



SARUS CRANE AWARD

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The following local governments in the Southern Gulf region are recognising individuals and groups making a significant contribution to the fields of land management and the environment by means of the annual Sarus Crane Award.

- Burke Shire
Phone: 4745 5100
- Cloncurry Shire
<http://www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/australia-day>
Closes 22 December
- Flinders Shire
<http://www.flinders.qld.gov.au/australia-day>
Closes 15 December, noon
- Mount Isa Shire
<http://www.mountisa.qld.gov.au/australia-day>
Closes 15 December, 5pm
- Richmond Shire
Phone 4719 3377



Local councils in our region offer the Sarus Crane Award as part of their Australia Day Awards ceremonies. Southern Gulf NRM thanks them for their collaboration.

Previous Sarus Crane Award recipients have included individuals and groups carrying out weed management activities, local history projects, rehabilitation of river frontage, young veggie garden connoisseurs, a school yarnning circle, indigenous tucker projects and organisations creating furniture out of recycled materials.

<http://www.southerngulf.com.au/about/sarus-crane-awards/>

Background to the Sarus Crane Award

Since 2007, Southern Gulf NRM has proudly recognised individuals and groups making a significant contribution to the fields of land management and the environment by means of the well regarded Sarus Crane Award. That Award was announced at the Annual General Meeting of Southern Gulf NRM (then known as Southern Gulf Catchments). From 2016, Southern Gulf NRM offered partnerships with local councils in our region to offer the Sarus Crane Award as part of Australia Day Awards ceremonies. The objective is to enable wider recognition of achievement across all shires in the Southern Gulf region.

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Story of the Sarus Crane Award's name

The iconic Sarus Crane (*Grus antigone*), which is pictured in the organisation's logo, was picked for the name of the Award, in 2007. The Sarus Crane is the tallest flying bird in the world with some adult males reaching up to 1.8 metres tall. They have predominantly grey plumage with a red head and neck and long, pale red legs. Their significance to our region is that the only known breeding area for Australian Sarus Cranes is in the Southern Gulf of Carpentaria. This area is important not only for native flora and fauna species that call this region home but also for the numerous migratory bird species that travel vast distances along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway to reach these feeding grounds.

Southern Gulf NRM:

Southern Gulf NRM is the natural resource management (NRM) organisation for the Southern Gulf region of north west Queensland. We work with our partners and the community to protect our region's natural resources and maintain the prosperity of industries and communities that rely on these. The region comprises all the land whose creeks and rivers run into the south of the Gulf of Carpentaria.