

# *National Recognition*

# Award Categories

**National Heroes Day 2026** acknowledges and celebrates “**Physical Infrastructure**” in the Cayman Islands in the following categories:



## **Landmark Leaders** (“Early Pioneers”)

This category honours up to 25 individuals from across all three islands who led or contributed to the creation of major public infrastructure in the Cayman Islands before 1970. These include main roads, ports, airports, utilities, or fundamental public buildings.

To be eligible, an individual must have been the originator, driving force, or key executor behind a major public infrastructure project that was either the first of its kind or that significantly transformed life in the Cayman Islands. In addition, the individual must have left a lasting legacy, with their contribution still visible, functional, or meaningfully felt within the community today.



## **Infrastructure Innovators** (“Pioneers”)

This category recognises up to 75 individuals from across the three islands who have played a long-term, transformative role in national infrastructure development.

To be eligible, an individual must have consistently contributed 30 years or more to directing the planning, design, execution, or policy development of major physical infrastructure. The individual must also have demonstrated a record of excellence or innovation that has had a sustained national impact on the Cayman Islands, and must have received formal recognition for their professional work, such as accreditation, licensure, awards, or honours from a professional body or government entity, whether locally, regionally, or internationally.



## **Builders of Cayman** (Group Award)

This category honours companies, businesses, statutory authorities, and government departments that have made exceptional, long-standing contributions to national development through infrastructure.

To be eligible, an organisation must have been established for 30 years or more and demonstrate a proven record of distinguished and consistent service in infrastructure development. The organisation must also have made transformative contributions to major national infrastructure projects—such as roads, ports, airports, utilities, or public buildings—that have had a lasting impact on the physical and civic landscape of the Cayman Islands. In addition, it must demonstrate a strong commitment to social responsibility, innovation, or community engagement through efforts such as environmental stewardship, voluntary or community service, and contributions beyond its core mandate in support of national development goals.



# *Honouring Physical Infrastructure* Recipients

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This year, the honourees serve as a testament to what it truly means to be considered for the **2026 National Heroes Day** in the Cayman Islands: embracing challenges, pushing boundaries, and inspiring future generations to dream boldly while staying anchored to our roots.

## *Landmark Leaders (Early Pioneers)*

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Alva 'Billy' Murrell Bodden	Rupert Moxam Snr*
Franklin Churchill Bodden	Harold Parchment*
Harold 'Jay' Bodden*	Alfred Powery*
Hubert Bodden*	Pastor Winston Rose, MBE
Rayal B Bodden*	Conrad Rutkowski*
Roland A. Bodden	Daniel 'Mike' S. Simmons*
Martin C. Bould	Jesse Smith
Berkley Bush, OBE*	John Bothwell Smith
Roy J. Campell*	John Samuel Smith, JP*
Clarance Nelson Christian	Ransford McDonald Terry
Hinton Connolly	Norberg Thompson*
William Warren Connolly, OBE*	Darby Burnard Tibbets, MBE
Elford Levi Dilbert*	Linton N. Tibbets, OBE
Don Dise*	Brainard D. Watler
Jay Ebanks	Major Joseph R. Watler*
Bertley Ebanks*	Joseph Theodore Watler*
Donovan Ebanks, MBE*	Warren Wardray Watler
George E. Ebanks*	Carlos A. Whittaker*
Paul Darwin Ebanks	Hector Whittaker
Pedro Echenique Snr, Cert. Hon.*	
Charles Hislop*	
Boothe Hurlston	
Maggie S. Hydes*	
Cleavy Astor "Sammy" Jackson, MBE, JP*	
Ernest Jackson*	
Franklin Rollin Jackson*	
Selbert 'Bert' P. Jackson, Cert. Hon.	
Dennis Cowton McLaughlin	

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\* Deceased (as confirmed to National Recognition Awards Committee)



# *Infrastructure Innovators (Pioneers)*

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Rupert L. Ackerman  
Timothy P. Adam  
Gregg V. Anderson  
Heber G. Arch MBE  
Justin A. F. Bodden  
Seth T. Bodden  
John D. Burke  
Errol L. Bush, MBE\*  
Brian E. Butler  
Alvin Bruce 'Larry' Cayasso  
Richard L. Christiansen\*  
Clayton K. Conolly  
William Burns Conolly, AIA\*  
Leighton M. Dixon\*  
Harley Ray Ebanks  
John E. Ebanks, Snr, OCL, Cert. Hon.  
Rollin Ebanks Jr  
Rollin Ebanks Snr\*  
Rudy Ebanks\*  
Thomas C. Ebanks Jr.  
Donnie A. Forbes  
Dr. Gelia L. Frederick-Van Genderen, PhD, Cert. Hon.

Michael I. Godfrey  
Kearney S. Gomez, BE, JP  
Edward Howard Jr.  
Rev. M. Lee King, MBE\*  
Jason McLaughlin  
Burke Omar McLean, B.sc (BArch)  
John B. McLean Snr, OBE, JP  
Leister Joshua McLean  
Vincent Arden McLean  
Danny K.W. Owens  
Dr. The Hon. Linford A. Pearson, OBE, JP  
James P. Powell Jr.  
Alfredo Powery  
Arlon A. Powery\*  
Philip A. Reynolds\*  
Jason Mark. P. Scotland  
Edward 'Donley' Tatum  
Bentley L. Tibbetts Snr. \*  
Thomas C. van Zanten, Eur Ing  
Henry Otto Watler, Cert. Hon.  
Calin Elmer Welcome\*

# *Builders of Cayman (Group Award)*

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A.L. Thompson's  
Arch & Godfrey (Cayman) Ltd.  
Cable & Wireless Ltd.  
Caribbean Utilities Company (CUC)  
Cayman Airways  
Cayman Islands Airport Authority  
C.L. Flowers & Sons  
Consolidated Water Co. Ltd  
Department of Planning  
Frank Hall Homes  
Island Paving  
Kirk Home Centre  
Larry's Hardware  
McAlpine

National Roads Authority (NRA)  
Port Authority of the Cayman Islands  
Public Works Department (PWD)  
Radio Cayman  
Rotary Central Cayman Islands  
Scotts Development Co. Ltd.  
Serve-U-Well  
Uncle Bill's Home Improvement Centre  
Water Authority Cayman  
Watler & Hislop

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