

**QUEENSLAND PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Purpose and Criteria**

The QPLA Public Library Achievement of the Year Award has been established to recognize the Queensland Public Library that most demonstrates outstanding community service through an individual program or service.

The award focuses on two key factors:

- The benefits of the service or program to the community
- The creativity and innovation in developing a specific community program or service, or implementation of a special project.

All elements will be reviewed in the context of individual library budgets, so as to encourage libraries of all sizes to participate.

**Eligibility**

- Anyone may nominate a library.
- The library must be a financial member of QPLA.
- One application per library will be accepted annually.

**Presentation of Award**

The award will be presented at the biennial conference of the QPLA. No award will be given if, in the opinion of the Award Committee, applications do not meet the award criteria.

**QPLA Award Committee**

Submissions will be evaluated by an Award Committee appointed by the QPLA Executive Board. The Committee will recommend a winner to the QPLA Executive Board.

**Submission Requirements**

All nominations must be submitted on the approved nomination form and must be accompanied by the following information:

- Statistical data which includes total annual budget, per capita budget, circulation, membership, size of population served, staff numbers.
- A thorough explanation of why the nominated project/service/initiative should be named QPLA Public Library Achievement of the Year. Please pay special attention to the two key factors listed above.
- Descriptions of the project/service/initiative, together with supporting materials such as brochures, press clippings, testimonials and visual evidence