



The 2021 NAIDOC Awards were postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It was decided that the 2022 awards would be held during NAIDOC Week 2022, this year's theme being "Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up".

Mr Waverley Stanley was a special guest and awards presenter. He is the founding Director of Yalari, a not-for-profit oganisation that offers quality, secondary education scholarships at leading boarding schools for Indigenous children from regional, rural and remote communities.

Walgett Shire General Manager Michael Urquhart welcomed over 100 attendees to the event. "The Walgett Shire NAIDOC Awards is an opportunity for us as a community to acknowledge and applaud the wonderful things our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander residents do within our LGA".

WSC Mayor Jane Keir (OAM) reiterated that "This special person could be your neighbour, a friend or someone you have come across through your local school, church or sporting group. The NAIDOC Awards are about taking the time to ensure these remarkable individuals are honoured and receive the recognition they deserve".







This years winners were:

Student Citizenship Award: Chris Barden Sportsperson Award: Pamela Abel





Male Elder Award: Allan Cobb (Trina Brown accepted this award on behalf of Allan Cobb) Youth Citizen Award: Serena Sharpley



Emerging Leader Award: Amy Townsend. Amy managed WAMS Goonimoo Mobile Children's Service for five years until April of this year.

Female Elder Award: Fay Green (OAM)







Lifetime Achievement Award: Allan Cobb



Artist of the Year Award: Eve Brown











