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# Buddies finalists in Qld Multicultural Awards 2018

**Hilton Hotel, Brisbane**

On Sunday 19 August Buddies took part in the presentation lunch for the 2018 Queensland Multicultural Awards.

Buddies was one of the 28 finalists chosen from 133 individuals and organisations nominated across seven award categories.

Although Buddies did not win the Community award, being chosen as one of the four finalists in that category was in itself a significant achievement especially given that Buddies is entirely a volunteer organisation.

The citation in the award booklet highlights why all of us involved in Buddies should be proud of what we do:

“Since 2002, Buddies Refugee Support Group on the Sunshine Coast has supported cultural diversity and community cohesion by linking newly-arrived refugees and asylum seekers with the local Australian community to facilitate cultural understanding, social cohesion and integration.

Buddies achieves this through hospitality and support services and through community education about the refugee experience in Australia”.

While Buddies didn't win an award, congratulations to all are still due.

