

Regional Achievement & Community Awards

MEDIA RELEASE - WINNER PROFILE

ANNABEL AND STEPHEN TULLY

The winners of the Queensland Regional Achievement and Community Awards were announced in Maroochydore on Saturday night. Annabel and Stephen Tully, were named the winners of The Coffee Club Arts and Culture Award Category.

The Awards Program is presented by WIN Television and the Queensland Government through the Blueprint for the Bush Strategy and recognises the achievements of individuals, communities, environment & Landcare initiatives, businesses, event & tourism projects, Young Leaders and the Arts in regional and rural Queensland.

Annabel and Stephen Tully are both heavily involved in their community not only through the arts but through several community projects. The two have become the most respected and well known locals around Quilpie, Annabel, being an artist involved in many travelling exhibitions and Stephen involved in the design of gates, town signs and their studio.

In the past year they have hosted three, five- day artists camps for beginners to the experienced who come from far and wide. For a small fee the camps combine the inspiration of local flora and fauna, with the chance to learn about the Qld Channel Country, giving the opportunity for many to not only experience the outback through the arts but share in what their property has to offer. Their efforts are of extreme importance especially considering that the area is in its ninth year of drought. Annabel and Stephen find solace in having a strong involvement in the arts of their community and promoting their local heritage, giving inspiration and hope.

The winners of this years Queensland Regional Achievement and Community Awards, were announced at a gala awards presentation dinner at the Events Centre at Maroochy in Maroochydore on Saturday 24th October. Congratulations to Annabel and Stephen Tully, the winners of the Coffee Club Arts and Culture category who received a \$2,500 thanks to Commonwealth Bank and a hand crafted glass trophy.

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