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EMERGING JEWELLER

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**Queensland Boulder Opal Design Awards 2026:
Celebrating Jewellery, Art and Apparel**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Any piece of jewellery with Cost Value up to a Limit of \$5,000

This category is for self-taught jewellers who have not had formal instruction/classes from professional jewellers or through university, Tafe or an art or design school.

Entry Fee \$50-00

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ ALL RULES AND CONDITIONS THEN SIGN ENTRY FORM.

CRITERIA FOR BOULDER OPAL JEWELLERY PIECES:

- All work should be completed with the use of necessary and appropriate tools. All materials used in the creation of the piece should as far as possible be Australian precious metals, however this does not exclude the use of new and innovative materials
- Submitted entries must be original designs. They must not have been put on display or commercialised before.
- There is no limit to the number of jewellery pieces entered, but each entry is subject to an entry fee.
- **Boulder Opal must be the focal point of the piece.** Other gemstones (synthetic gemstones, cultured pearls, Australian timber and shell etc.) may be used to enhance the design but must not detract from the main criteria of the award.
- **QBOA members are allocated one free entry.**

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

- All entries must **be insured** during transportation to and from Winton. Such insurance is the responsibility of the entrant. Your failure to secure insurance in no way shifts responsibility to QBOA.
- While the QBOA will take every precaution to ensure the security of the exhibits, including insurance against theft, loss or damage, QBOA will accept NO liability nor give any specific guarantee against theft, loss or damage of the entry.
- QBOA accepts all entries in good faith, on the basis that they are original works, which comply with the conditions of entry. QBOA accepts no responsibility for any piece that is subsequently found not to be original. The QBOA also reserves the right to remove any entry from competition without explanation, and/or rescind any award.
- QBOA reserves the right to photograph the entries for use in all QBOA marketing and publicity activities.
- **Entries must be delivered (postmarked) to QBOA free of all freight or other charges no later than Friday 19th June 2026.**
- **Nomination and payment of entries close Friday 19th June 2026.**

All 2026 entries will be displayed in the Outback Regional Gallery, Waltzing Matilda Centre from Wednesday 1st July to Saturday 11th July 2026. The Outback Regional Gallery will take every precaution to ensure the security of the exhibits, including insurance against theft, loss or damage while on display between the exhibit dates.

- Return of entries must be paid for by the entrant by providing a self-addressed Australia Post approved Satchel (or similar).
- CANCELLATIONS will not be entitled to a refund.
- QBOA reserves the right to refuse any entry that is late or does not conform to the specific Rules and Conditions of entry.



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JUDGING:

- Entries will be judged by alphanumeric identification only. Participants are to remove from boxes or jewellery containers any identifying marks, company/trading names, as well as any reference to the designer/manufacturer of the entry. The use of trademarks or manufacturers stamps is not permitted.
- **A short technical description of the piece and the source of inspiration are to accompany each piece.**
- The judge's decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- At the discretion of the judging panel additional prizes such as High Commendation, Commendation or Certificate of Merit may be awarded.

JUDGING CRITERIA AND SCORE:

• ORIGINALITY	50
• CRAFTSMANSHIP	30
• WEARABILITY	10
• CREATIVE USE OF OPAL	10

COLLECTION OF ENTRY:

- Entries may be collected on Sunday 12th July 2026 between 9.00 and 12.00am from the Outback Regional Gallery.
- Collection may be in person, or you may nominate another person to collect your entry on your behalf. An "Authority to Collect" form must be completed if you wish someone other than yourself to collect your entry.
- Collection in person, or by nominated person, will require photo identification.
- All uncollected items will be returned through Australia Post self-addressed return satchels within 2 working days.
- If you have other requirements, please notify in writing with entry documents.

Entry fees for all categories are non-refundable.

ENTRY FORM



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Please use a separate entry form for each entry (this page only)

Please complete **ALL** fields in the entry form

Entrant Name:			
Address:			
Town/Suburb		State	Country
			Postcode
Phone (country code/area code)	Mobile	Email	
Company Name			
Please include ALL names of persons involved in the making of this piece:			
Designer of piece:			
Manufacturer of piece:			
Stone setter: _____			
Name of stone (if applicable): _____			
Location of area of where opal was mined (if known): _____			
Name of Piece: _____ Category: _____			
General description of piece (Materials used) – MUST BE INCLUDED			
Describe your inspiration, concept, influence, etc. in making this piece – MUST BE INCLUDED			
Cost value of entry (inc. GST) This is required for Insurance purposes \$ _____			
(NB: Cost is actual cost of materials, NOT Retail price)			
Valuation Certificate enclosed (for insurance purposes) please tick ✓		YES ☐ NO ☐	
THE ENTRANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INSURANCE OF THE ENTRY TRAVELLING TO AND FROM WINTON			
Is this item for sale? Please circle YES NO			
If YES, please state sale price in \$AUD			
.....(Commission of 15% incurred)			



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Entry Form

Categories	Number of Entries	Entry Fee
Category 2C: Emerging Jeweller – NOVICE (entry fees \$50.00/item)		
Total		
IMPORTANT: <i>I have read and hereby agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions of the Queensland Boulder Opal Design Awards" as stated:</i>		
Signature	Date	
Mail/Email to: QUEENSLAND BOULDER OPAL ASSOCIATION INC. PO BOX 334, WINTON QLD 4735		

Please circle payment method:

Electronic Funds Transfer
Cash
Free Entry

QBOA Bank Details:- BSB 084 990

ACCOUNT NO. 61 510 9766

Return Instructions (please tick ✓ to indicate your entry return)

- ☐ I will collect my entry in person on Sunday 12th July between 9.00am & 12.00am. Photo ID required on collection.
- ☐ I nominate _____ to collect my entry in person on Sunday 12th July between 9.00am & 12.00am. Photo ID required on collection. I have enclosed an "Authority to Collect" form.
- ☐ I have included a return Australia Post Satchel for the return of my entry on Monday 13th July.



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Authority to Collect Jewellery on Behalf of Entrant

QBOA will return pieces according to Entrant instructions, as per the TERMS and CONDITIONS – Collection of Entry.

If you require collection in person by another party, please complete the form below.

To Whom It May Concern:

I, _____, of _____
(entrant's full name) (entrant's address)

hereby nominate the following person to collect my entry for the Queensland Boulder Opal Design Awards from the Waltzing Matilda Centre Art Gallery on Sunday 12th July 2026 between the hours of 9.00am & 12.00am.

Collector's full name: _____

Collector's address line: _____

(NO PO Box)

Collector's contact telephone number: _____ -

Sincerely,

Signature of entrant

____/____/____
Date

Signature of collector (upon collecting item)

____/____/____
Date

Photo Identification must be shown by the nominated person above before collection.



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Office Use Only:

ID recorded QBOA signature

Checklist

- ☐ I have filled in all items on the entry form.
- ☐ I have attached a photo of my jewellery piece to my entry form.
- ☐ I have attached the Description and Influence/Concept to my entry form
- ☐ I have made payment to the QBOA.
- ☐ I have enclosed a self-addressed return Australia Post Satchel requiring signature.
- ☐ I have read the Terms and Conditions, and signed the declaration at the bottom of the Entry Form document