS

Details of Nominator

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact Phone No: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Does the nominee know they have been nominated? Yes/No

Details of Referee

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Contact Phone No: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

CATEGORY: _____

Details of Nominee

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____

If youth category, please state date of birth for eligibility

Date of Birth: _____

