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Eckford, Shirley Anne

(1926 - 2017)

Born	19260101, Hughenden Queensland Australia
Died	20170829, Townsville Queensland Australia
Occupation	Community stalwart, Pastoralist

Summary

Shirley Eckford was nominated for the ABC Rural Woman of the Year Award in 1995, for the Carpentaria district in Queensland.

She was a community stalwart in the Julia Creek area, having been awarded the Australia Day Citizens Award twice, the Queensland Day Community Service Award once and maintaining an extremely active profile in the community arts sector, including teaching pottery. In 2007, Julia Creek's centenary year, she researched and published a history of the district that was launched by the then Governor of Queensland, Quentin Bryce. She was received an Order of Australia Medal in 2010 and continued to live in Julia Creek until her final years in aged care in Townsville.

Events

1995 - 1995
Nominated for ABC Rural Woman of the Year in Queensland

Published resources

Resource
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Article
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