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Indigenous finalists for Australian of the Year Awards honoured

Reconciliation Australia will recognise the contribution that prominent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians have made to the nation at a special breakfast ceremony tomorrow.

Ahead of Australia Day, Reconciliation Australia CEO Leah Armstrong said it's important Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to be recognised for their contribution and achievements.

“There are a lot of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people out there that are doing a lot of really good things for their communities, things that often go unacknowledged,” she said.

“This is our chance to say thanks to those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who have demonstrated leadership and inspiration to their communities, and to the rest of Australia.”

“It's also a chance to recognise those non-Indigenous Australians who continue to work to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples—and to promote reconciliation.”

Six of the Australian of the Year Awards finalists will be available to interview on Wednesday, 25th January from 8am to 8.45am at the Glebe Room, Crowne Plaza 1 Binara Street, Canberra.

Finalists available include:

Australia's local hero, ACT: Julie Tongs

Young Australian of the Year, SA: Rebecca Richards

Australian of the Year, SA: Robyn Layton QC

Senior Australian of the Year, NT: Laurie Baymarrwangga will be represented by Dr Bentley James.

Reconciliation Australia is the peak body promoting reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. For more information: www.reconciliation.org.au.

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