

2023 Queensland Filipino Excellence Awards



History

In late 1999 former Philippine Ambassador to Australia, Her Excellency Delia Domingo-Albert established the Filipino Women Achievement Awards with the aim of improving the society's perception of Filipino migrant women as "mail order brides", mainly caused by adverse media reporting in the 1990s

Queensland being the first Australian State to roll out the idea adopting the title "Queensland Filipino Women Achievement Awards" (QFWAA), holding the inauguration ceremony in May 2000.

The QFWAA is held every 5 years officiated by the Office of the Philippine Consulate for Queensland with support from the Philippine Embassy and the Queensland Filipino community.

Five QFWA Awards held since: 2000, 2004, 2008, 2013 and 2018

In February 2023, the Philippine Consul for Queensland Attorney Sheryll Gabutero expressed her desire to continue the legacy with changes from its original form to keep up with the changing nature of Filipino immigration to Australia. For example, increasing number of skilled migration, employer sponsored migration, student migration, business migration and consequently increasing number of family sponsorship migration.

The continuation of the legacy needs to provide for the changing trends that emerged over the last 23 years so the following adjustments were made:

- Renaming the QFWAA to Queensland Filipino Excellence Awards or QFEA
- Redefining of the original QFWAA Objectives to align with changing community expectations
- Legally structuring the Queensland Filipino Excellence Awards by incorporating it as a not for profit organization with the Queensland's Office of Fair Trading. This will enable the QFEA to comply with the relevant regulatory requirements, for example opening its own bank account and/or conducting its planned programs to advance the Queensland Filipino community, contributing to a better Australia.