



North Australia Beef Research Council 2026 Medals Nomination Kit

About NABRC

The North Australia Beef Research Council (NABRC) is an independent organisation comprising producer representatives, research organisations, education providers, and State farming organisations. NABRC ensures innovation and learning in the northern beef industry remain relevant to producers and participants by bringing stakeholders together to plan research, development and extension (RD&E) activities across Queensland, the Northern Territory, and the Pilbara and Kimberley regions of Western Australia.

NABRC does not fund RD&E directly. Instead, it gathers feedback from stakeholders across northern Australia to influence the RD&E agenda and ensure priority industry issues are addressed. This work is undertaken through 11 Regional Beef Research Committees (RBRCs), which meet at least twice a year to identify and discuss strategic issues. Committee chairs participate in NABRC meetings held twice yearly to provide advice to organisations investing in or undertaking beef cattle RD&E. NABRC does not endorse specific research proposals, but interested parties are encouraged to contact their local RBRC to seek the committee's consideration and potential support.

Each year, NABRC publishes a list of RD&A issues affecting the northern grassfed beef industry, ranked in order of priority by the RBRCs. NABRC also submits these priorities to Meat & Livestock Australia's Biennial Investment Call and circulates them to other funding agencies.

The NABRC Medals

NABRC is pleased to announce the eighth round of the **NABRC Medals**, recognising individuals who have demonstrated excellence in production, research and development, and communication/extension in northern Australia. Medals are awarded every three years in association with the Northern Beef Research Update Conference. The NABRC Management Committee appoints a sub-committee to coordinate the nomination and selection process. Medals are awarded in four categories plus a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Eligibility Criteria

- Individuals must be nominated. Anyone can submit a nomination, and multiple nominations are accepted.
- Nominations must demonstrate impact on the northern Australian beef industry. The nominee must have resided in, or spent significant time in, northern Australia when this impact was achieved.
- Nominees must fall into one of the following categories:

- **Producer**
 - **Scientist/Researcher**
 - **Communicator/Extension Officer**
 - **Young Achiever** (under 35 years of age)
 - **Lifetime Achievement Award** (minimum 20 years' commitment to the northern beef industry; nominees may be active or retired).
- Nominations must be submitted online using the official forms (available at <https://www.nabrc.com.au/nabrc-medals> or via the links in this document) by **5:00pm (Qld time), 19 December 2025**.
 - Nominators must thoroughly address the selection criteria.
 - The sub-committee reserves the right to reassign nominations to a different category if more appropriate.
 - Medal recipients must attend the NABRC Medals presentation dinner in Brisbane on **11 March 2026**. Recipients will be advised in time to make arrangements.
 - The NABRC Medals selection panel's decision is final. Medals will only be awarded in categories with suitable nominations.

Please note:

- We encourage the nomination of nominees who were not successful in a previous NABRC Medals selection process.
- Previous NABRC Medal winners are not eligible to be nominated again.

Key Dates

- Nominations open: **29 August 2025**
 - Nominations close: **19 December 2025, 5pm (Qld time)**
 - Recipients notified: **4 February 2026**
 - Medal presentation dinner: **11 March 2026, Brisbane**
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NABRC 2026 Medals - Selection Criteria

- Nominees must have excelled in their field.
- Nominees must have resided in, or spent significant time in, northern Australia while achieving this impact.

Producer Medal

<https://wkf.ms/3Jg6WbP>

(Open to all producers; RBRC membership not required.)

Nominees must meet at least two of the following:

1. Demonstrated commitment to the northern beef industry, particularly through R&D participation and leadership in innovative project development.
2. Implemented research results with quantified benefits.
3. Developed a property plan showing value-adding through R&D.
4. Supported industry peers.
5. Actively participated in the R&D process – from identifying issues to implementing and assessing outcomes.

Scientist/Researcher Medal

<https://wkf.ms/41O5x2g>

Nominees must meet at least two of the following:

1. Based in northern Australia, or conducted research for the northern beef industry.
2. Recognised scientific reputation among peers.
3. Produced research with significant impact on the northern industry.
4. Ensured research results were applied effectively and beneficially.

Communicator/Extension Medal

<https://wkf.ms/4fSTLty>

(Open to extension professionals in government, private, or media roles.)

Nominees must meet at least two of the following:

1. Demonstrated commitment to the northern beef industry.
2. Developed or applied innovative communication, learning, or extension methods.
3. Influenced farm practice, producer education, or community awareness.
4. Driven adoption of research outcomes.

Young Achiever Medal

<https://wkf.ms/3Hk7Wen>

(Acknowledges contributions to RD&E by individuals under 35.)

Nominees must meet both criteria below, plus at least one applicable criterion from the Producer, Scientist/Researcher, or Communicator/Extension categories:

1. Demonstrated achievement in the northern Australian cattle industry.
2. Recognised as an existing or potential leader in their field.

Lifetime Achievement Award

<https://wkf.ms/4fKFNCt>


Recognises individuals with a minimum of 20 years' sustained contribution to the northern beef industry, particularly in undertaking R&D, promoting adoption of outcomes, and demonstrating leadership and mentorship in innovative project development. Producers are eligible.


Further Information

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NABRC Medal Winners – 2006-2023

YEAR	MEDAL	RECIPIENTS
2023	Producer	Don Heatley
	Communicator /Extension	Jon Condon
	Scientist/Researcher	Chris Gardiner
	Young Achiever	Kylie Hopkins
	Lifetime Achievement Award	Col Paton and Bernie English
2019	Producer	Ross Peatling
	Communicator /Extension	Joe Rolfe
	Scientist/Researcher	Rob Dixon
	Young Achiever	BenMcGlynn
2016	Producer	Keith Holzwart
	Communicator /Extension	Ken Murphy
	Scientist/Researcher	Brian Burns
	Young Achiever	Ashley Kirk
2013	Producer	Paul Smith
	Communicator /Extension	John Bertram
	Scientist/Researcher	Stu McLennan
	Young Achiever	-
2010	Producer	Keith Anderson
	Communicator /Extension	Bob Shepherd
	Scientist/Researcher	Dick Holroyd
	Young Achiever	Kieren McCosker
2008	Producer	Tom Mann
	Communicator /Extension	Bernie English
	Scientist/Researcher	Raymond Jones
	Young Achiever	Annabelle Coppin
2006 (Inaugural)	Producer	John Coulthard
	Communicator /Extension	Peter Smith
	Scientist/Researcher	Geoffry Fordyce



2026 NABRC Medals

Nomination forms

2026 NABRC Medal nominations are to be made by completing the on-line nomination form. Please follow the links below for each Medal category.

Producer Medal

<https://wkf.ms/3Jg6WbP>

Researcher Medal

<https://wkf.ms/41O5x2g>

Communication / Extension Medal

<https://wkf.ms/4fSTLty>

Young Achiever Medal

<https://wkf.ms/3Hk7Wen>

Lifetime Achievement Award

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