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NOLAN ENCOURAGES NOMINATIONS FOR NEW MULTICULTURAL AWARDS

The Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan is encouraging local nominations in an expanded range of awards to honour Queenslanders who have worked to promote multiculturalism.

Ms Nolan said the new look Queensland Multicultural Awards offered 10 awards across five categories and would be presented in May.

“Multiculturalism is one of the Smart State’s great strengths and I am delighted the government is continuing to encourage and reward those who work so hard to make Queensland a welcoming and inclusive society,” she said.

“The awards honour people and groups whose outstanding efforts over a sustained period have helped promote multiculturalism, support new migrants and refugees and raise community awareness of the value of cultural diversity.

“The original awards have recognised the voluntary contributions of individuals, organisations and schools since 1990 but now the awards will also honour businesses and government, with new awards for an outstanding young achiever and someone who has provided exceptional service to refugees.

“An independent panel will also make recommendations on an individual Queensland Multicultural Champion, someone who has drawn considerable public attention to multicultural and/or refugee issues and who will then act as an ambassador for multiculturalism in the Smart State.”

Ms Nolan said the Beattie Government had substantially increased funding for the Multicultural Assistance Program and new strategies to promote and utilise diversity.

“Queenslanders can support the government’s efforts to build on our multicultural achievements and enhance harmony and equity, by nominating an outstanding individual or agency for recognition,” he/she said.

Nominations close on March 1. For a nomination form visit www.premiers.qld.gov.au/multicultural/awardsevents or phone MAQ on 07 3224 5690 or free call 1800 053 739.